

FTA

FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION

Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021

5310 Recipients



U.S. Department of Transportation
Federal Transit Administration

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FTA's Response to COVID-19

- Quickly allocated \$25 billion in CARES Act funds to help transit providers respond to COVID-19
- Used flexibilities under FTA's Emergency Relief Program to allow Urban Area (5307) and Rural Area (5311) formula funding to be used at 100 percent federal share for COVID-19 related expenses, including operations expenses for large urban recipients
- Provided administrative relief to transit providers by extending deadlines for competitive grant applications and due dates for grant reporting, postponing oversight reviews until FY 2021, and postponing certain National Transit Database reporting requirements
- Issued Safety Advisory 20-1 (Recommended Actions to Reduce the Risk of COVID-19 Among Transit Employees and Passengers)
- Distributed more than 14 million cloth face coverings to 2,200 transit systems

Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021

- The Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA) provides \$14 billion to support the transit industry in response to COVID-19
 - Urbanized Area Formula Program (49 USC 5307):
\$13.26 billion
 - Formula Grants for Rural Areas (49 USC 5311):
\$678 million (includes \$30 million for Tribal formula)
 - Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities (49 USC 5310): \$50 million
 - \$10 million for administration and oversight

CRRSAA Overview

- CRRSAA allocated \$50M for 5310 public transportation providers nationwide – CARES Act did not provide funding for 5310 operations
- Emphasizes that funding is made available for payroll and operations of public transportation first and foremost

Features of CRRSAA

- 100 percent federal share for all projects funded by CRRSAA
- Pre-award authority for all projects starting on January 20, 2020
 - Expenses may be incurred prior to grant award
- Funds are available until expended
 - No lapse date
 - Recipients are encouraged to use funds expeditiously for operating and payroll expenses

Eligible Recipients

- Any entity eligible for the 5310 Program is eligible for 5310 CRRSAA funds including entities that have not received 5310 funds in the past. This includes:
 - States and Local Government Authorities
 - Designated Recipients
 - Private Non-Profit Organizations
 - Tribes
 - Operators of Public Transportation

Apportionment

- Federal Apportionments are allocated at the urbanized area or State (not recipient or subrecipient) level
- Section 5310 CRRSAA funds are apportioned to designated recipients, the same way that the annual Section 5310 apportionment is done
- Designated Recipients and States determine the allocation to subrecipients

Apportionment (cont.)

- Recipients (grantees) in shared UZAs are encouraged to coordinate with the designated recipient of that urbanized area to obtain their allocation
- Subrecipients (subgrantees) are encouraged to coordinate with FTA recipients (grantees) to obtain their allocation

Eligible Expenses

- All expenses eligible under the 5310 Program are also eligible under CRRSAA
- CRRSAA funding should be directed to the maximum extent possible:
 - **To payroll and operations of public transit (including payroll and expenses of private providers of public transportation)**
 - *Unless the recipient certifies to FTA that the recipient has not furloughed any employees. Expenses subject to this requirement include capital expenses such as vehicle procurements or facility construction.*

Eligible Expenses (cont.)

- Operating expenses for all recipients are eligible beginning January 20, 2020. Examples include:
 - Administrative leave of operations personnel due to reductions in service or quarantine
 - Vehicle operator salaries
 - Fuel
 - Items with useful life less than 1 year
 - PPE

CRRSAA Section 5310 Exceptions

- Requirement to use 55% of funds for traditional capital projects does not apply to CRRSAA funds
- Permits previously appropriated (unobligated) 5310 funds to be awarded at 100%
 - Non-CRRSAA funding must still meet the 55% requirement and be included in a coordinated plan

Program Requirements

- **All Federal transit program requirements apply to CRRSAA funding:**
 - New split letters required (as applicable)
- **Exception:** Some expenses do not need to be in a TIP/STIP or long-range transportation plan
 - Operating expenses
 - Capital expenses that do not involve a substantial change to the location, function, or capacity of an asset

Program Requirement (cont.)

- The Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan requirement for Section 5310 applies to CRRSAA funding
- States and designated recipients have flexibility to allocate CRRSAA funding through a different process than the one described in a previously approved State Management Plan, without prior FTA approval.
- States should document any deviations in an attachment to the CRRSAA funding application

CRRSAA Coding in TrAMS

New Application in TrAMS

- Section code is by program 5310 is **16**
- Appropriation Code is **28**
- CRRSAA grants should not be combined with other funding sources

Short Code	Program	Account Class Code	Fiscal Year	Approp. Code	Section Code	LIM Code
5310-1B	Mobility States (CRRSAA)	2021. 28 .16. SR .1	2021	28	16	SR
	Mobility 50-200K (CRRSAA)	2021. 28 .16. MR .1	2021	28	16	MR
	Mobility >200K (CRRSAA)	2021. 28 .16. LR .1	2021	28	16	LR

For More Information

- FTA's website – please visit [transit.dot.gov](https://www.transit.dot.gov)
 - [FAQs](#) are posted with updates
 - The [CRRSAA apportionment tables](#) for Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Disabled Individuals are posted
 - A recording of the [FTA webinar](#) from January 12, 2021 is available
 - [5310 Circular](#)
- Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 Apportionment Notice to be published in the Federal Register

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