



# Empowering Access: Technical Assistance and Funding Strategies for Enhanced Transportation Accessibility

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# National Aging & Disability Transportation Center

## Our Mission:

To promote the availability of accessible transportation options that serve the needs of Older Adults, People with Disabilities, Caregivers, and Communities.



# National Aging & Disability Transportation Center

## What We Provide:

- Training
- Communication and Outreach
- Coordination and Partnership
- Community Grants and Coalitions



**Join Our Mailing List!**



# Person-Centered Technical Assistance & Information

- Technical Assistance – contact us by phone or email
  - Provide resources and information
  - Guidance on ADA or FTA rules and regulations
  - Connect consumers to Eldercare Locator and DIAL
- Additional Technical Assistance
  - State DOTs
  - Targeted assistance for FTA Access and Mobility Partnership Grants

# NADTC Initiatives

- Coordination Campaign
  - Community Coordination Toolkit
- Every Ride Counts
  - Volunteer Driver Recruitment Materials
  - Pilot Campaigns
- Photo Resource Gallery
- Learning center & multimedia resources page



*Credit: NADTC, Milwaukee County Transit System, WI*

# Transportation Inequities

- Access to transportation is a major social driver, dictating how people access employment, healthcare, food and recreation.
- Approximately 45% of people in the US experience transportation insecurity.
- 5.8 Million People in the US delay medical care due to lack of transportation
- 1 in 5 adults skip medical visits due to transportation issues.

Health Outreach Partners, March 1, 2024

# Transportation Resources

- Public Transit Agency
- Mobility Managers
- 2-1-1 Information Services
- Area Agency on Aging
- Eldercare Locator and DIAL
- Medicaid Non-Emergency Medical Transportation
- Medicare Advantage
- Volunteer Driver Transportation Programs



Connecting You to Community Services

**DIAL**

**888.677.1199**

Disability Information & Access Line  
Your primary vaccine access resource

**2-1-1**

Get Connected. Get Help.™



Credit: Via Mobility Services  
Boulder, Co

# Coordination Committee Toolkit



Photo: ButterFLi, Los Angeles, California



<https://www.nadtc.org/resources-publications/resource/coordination-committee-toolkit/>





# Coordinating Council on Access and Mobility (CCAM) Overview

## Mission

The CCAM issues policy recommendations and implements activities that improve the **availability, accessibility, and efficiency** of transportation for the following targeted populations:

 **Individuals with Disabilities**

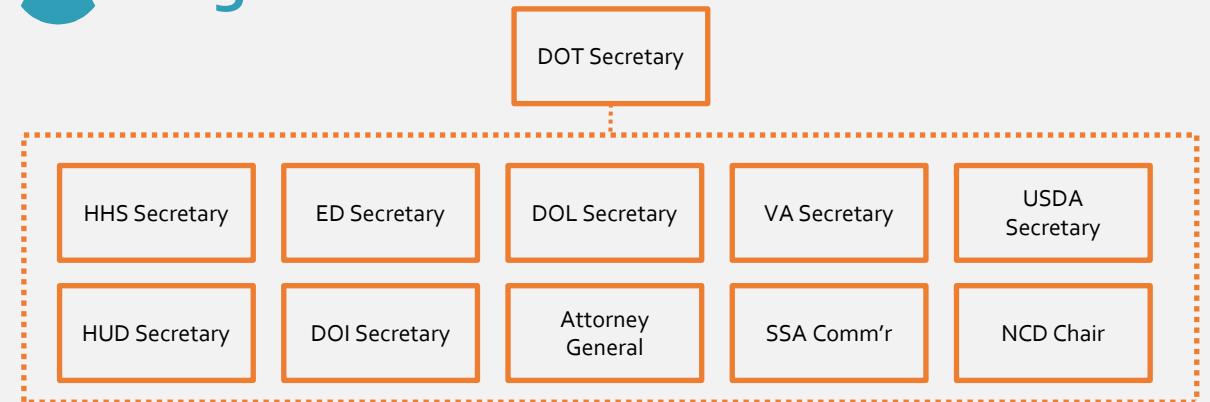
 **Older Adults**

 **Individuals of Low Income**

## History

The CCAM is an interagency partnership **established in 2004 by Executive Order 13330** to coordinate the efforts of the Federal agencies that fund human services transportation for CCAM populations. **Section 3006(c) of Pub. L. 114-94** requires the CCAM to improve Federal coordination of transportation services.

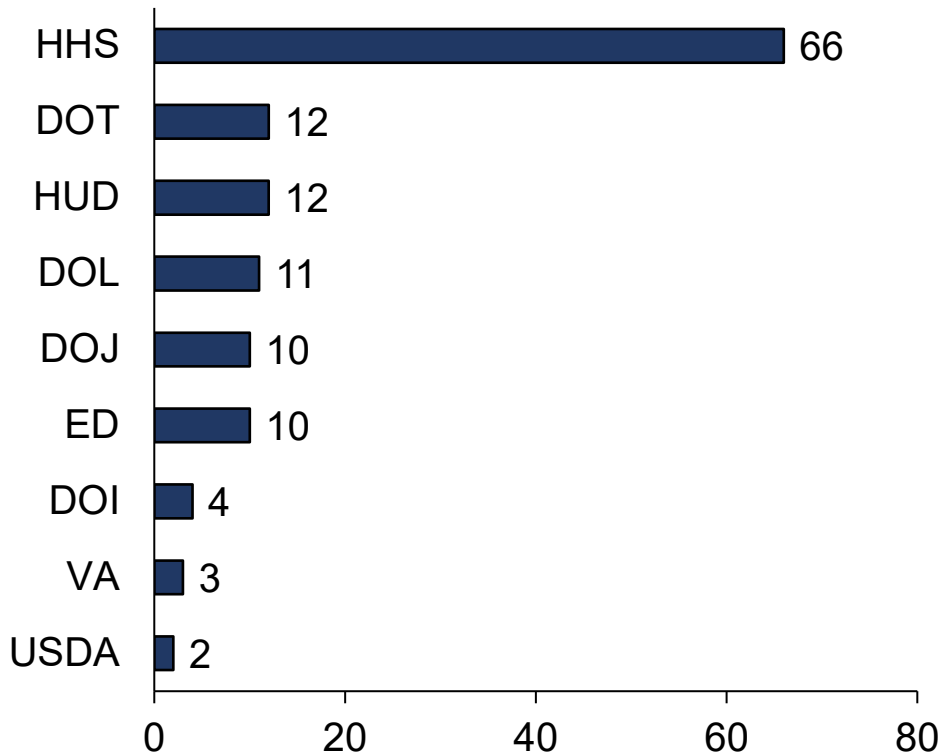
## Organization



# CCAM Program Inventory

The [CCAM Program Inventory](#) identifies 130 Federal programs that are able to provide funding for human services transportation for people with disabilities, older adults, and/or individuals of low income.

**Number of Programs by Department**



n=130

**Sample of the 130 Programs**



**Department of Health and Human Services programs:**

- Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP)
- Centers for Independent Living (CILs)
- Older Americans Act (OAA) programs



**Department of Transportation programs:**

- Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities
- Section 5311 Formula Grants for Rural Areas



**Department of Housing and Urban Development programs:**

- Community Development Block Grants/Entitlement Program
- Supportive Housing for the Elderly



**Department of Labor programs:**

- Job Corps
- WIOA Adult Program



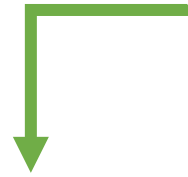
*If an organization receives funding from one of these programs, a portion of the funds may be used for transportation.*

# Federal Fund Braiding Guide

The [CCAM Federal Fund Braiding Guide](#) is a CCAM resource that clarifies acceptable Federal fund braiding for local match opportunities.

**Federal fund braiding for local match** is when Federal funds from one grant program are used to fulfill the local match requirement of another Federal grant.

FTA's [Section 5310](#)  
Enhanced Mobility of  
Seniors & Individuals  
with Disabilities  
Program 80%



ACL's Centers for  
Independent Living or  
Older American's Act Title  
III-B Supportive Services  
Program 20%

[Section 5307, 5310,  
and 5311: Using Non-  
DOT Federal Funds for  
Local Match](#)

In order to participate in Federal fund braiding, a project **must meet all requirements** of the participating Federal agencies, including eligibility requirements, reporting requirements, regulatory requirements, statutory requirements, and program guidance.



# Partner “Braiding” Ideas

## Public Health

- Community Health Needs Assessment
- Access to health and wellness appointments

## Community Action Programs

- Access to food and housing, supportive services

## Area Agencies on Aging (AAA)

- Access to meal sites, medical appointments

## Independent Living Centers

- Access to work/training programs, supportive services

# FTA's Technical Assistance Network (slide 1 of 2)



**NADTC:** Helping transportation programs provide accessible mobility options to older adults, people with disabilities, caregivers and communities.

[www.NADTC.org](http://www.NADTC.org)



**N-CATT:** Supporting small-urban, rural, and tribal transit agencies with practical technological solutions.

[www.N-CATT.org](http://www.N-CATT.org)



**NRTAP:** Addressing the training and technical assistance needs of rural and tribal transit agencies across the country and supporting state RTAPs.

[www.nationalrtap.org](http://www.nationalrtap.org)

# FTA's Technical Assistance Network (slide 2 of 2)



**NCMM:** Promoting customer-centered mobility strategies that advance good health, economic vitality, self-sufficiency, and community (SDOH).

[www.NC4MM.org](http://www.NC4MM.org)



**SUMC MIC:** The Mobility Innovation Collaborative (MIC), a program of the Shared-Use Mobility Center supports mobility pilots and facilitates knowledge creation and sharing to foster mobility innovation.

[www.SharedUseMobilityCenter.org](http://www.SharedUseMobilityCenter.org), [www.sumcmic.org](http://www.sumcmic.org)



**TWC:** Helping urban, suburban, tribal, and rural public transportation entities recruit, hire, train, and retain the diverse workforce needed now and in the future.

[www.TransitWorkforce.org](http://www.TransitWorkforce.org)



# FTA's Technical Assistance Network

## TACL: The Transportation Technical Assistance Coordination Library

<http://transportation-tacl.org>



Find transportation coordination resources from a diverse range of transportation technical assistance centers and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA).

### Participating Technical Assistance Centers:

- National Aging and Disability Transportation Center (NADTC)
- National Center for Applied Transit Technology (N-CATT)
- National Center for Mobility Management (NCMM)
- National Rural Transit Assistance Program (National RTAP)
- Shared-Use Mobility Center (SUMC)
- Transit Workforce Center (TWC)

# The Disability and Aging Networks

- Aging & Disability Resource Centers/No Wrong Door Systems (ADRC/NWD Systems)
- Centers for Independent Living (CIL's or ILC's)
- Area Agencies on Aging (AAA's)
- Developmentally Disability Councils
- Community Care Hubs (CCH's)
- Elder Rights & Services
- Assistive Technology Act Programs
- Benefits Enrollment Centers (BEC's)
- University Centers of Excellence for Developmental Disabilities (UCEDD's)
- Protection & Advocacy Programs (P&A's)
- Adult Protective Services (APS's)



# ACL Transportation Program Overview

- Transportation Services and Supports
  - Centers for Independent Living—FY19 more than 63,900 services related to transportation; accomplishing 15,078 mobility/transportation related goals.
  - Older Americans Act Programs—FY2018 provided 20M rides; 2.3M included an assistant
  - Older Americans Act Title VI Programs—FY2021 data will be released soon. Transportation is provided to medical appointments, to get groceries, shopping and more.
  - Assistive Technology Act Programs—mobility devices—no tech, low tech and high tech; way finding; apps; transfer boards; etc.
- Technical Assistance/Demonstrations/Research
  - Accessible Transportation Resource Center (ATRC)
  - Transit Planning 4 All--Inclusive Community Transportation Planning—Mobility on Demand (MOD)
  - National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research: [ADA Participation Action Research Consortium \(PARC\)](#)
  - [National Aging & Disability Transportation Center \(NADTC\)](#) (co-administered with FTA)
- Other Resources
  - Paralysis Resource Center—Quality of Life Grants
  - University Centers for Excellence on Developmental Disability

# RESOURCES

- AmeriCorps Seniors: Connecting AmeriCorps Senior Volunteers to Transportation Resources (May, 2024)  
<https://americorps.gov/blogs/2024-05-28/americorps-seniors-connecting-americorps-senior-volunteers-transportation>
- NADTC Coordination Committee Toolkit  
<https://www.nadtc.org/resources-publications/resource/coordination-committee-toolkit/>
- FTA CCAM Federal Fund Braiding Guide  
<https://www.transit.dot.gov/regulations-and-programs/ccam/about/coordinates-council-access-and-mobility-ccam-federal-fund>
- [committee-toolkit](#)

## RESOURCES Continued

- Section 5310: Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities <https://www.transit.dot.gov/funding/grants/enhanced-mobility-seniors-people-disabilities-fact-sheet-section-5310>
- Section 5311: Formula Grants for Rural Areas <https://www.transit.dot.gov/rural-formula-grants-5311>
- Section 5307: Urbanized Area Formula Grants <https://www.transit.dot.gov/funding/grants/urbanized-area-formula-grants-5307>



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