



Federal Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors And Individuals with Disabilities











Greater Hickory Metropolitan Planning Organization

 The Metropolitan Planning Process (MPO) process is required in urbanized areas over 50,000 in population in order to receive federal funding for transportation.

• The MPO process is a partnership between local and state government to make decisions about transportation planning in urbanized areas and to meet planning requirements established by federal authorizing legislation for transportation funding.

Western Piedmont Regional Transit Authority

 As the designated recipient of the 5310 grant program, WPRTA has legal authority to enter into contractual agreement with private, nonprofit and public entities for capital, administrative, operations, planning and technical assistance projects on behalf of the state.

Responsibilities

- WPRTA Recipient of 5310 Program Funds
 Approving claims
 Monitoring the Projects
 On-site Visits
 Evaluating Project Performance
- GHMPO Selection Process for Applicants
 Developing Project Selection Criteria
 Selection Process and Reviewing Applications
 Certifying Eligible Projects
 Recommending Projects to NCDOT
 Work with WPRTA in Quarterly Reviews

Application Information

- Duplicate projects within a Service Area will not be funded
- Applications are for for two years of funding: July 1, 2022 June 30, 2023 (FFY 2022 & FFY 2023)
- Recommend reviewing Federal Certifications and Assurances
- Check project consistency with Local Coordinated Plan (unmet needs)
- Grant Application Due September 30, 2020 to GHMPO

5310 Grant Funding

- Public transportation projects planned, designed, and carried out to meet the special needs of seniors and individuals with disabilities when public transportation is insufficient, inappropriate, or unavailable;
- Public transportation projects that exceed the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.);
- Public transportation projects that improve access to fixed route service and decrease reliance on complementary paratransit; and
- Alternatives to public transportation projects that assist seniors and individuals with disabilities with transportation

Local Matches

- Federal Share for capital projects 80%
- Federal Share for projects aiding in operating costs 50%
- A local match will be required for the remainder
 - Eligible Local Match
 - local or state appropriations
 - dedicated tax revenues
 - Federal funds non-DOT
 - private donations
 - revenue from human services contracts and net income generated from advertising and concessions

Traditional/Other Projects

- Not Less than 55% must be available for traditional projects which are <u>capital projects</u> planned, designed and carried out to meet the special needs of seniors and individuals with disabilities when public transportation is insufficient, unavailable or inappropriate
 - Private Nonprofit Organizations
 - State or Local Governmental Authorities
- Up to 45% may be available for other than traditional projects which are public transportation projects
 - Private Nonprofit Organizations
 - Local Government Authorities
 - Private Operators of Public Transportation that Receives a 5310 Grant Indirectly

Project Requirements

- Federal and State Compliance
- Public Notice and Public Hearing Required
- Local Share Certification
- Title VI Certification
- Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Certification
- DBE Anticipated Vendor Awards
- List of Surface Transportation Providers
- Tax Exempt Documentation
- Request Addition to Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) and Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)

Reporting Requirements

• This program has specific federally mandated reporting requirements. Sub-recipients will be required to report on their project each time they make a claim for reimbursement from their funded grant. Quarterly reports will be required regardless of financial activity.

Evaluation

- Statement of Need
- •Project Planning and Implementation
- Project Budget
- Program Effectiveness and Evaluation
- Organization Preparedness

Section 5310 Application Checklist	
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Section 5310 Applicantion, Project Information and Project Description	Including these documents to any budget the applicant completes
Page references to the Local Coordinated Plan	is required
Project Budgets - Partner Connect Grants System Which budgets the applicant completes will depend on the funding program and the funding needs of the project or service.	5310
☐ Section 5310 Projects Capital Budget	
☐ Section 5310 Projects Operating Budget	
Federal and State Required Documents	5310
Governing Body Resolution Federal Certifications & Assurances Affirmation of the Applicant Lobbying Certification Equivalency of Service Certification Attorney Affirmation Title VI Program Report DBE Good Faith Efforts Certification DBE/MBE/WBE/HUB Anticipated Vendor Awards Local Share Certification Surface Transportation Providers Newspaper Copy of Public Hearing Notice Affidavit of Public Hearing Notice Public Hearing Record Project Funding Request Form	These documents MUST be included to any budget the applicant completes.
Not-for-Profit Applicants Only ☐ IRS Letter ☐ Copy of Articles of Incorporation (Charter) ☐ Copy of By-laws ☐ Members of Board of Directors	These documents MUST be included to any budget the applicant completes if the applicant is a not-for- profit.
Supporting Documentation (Optional)	5310

Proposed Schedule

Call for Projects - August 6, 2020

5310 Workshop – August 26, 2020

Application Due – September 30, 2020

Presented to TAB - October 20, 2020

Presented to GHMPO TAC - October 21, 2020

Presented to WPRTA - November 19, 2020

30-day comment period – Fall 2020

Presented to NCDOT - December 3, 2020

Start of funding – July 1, 2021