

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 \$805,296 available under the 2023 Section 5310 Call for Projects, including an estimated \$615,296 in federal funds and \$190,000 in STA local funds. **All projects will be required to demonstrate that they can meet the required 10% local match requirement, after accounting for the local match allocation for this 2023 Section 5310 Call for Projects approved by the STA Board of Directors on October 19, 2023.** Funding awards will be subject to approval by the STA Board of Directors in open public session. **Please note that all funding awards will include federal funding to which federal requirements apply.**

Preliminary proposals are required and are due no later than **5:00 p.m. on Friday, November 10, 2023**. Final project applications are due no later than **5:00 PM on Friday, December 8, 2023**. **Applications received after this date, as well as incomplete applications, will not be considered.** Please submit the application and all required materials to 1230 W Boone Ave., Spokane WA 99201 or electronically to Section5310@spokanetransit.com. If you are submitting a hard copy of the application materials, it must be postmarked by November 10, 2023. 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, Associate 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 Wednesday, October 25, 2023, from (2pm -3pm) via WebEx to provide potential applicants the opportunity to ask questions about the program and the project eligibility requirements. **Office hours will also be available every Wednesday from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. via WebEx** until the application due date for interested applicants to ask questions or receive technical assistance. Applicants may also request a one-on-one meeting with STA to ask questions and receive technical assistance with application materials. Meeting information will be posted

on the Spokane Transit Authority website at: <https://www.spokanetransit.com/section-5310-program/>. If you need additional information about the WebEx informational meeting, please contact Madeline Arredondo, Associate Transit Planner at (509)325-6059 or by email at marredondo@spokanetransit.com. Persons requesting accommodations are encouraged to contact Dana, Infalt, Clerk of Authority at (509) 325-6096 at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting.

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.

