

FY-2025 SECTION 5310 NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY

The Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT), Local Transportation Bureau, is now accepting Applications for funding consideration through the Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program. The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) provides funding for transit services that assist the state's population of seniors and individuals with disabilities.

The following organizations are eligible to submit an application for the Section 5310 program:

1. Nonprofit organizations
2. Public bodies/Governmental Authorities that certify to the Governor that no nonprofit corporations or associations are readily available in the proposed area to provide the service
3. Public bodies/Governmental agencies approved by ALDOT to coordinate transit services for seniors and individuals with disabilities

Federal funds administered through ALDOT are only extended to agencies providing transit services in the small urban and rural areas of the State.

Available federal capital funds for the Section 5310 program are approximately **\$ 1,866,667** for small urban areas and **\$ 2,533,758** for rural areas. A local match of 20% is required.

The application package provides specific information on eligible activities and match. The Section 5310 application and the current State Management Plan can be found at: <https://www.dot.state.al.us/programs/EnhancedMobility.html>.

Applications are evaluated based on the following criteria: financial and management capability; need for service; utilization of requested service; proposed service characteristics; and service coordination. Projects funded through the Section 5310 Program must be derived from a locally developed, coordinated transit-human services transportation plan ("coordinated plan").

Completed grant applications must be submitted to the designated Regional Planning Council (Council of Governments) in the respective geographic area of the state in which Section 5310 transportation services are proposed. Each Regional Planning Council must review grant applications to ensure compliance with federal coordination requirements prior to submitting applications they endorse to ALDOT. Only those grant applications formally submitted to the Regional Planning Councils for review will be considered for ALDOT funding.

The deadline for submitting applications to the Regional Planning Councils (Councils of Governments) is **5:00 P.M. on July 30, 2024**. Councils of Governments who either apply directly for funding or who apply for funding on behalf of other entities/organizations must submit applications directly to ALDOT no later than **5:00 p.m. August 9, 2024. Applications received late will be returned.**

All applications will be reviewed, evaluated, prioritized, and approved by ALDOT before ALDOT develops and submits a consolidated ALDOT grant application to the FTA Region IV office for funding consideration.

If you have questions or comments concerning the grant application, or if information is needed in another language or alternative format, contact Bryan Fair, ALDOT, Local Transportation Bureau, 1409 Coliseum Boulevard, Montgomery, AL 36110; (334) 242-6764.

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