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NATIONAL AGING AND DISABILITY
TRANSPORTATION CENTER

Creative Uses of Section 5310 Funding

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National Aging & Disability Transportation Center

- Launched December 2015
- Partnership of National Association of Area Agencies on Aging (n4a) and Easterseals, Inc.
- Builds on the earlier work of the National Center on Senior Transportation and Easter Seals Project ACTION
- Promotes the availability & accessibility of transportation options that serve the needs of:
 - Older Adults
 - People with Disabilities
 - Caregivers
- Focus on Section 5310 Formula Grant



Housekeeping

- This session is being recorded and will be available on the NADTC website in a few days.
- Everyone is muted and videos are turned off.
- Please enter questions in the Q&A box.
- Closed captioning is available through the URL shared in the Chat section.

Introductions

Welcome to the National Aging and Disabilities Transportation Center (NADTC) Office Hours session on this Friday. We are glad that you could join us.

Our topic is “Creative Uses of Section 5310 Funding.”

Our Presenter is Jeremy Scalzi, Director of Business Development at M7, a passenger transportation company specializing in non-emergency medical transportation and regional coverage in Connecticut.

Creative Uses of Section 5310





“It’s about inclusion and new freedom for persons with disabilities.

You can’t be included unless you’re present and you can’t be present unless you’re able to get there. Inclusion happens when you start breaking down barriers.”



About Us

Celebrating Over 30 Years of Excellent Service



- From 15 Taxicab Vehicles in 1987 to over 200 multimodal vehicles
- WAV legislation passed in 2009; launched first 24/7 on-demand WAT
- New Freedom Fund Program: 50% discounts for elderly and disabled
- 110 CNG vehicles/70WAVs; CNG Fueling Station in 2011
- Launched the Accessible Dispatch Program in NYC in 2012
- Largest volume provider of NEMT in CT
- Initiated door-through-door service in 2016
- MaaS – Unifying public and private transportation



What is 5310?



Purpose: To enhance the mobility of seniors and individuals with disabilities by removing barriers to transportation services.

Eligible Projects:

- ✓ Vehicles
- ✓ Computer hardware and/or software to support 5310 vehicles
- ✓ Preventive maintenance for 5310-funded vehicles
- ✓ Mobility management
- ✓ Operating assistance

Eligible Recipients

- ✓ Private nonprofits (NPOs)
- ✓ State or local government authorities
- ✓ Operators of public transportation
- ✓ For-profit transportation companies (via partnership)
- ✓ Local Human Services Transportation Coordinated Plan (HSTCP)

Who's Involved?



**Federal
Gov't**

**State
Gov't**

M7

**Partners
of M7**

- Funding allocation
- Eligibility partnerships
- Collaborative efforts to identify high-impact markets

5310 - New Freedom Fund



11 Years ago, M7 applied to use monies available for capital expenditure to lower the trip cost for disabled passengers.

- First in the nation to use 5310 funding this way

Worked with Connecticut DOT and Greater New Haven Transit District to reduce trip costs for the disabled community by 50%.

Passenger loads \$50 on their card, M7 provides \$100 in taxi service.

Program has since expanded to the Greater Hartford Transit District and Kennedy Center in Bridgeport.

5310 Synergy with Other Grants



Encompass

- Partnership with Greater Hartford Transit District
- Beyond ADA Services
- Demand response or advanced reservation
- 24/7, 365 Service
- No boundary restrictions
- Passenger pays \$5 for 8 miles, etc.

Use vehicles acquired through 5310

M7 splits trip discount with FTA

FTA reduces cost per transport by 2/3

Program inclusiveness expands

Service standards and security rise

Advantages of Private Orgs



Vans Owned/Operated by Care Facilities

- Larger seating capacity
- High upkeep cost
- Non-Personalized
- Scheduled routes
- Operating hours depend on employee drivers

Vehicles Owned/Operated by M7

- Regular maintenance by in-house mechanics
- Personalized, on-demand service
- 24/7 service, 365
- Advanced technology with built-in safety features, including cameras and GPS tracking

Questions?

Additional Resources

National Aging & Disability Transportation Center

- www.NADTC.org

FTA Enhanced Mobility of Seniors & Individuals with Disabilities - Section 5310

- <https://www.transit.dot.gov/funding/grants/enhanced-mobility-seniors-individuals-disabilities-section-5310>



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