



5310 PROGRAM FACT SHEET

CALTRANS ADMINISTERED FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION (FTA) 5310 SECTION PROGRAM (ENHANCED MOBILITY OF SENIORS AND INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES)



Program Purpose

To improve mobility for seniors and individuals with disabilities by removing barriers to transportation services and expanding the transportation mobility options available



Service Expansion Vehicle (Traditional) Projects

- Services to additional seniors and or individuals with disabilities; or
- Expanding the service area or hours of service; or
- Increasing the number and/or frequency of trips



Funding for Federal Fiscal Years 2024-2025

- Approximately \$30.5 Million for Caltrans administered Large Urbanized Areas and \$24.4 Million for Small Urban and Rural communities
- This is a competitive grant program
- At least 55% of awards must be Capital (Traditional) Projects
- No more than 45% of awards can be Expanded Projects
- Local Match Required (10% Equipment, 15% Vehicles, 20% Mobility Management, 50% Operating Assistance)



Examples of Eligible Mobility Management (Expanded) Projects

- Planning, development, implementation of coordinated transportation services
- Travel training/trip planning
- One-Stop Call Center



Examples of Eligible Operating Assistance (Expanded) Projects

- Expansion of hours/service of paratransit service beyond the requirement of the American with Disabilities Act (ADA)
- Enhancement of services (same day; etc.)
- Volunteer Driver Programs



Eligibility

- Private non-profit corporations (Traditional and Expanded Projects)
- Public agencies where no non-profits provide service (Traditional Projects)
- Public agencies approved by the state to coordinate services (Traditional Projects)
- Public agencies (Expanded Projects)



Program Requirements

- Grantees are responsible for the proper use, operating costs, and maintenance of all FTA funded equipment
- Grantees certify that they will comply with State and Federal requirements
- Grantees certify that all projects are ready for implementation at time of application



Eligible Capital Expenses (Traditional) Projects

- ADA accessible vans and buses
- Related equipment such as mobile radios, computer hardware, software, etc.



Information

- See Caltrans Division of Local Assistance Section 5310 website:
<https://dot.ca.gov/programs/rail/enhanced-mobility-of-seniors-and-individuals-with-disabilities-program-fta-5310>
- Applications are accessed and submitted through BlackCat Transit Data Management System at:
<https://secure.blackcatgrants.com/Login.aspx?site=cadot>
- If you need BlackCat access, please contact:
FTA5310@dot.ca.gov

Call for projects expected to be released **June 30, 2025**



Vehicle Replacement (Traditional) Projects

- Vehicle(s) must be in active service
- A replacement bus or van must meet or exceed useful life at the time of application



5310 PROGRAM TIMELINE

CALTRANS ADMINISTERED FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION (FTA) SECTION 5310 PROGRAM (ENHANCED MOBILITY OF SENIORS AND INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES) **2025 Call for Projects (Federal Fiscal Years 2024 and 2025)**



SPRING 2025

- Release Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)/Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA) and subrecipient survey
- MPO/RTPA coordination meetings



JUNE/JULY/AUGUST 2025

- Applications released **June 30, 2025** via the BlackCat Transit Data Management System (BlackCat)
- Application Workshop/Webinar and Technical Consultations
- Applicant Coordination with MPO/RTPA
- Application submittal deadline is **September 3, 2025 at 1:00 pm** (in BlackCat)



SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2025

- MPO/RTPA Score Applications
- The State Review Committee scores and verifies MPO/RTPA scores



DECEMBER 2025/JANUARY 2026

- Project scores are merged into statewide prioritized list
- Draft list for the Small Urban/Rural projects are developed and submitted to the California Transportation Commission (CTC)
- The CTC distributes public draft of the Small Urban/Rural Program of Projects (POP) and presents at the January CTC meeting



FEBRUARY/MARCH 2026

- Appeals hearing for Small Urban and Rural projects
- The CTC conducts public hearing to adopt final POP at March CTC meeting
- Final POP distributed publicly



APRIL/MAY/JUNE 2026

- Projects are programmed in the Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP)
- Projects in the final POP are verified for all programming requirements and submitted to FTA for grant funding approval



SUMMER/FALL 2026 AND BEYOND

- After FTA approval, Successful Applicant information will be released
- Standard agreements (contracts) will be issued after all requirements are met and vehicle procurement will begin



PROGRAM NOTE:

FTA Section 5310 vehicles are purchased by Caltrans using a State procurement process. Upon Caltrans approval, public agencies may follow their own local procurement process. However, the grantee must comply with State and Federal procurement procedures when purchasing with local funds. Upon project completion, the grantee requests reimbursement from Caltrans for the Federal Share.

**** Timeline dates are subject to change***

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Section 5310 website
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