

Public Notice

Notice is hereby given that the Spokane Transit Authority (STA) is issuing a call for projects that may be eligible for funding under the Federal Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program. These projects are meant to provide transportation services targeted to benefit the elderly 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.

STA proposes to make up to \$1,090,419 available under the 2022 Section 5310 Call for Projects, including an estimated \$900,419 in federal funds and \$190,000 in STA funds from a near term investment approved by the Board of Directors in December 2021. **Please note that all funding awards will include federal funding to which federal requirements apply and are subject to approval by the STA Board of Directors.**

Highly ranked projects demonstrating the most benefit to seniors and individuals with disabilities (as determined by the evaluation committee) may be awarded 100% federal funds due to enhancements to FY 2021 5310 un-programmed funds. However, all projects will be required to demonstrate that they can meet the 10% local match requirement made possible by the STA \$190,000 near term investment.

Applications are due no later than **5:00 PM on Tuesday, October 11, 2022. Applications received after this date as well as incomplete applications will not be considered.** Please submit the application and all required materials electronically 1230 W Boone Ave., Spokane WA 99201 or to Section5310@spokanetransit.com. If you are submitting a hard copy of the application materials, it must be postmarked by October 11, 2022. Only electronic or mailed hard copy applications will be accepted.

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 amenities 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. There are two categories of projects, "Traditional" and "Other" projects, explained below and in STA's Program Management Plan (PMP).

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

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 the state of Washington 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.

For project eligibility questions, submit questions to Section5310@spokanetransit.com, or contact Madeline Arredondo, Assistant Transit Planner, by phone at (509) 325-6059. Project application and materials, as well as information on the over Section 5310 program can be found on STA's website: <https://www.spokanetransit.com/section-5310-program/>

Informational Meeting

An informational meeting will be held on Monday, September 26, 2022, from (2pm -3pm) via WebEx to provide potential applicants the opportunity to ask questions about the program and the project eligibility requirements. The Webex link will be posted at <https://www.spokanetransit.com/section-5310-program/> on or before September 23, 2022. If you need

additional information about the WebEx informational meeting, please contact Madeline Arredondo, Assistant Transit Planner at (509)325-6059 or by email at marredondo@spokanetransit.com.

Regional Planning Requirements –

These projects must comply with comprehensive land use and transportation planning in the area and must 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) 325-6096.

Si necesita información en otro idioma, comuníquese al (509) 325-6096.

Для получения информации на другом языке звоните по тел. (509) 325-6096.

Nếu quý vị cần thông tin bằng một ngôn ngữ khác, xin vui lòng gọi số (509) 325-6096.

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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.

