

Public Notice of Funding Opportunity

Notice is hereby given that the Spokane Transit Authority (STA) is issuing a Revised 2021 Section 5310 Call for Projects that will be funded primarily with Federal Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program funding. These projects are meant to provide transportation services targeted to benefit seniors and people with disabilities, when current public transportation service is insufficient, inappropriate, or unavailable to meet their transportation needs. Eligible organizations may submit applications for projects that are described below for funding.

This Revised 2021 Section 5310 Call for Projects will replace the previous Section 5310 Call for Projects announced on April 2, 2021. All project applicants that have submitted applications must re-submit application(s) in order for their projects to be considered for funding recommendations. The application materials have been updated to include revised scoring criteria and an expedited timeline.

STA proposes to make approximately \$683,500 available in the 2021 Section 5310 Call for Projects, including an estimated \$658,828 in federal funds and approximately \$24,672 in STA funds realized from the favorable variances of 2020 (actual) operating expenses and expenses over budget. ***All projects will be awarded Section 5310 funding without match requirements by the project applicants (100% federal share).***

Please note that all funding awards will include federal funding and federal requirements apply. These funding awards are subject to approval by the STA Board of Directors.

Applicants are encouraged to identify scaled funding options in case insufficient funding is available to fund a project at the full requested amount. If an applicant indicates that a project is scalable, the applicant must provide an appropriate minimum funding amount that will fund an eligible project that achieves the objectives of the program and meets all relevant program requirements. The applicant must provide a clear explanation of how the project budget would be affected by a reduced award. FTA may award a lesser amount regardless of whether a scalable option is provided.

Applications are due no later than **5:00 PM on Thursday, July 15, 2021. Applications received after this date will not be considered.** Please submit the application and all required materials electronically to marredondo@spokanetransit.com. If you are submitting a hard copy of the application and required materials, it must be postmarked by July 15, 2021. Only electronic or mailed hard copy applications will be accepted.

Eligible Applicants

Eligible project applicants can be either private, non-profit organizations, local governments, or other providers of public transportation* that provide transportation services for seniors and individuals with disabilities. Eligible applicants for the Traditional Category must either be a private nonprofit organization or a local governmental authority that is approved by a state to coordinate services for seniors and individuals with disabilities. Eligible applicants to receive funding for the "Other Category" include a local governmental authority or a private nonprofit organization.

Eligible Projects

Section 5310 funds are available for capital and operating expenses to support the provision of transportation services for seniors and individuals with disabilities. Eligible capital projects include the capital cost of contracting services, the purchase or acquisition of ADA vehicles, passenger facilities related to 5310 funded vehicles, and support for mobility management and coordination programs among public transportation providers and other human service agencies. Eligible operating projects include those that exceed the minimum ADA requirements, improve access to fixed route service and decrease reliance on ADA complementary paratransit service, and that provide alternatives to public transportation for seniors and individuals with disabilities.

Eligible project(s) must be located in the Spokane Urbanized Area,

https://www2.census.gov/geo/maps/dc10map/UAUC_RefMap/ua/ua83764_spokane_wa/DC10UA83764.pdf

For project eligibility questions, contact Madeline Arredondo at marredondo@spokanetransit.com or by phone at (509) 325-6059 with questions. Project Application and materials can be found on STA's website:

<https://www.spokanetransit.com/about-sta/public-notices> Specific project information and scoring criteria can be found in the Spokane Transit Program Management Plan, which is posted on STA's website:

https://www.spokanetransit.com/files/content/STA_Section_5310_Program_Management_Plan.pdf.

Informational Meeting

An informational meeting will be held on Thursday, July 1, 2021 from (2pm -3pm) via WebEx to provide potential applicants the opportunity to ask questions about program and project eligibility requirements. If you need additional information about the 5310 program or the WebEx informational meeting, please visit STA website at :

<https://www.spokanetransit.com/about-sta/5310-informational-meeting> or contact Madeline Arredondo, Assistant Transit Planner at (509)325-6059 or by email at marredondo@spokanetransit.com. To request a reasonable accommodation, contact ombudsman@spokanetransit.com or (509) 325-6094 (TTY Relay 711) at least 48 hours in advance.

Regional Planning Requirements –

These projects will comply with comprehensive land use and transportation planning in the area and will be consistent with the adopted programming of projects in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) prepared by Spokane Regional Transportation Council (SRTC). Projects that receive Section 5310 funding must be derived from the locally-developed Spokane County Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan, also prepared by SRTC located here, <https://www.srtc.org/human-services-transportation-plan/>.

Non-Discrimination Notice

If information is needed in another language, contact (509) 325-6094.

Si necesita información en otro idioma, comuníquese al (509) 325-6094.

Для получения информации на другом языке звоните по тел. (509) 325-6094.

Nếu quý vị cần thông tin bằng một ngôn ngữ khác, xin vui lòng gọi số (509) 325-6094.

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*To be considered a provider of public transportation, an agency must provide “shared-ride” transportation, which means that it may transport two or more passengers in the same vehicle who are otherwise not travelling together (as opposed to exclusive-ride taxi services). Providers of public transportation can be either public or private agencies.

