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# Expanding Access to Transportation for Older Adults and People with Disabilities

## November 21, 2019



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**Federal Transit  
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# Today's Speakers

- ***Lori Gerhard, Director, Office of Interagency Innovation, U.S. Administration for Community Living***
- ***Marianne Stock, Chief, Rural and Targeted Programs, Federal Transit Administration***
- ***Virginia Dize, NADTC Co-Director, n4a***

# Agenda

- Welcome and Introduce today's speakers
- Overview of U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Transit Administration 5307, 5310, and 5311 grant programs
- Overview of the U.S. Administration for Community Living and Nationwide Network
- Finding Match for FTA 5307, 5310 and 5311 grant programs
- Technical Assistance Resources available through the National Aging and Disability Transportation Center
- Questions and Answers





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# Section 5307

**The Urbanized Area Formula Program (Section 5307)** provides assistance to urbanized areas for transit capital projects, operating assistance, and transportation planning.

- Funds are allocated to direct recipients and projects based on locally-developed transportation plans. **FY 2020 Authorized Amount: \$5.5 Billion**



# Section 5310

**The Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program (Section 5310)** improves mobility for seniors and individuals with disabilities throughout the country, including rural areas, by removing barriers to transportation services and expanding transportation mobility options.

- Provides capital and operating assistance to eligible recipients including states, tribes, and designated recipients. **FY 2020 Authorized Amount: \$285.58M**



# Section 5310

## Key Facts

- In FY 2019, there were 179 recipients in large urbanized areas, 108 recipients in small urbanized areas, and 53 recipients in rural areas.
- Two states, California and Florida, received over \$5 million in FY 2019 for use in small urbanized areas in FY 2019. The smallest apportionment in this category was to Alaska, \$80,564.
- Texas received the largest apportionment for rural areas in FY 2019, \$3.7 million. Alaska was the smallest state, with \$168,429. American Samoa, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands, and Puerto Rico all received less than \$53,000.

# FTA Competitive Grant Programs

## **Innovative Coordination Access and Mobility Competitive Program (ICAM) (Section 3006(b)):**

assists in financing innovative projects for the transportation disadvantaged that improve the coordination of transportation services and non-emergency medical transportation services.

- Total of 37 projects were funded in FY 2019 (FY18/19 funds), totaling \$9.6M
- 41 percent of the total amount awarded went to rural projects
- FY 2020 Authorized Amount: \$3.5M

# FTA Competitive Grant Programs

**Mobility for All Pilot Program (ICAM 2020)** seeks to improve mobility options through employing innovative coordination of transportation strategies and building partnerships to enhance mobility and access to vital community services for older adults, individuals with disabilities, and people of low income.

- NOFO Published November 1, 2019
- Applications due January 6, 2020
- Eligible applicants are designated and direct recipients of Section 5307, 5311, and 5310 funds

# Section 5311

**The Formula Grants for Rural Areas Program (Section 5311)** provides capital, planning, and operating assistance to states to support public transportation in rural areas with populations of less than 50,000. **FY 2020 Authorized Amount: \$673.3M**

- Includes \$35 million for the Tribal Transit Program

# Section 5311

## Key Facts

- The most commonly funded activity for Section 5311 is operating expenses.
- Section 5311 State apportionments range from Texas, with over \$47 million, to Rhode Island, with \$630,000.
- 88 percent of Section 5311 operators provide demand response service.

# Tribal Transit Program

- **Tribal Transit Program (TTP):** formula and competitive funds allocated directly to Federally Recognized Indian Tribes for the purposes of providing public transportation services in rural areas. **FY 2020 Authorized Amount: \$35M**
  - \$30 million is formula
  - \$5 million competitive
- The Tribal Transit Program has grown from 83 formula recipients in FY 2013 to 126 in FY 2019.
- The most commonly funded activity is operating expenses.

# Technical Assistance Centers



[National Center for Mobility Management](#)  
website: [www.nc4mm.org](http://www.nc4mm.org) phone: 1-866-846-6400  
email: [info@nc4mm.org](mailto:info@nc4mm.org) [Annual Community Grants](#)



[National Aging and Disability Transportation Center](#)  
website: [www.nadtc.org](http://www.nadtc.org) phone: 1-866-983-3222  
email: [contact@nadtc.org](mailto:contact@nadtc.org) [Annual Community Grants](#)



[Rural Transit Assistance Program](#)  
website: [www.nationalrtap.org](http://www.nationalrtap.org) 1-888-589-6821  
email: [info@nationalrtap.org](mailto:info@nationalrtap.org)



# Technical Assistance Centers, Cont.

Our newest TA Center, the National Center for Applied Transit Technology (N-CATT) develops and supports transit technologies and new institutional paradigms that make services in rural and small city America more cost-effective and efficient, which is critical to the sustainability of services.

- N-CATT is funded for one year at \$1.5 M

# Technical Assistance Center Community Grants

FTA-funded TA Centers provide annual competitive grants to communities to implement innovative projects that will remove barriers to transportation and expand mobility options for transportation disadvantaged populations.

Examples of 2019 Grantees:

- [Greater Portland Council of Governments](#) in Portland, ME, will test the concept of a city-wide weekly shopper shuttle service for older adults, people with disabilities and individuals who have low incomes, including residents of housing facilities and those living in single-family and small multi-unit housing. The Shopper Links project responds to the identified unmet need for free or low-cost, door-to-door transportation to grocery shopping.
- [INCOG Area Agency on Aging](#), in Tulsa, OK, will develop a paratransit travel training program to familiarize and better connect older adults and people with disabilities living in food deserts to grocery stores through the use of existing transportation services. The project will also use ridesharing services to implement a program to fill existing transportation gaps to healthy food options.

NADTC: <https://www.nadtc.org/grants-funding/nadtc-grant-opportunities/nadtc-awarded-grants/>

NCMM: <https://nationalcenterformobilitymanagement.org/grants/launch-2019/>

# Access and Mobility for All Summit

On October 29, 2019, the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) hosted the Summit to raise awareness of government-wide efforts to improve access and mobility for transportation disadvantaged populations and identify innovations that can provide more efficient, affordable, and accessible vehicles and mobility services.

- Secretary of Transportation Elaine L. Chao made the following [announcements](#):
  - **Complete Trip Deployment solicitation**, which will make up to \$40 million available to enable communities to showcase innovative business partnerships, technologies, and practices that promote independent mobility for all. “Complete Trip” means that a user can get from point A to point B seamlessly, regardless of the number of modes, transfers, and connections.
  - **Inclusive Design Challenge**, which will make up to \$5 million in cash prizes available to innovators who design solutions to enable accessible automated vehicles.
  - **FTA’s FY 2020 Mobility for All Pilot Program** seeks to improve mobility options and access to community services for older adults, individuals with disabilities, and people with low incomes. The \$3.5 million initiative will fund projects that enhance transportation connections to jobs, education, and health services.
  - **Strategic plan for the Coordinating Council on Access and Mobility (CCAM)**, an interagency partnership to coordinate the efforts of federal agencies funding transportation services for targeted populations. The strategic plan will help provide better transportation outcomes through the coordination of more than 130 government-wide programs.



# CCAM Mission and Organization

## 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**

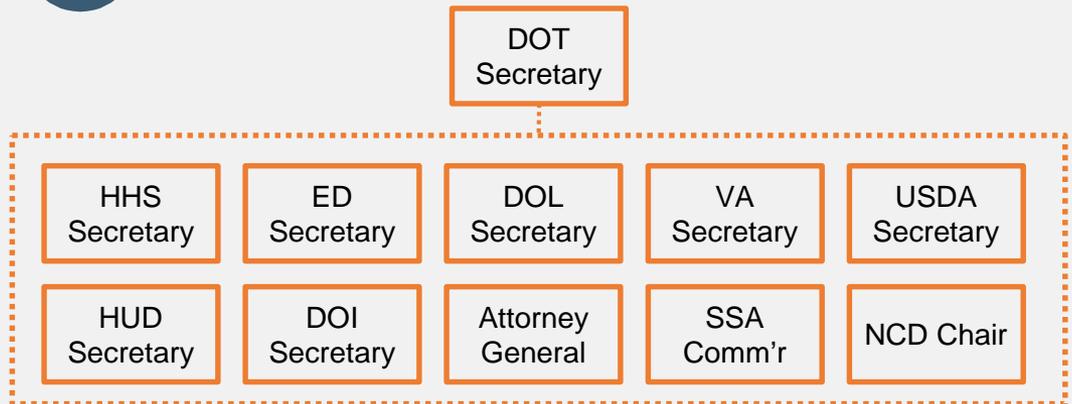


### History

The CCAM is an interagency partnership **established in 2004 by Executive Order 13330** to coordinate the efforts of the Federal agencies that fund transportation for targeted populations.

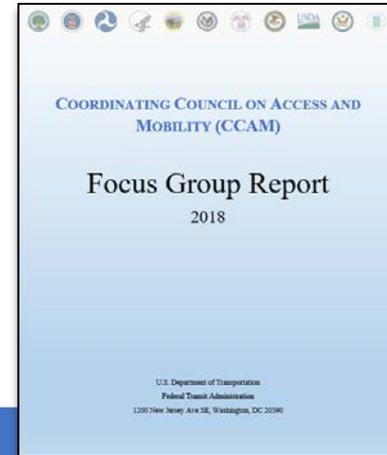


### Organization



# 2018 CCAM State Focus Group Findings

The barriers to transportation coordination reported by focus group participants are organized into barrier categories. The following barriers emerged across a majority of focus group sessions and stakeholder groups as the most prevalent barriers to coordination.



	Barrier	Description
	<b>Limited Awareness</b>	A lack of awareness of the federal funding sources available for human service transportation, the policies that enable transportation coordination, and/or the community's transportation options for targeted populations
	<b>Unengaged Stakeholders</b>	Challenges associated with establishing and maintaining the organizational and community partnerships necessary to pursue transportation coordination
	<b>Program Restrictions</b>	Reporting obligations, eligibility criteria, trip purpose restrictions, and other program rules that make it difficult to coordinate across different transportation programs
	<b>Insufficient Incentives</b>	A lack of incentives or financial motivation for human service providers to pursue transportation coordination initiatives
	<b>Limited Federal Guidance</b>	An absence of the federal guidance that states and local communities need to coordinate transportation in compliance with federal law

# CCAM Program Inventory

- **2008: 64 programs**

[Charter Service Rule Appendix A - Federal Programs Providing Transportation Assistance](#)

- **2012: 80 programs**

[GAO Report: Transportation-Disadvantaged Populations - Federal Coordination Efforts Could Be Further Strengthened: Appendix II: Inventory of Federal Programs](#)

- **2019: 130 programs**

## [CCAM Program Inventory](#)

Includes detailed program information, such as CFDA numbers and statutory references, information on recipients and beneficiaries, eligible transportation activities, etc.



### Did you know?

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

Funding recipients may collaborate across these federal programs to provide more transportation options for the community.

<https://www.transit.dot.gov/regulations-and-guidance/ccam/about/ccam-program-inventory>

The screenshot shows the Federal Transit Administration website. The header includes the logo and the text "Federal Transit Administration". Below the header is a navigation bar with links for "About", "Funding", and "Regulations & Programs". The main content area is titled "CCAM Program Inventory" and includes a list of links: "Home » CCAM » About", "CCAM Overview", "Meetings & Listening Sessions", "Partner Agencies", "Initiatives", "Research Reports", "Technical Assistance", and "FAQ". The main content area also includes a list of links to documents: "ccam-program-inventory-10-2019.xlsx", "ccam-program-inventory-summary-10-2019.pdf", and "ccam-program-inventory-summary-10-2019.xlsx". A paragraph of text describes the CCAM Program Inventory, stating that it 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. It also mentions that the inventory includes detailed program information, such as CFDA numbers and statutory references, information on recipients and beneficiaries, and eligible transportation activities. The CCAM Program Inventory Summary document is noted to contain limited program details and is formatted for easy printing.

# 2020 Webinar Series: CCAM Program Inventory - A Call to Coordination

**Goal:** Increase local, state and federal coordination to increase transportation access for older adults, people with disabilities, and individuals with low incomes.

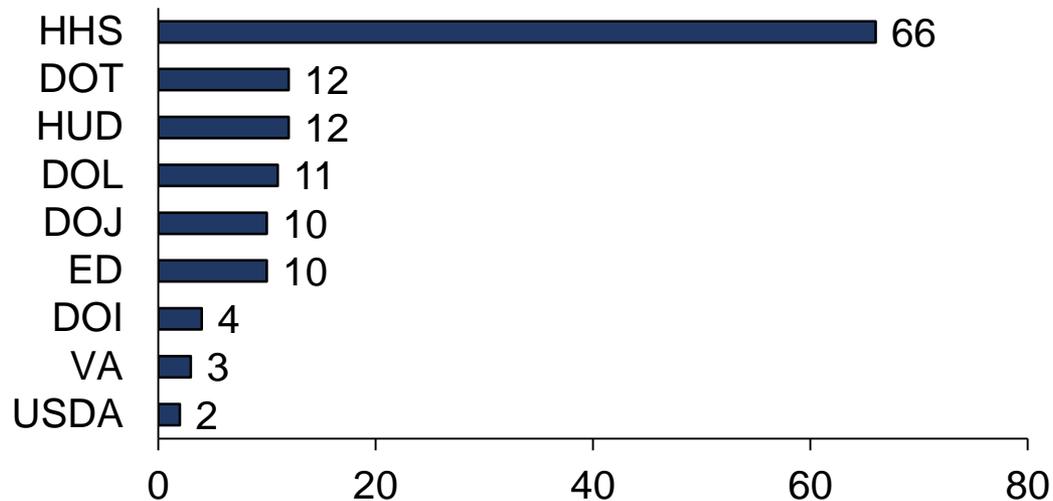
**Objectives:**

- Bring diverse networks together to learn from the experts:
  - Federal program managers of the [130 federal programs](#) on the CCAM Program Inventory
  - Current program grantees coordinating/innovating in the field
- Address the most prevalent barriers to transportation coordination, gathered through the [2018 State and Local Focus Groups](#)

**Target Audience:** Grantees of the CCAM [member agencies](#)

**Date:** Second Thursday of the month **Time:** 2:00 – 3:30 PM EST

Presentations will be monthly and go in order of the CCAM agency with the largest number of programs to the smallest:



The [CCAM](#) directed the development of an *Advancing Mobility Management Course* offered by the National Transit Institute (NTI). The new 2-day course aims to improve coordination between transit and non-traditional stakeholders. The interactive course highlights community partnerships that improve coordination and helps participants identify new partners to expand networks and resources.

The course is free for public transit and government agencies.

### *2020 Courses:*

September 25-26, 2019 – St. Cloud, MN

February 5-6, 2020 -Phoenix, AZ

February 24-25, 2020 – Nashville, TN

March 25-26, 2020 – Springfield, MA

May 5-6, 2020 – Denver, CO

June 16-17, 2020 – Ithaca, NY

The course is designed to build the capacity of community professionals to implement and scale up mobility management strategies and initiatives, and expose participants to promising practices in the field.

**Register:** [www.ntionline.com/advancing-mobility-management](http://www.ntionline.com/advancing-mobility-management)

# HHS Funding as Local Match to FTA Programs

Sixty-six programs from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) are eligible as match to the FTA [Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program](#), [Rural Formula Grants](#) and [Tribal Transit Formula Grants](#). View the HHS announcement at the USDOT Access and Mobility for All Summit on October 29, 2019 [webcast](#) at the 1:03–1:19 mark: <https://www.transportation.gov/accessibility>

## Learn More

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

[CCAM Program Inventory \(130 Programs\)](#)

[USDOT Access and Mobility for All Summit](#)

[ACL FAQ on Transportation](#)



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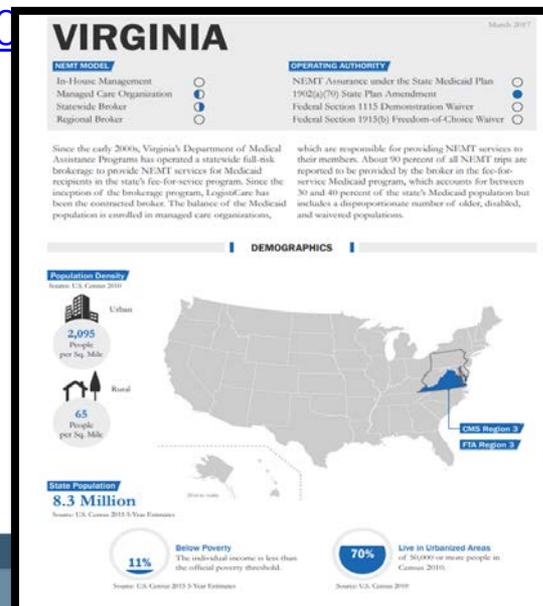
# Medicaid Nonemergency Medical Transportation (NEMT)

## Changes to Medicaid NEMT

- Under current regulations, states are required to provide NEMT to all Medicaid beneficiaries. The 2019 HHS Budget commits to using regulatory authority to change this benefit from mandatory to optional. See pg. 85 & 87: <https://www.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/fy-2019-budget-in-brief.pdf>

## TCRP Medicaid NEMT Research

- State-by-State Profiles for Examining the Effects of NEMT Brokerages on Transportation Coordination: [http://onlinepubs.trb.org/onlinepubs/tcrp/tcrp\\_rpt\\_202\\_companion.pdf](http://onlinepubs.trb.org/onlinepubs/tcrp/tcrp_rpt_202_companion.pdf) - a companion document to TCRP [Report 202](#)



# Half-Fare

## Did You Know...

# Anyone with a Medicare card rides for half-fare on fixed route public transit?

More Info:

<https://www.nadtc.org/news/blog/understanding-half-fare-reduced-fare-requirements/>

Local implementation example: Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (DC):

<https://www.wmata.com/fares/reduced.cfm>





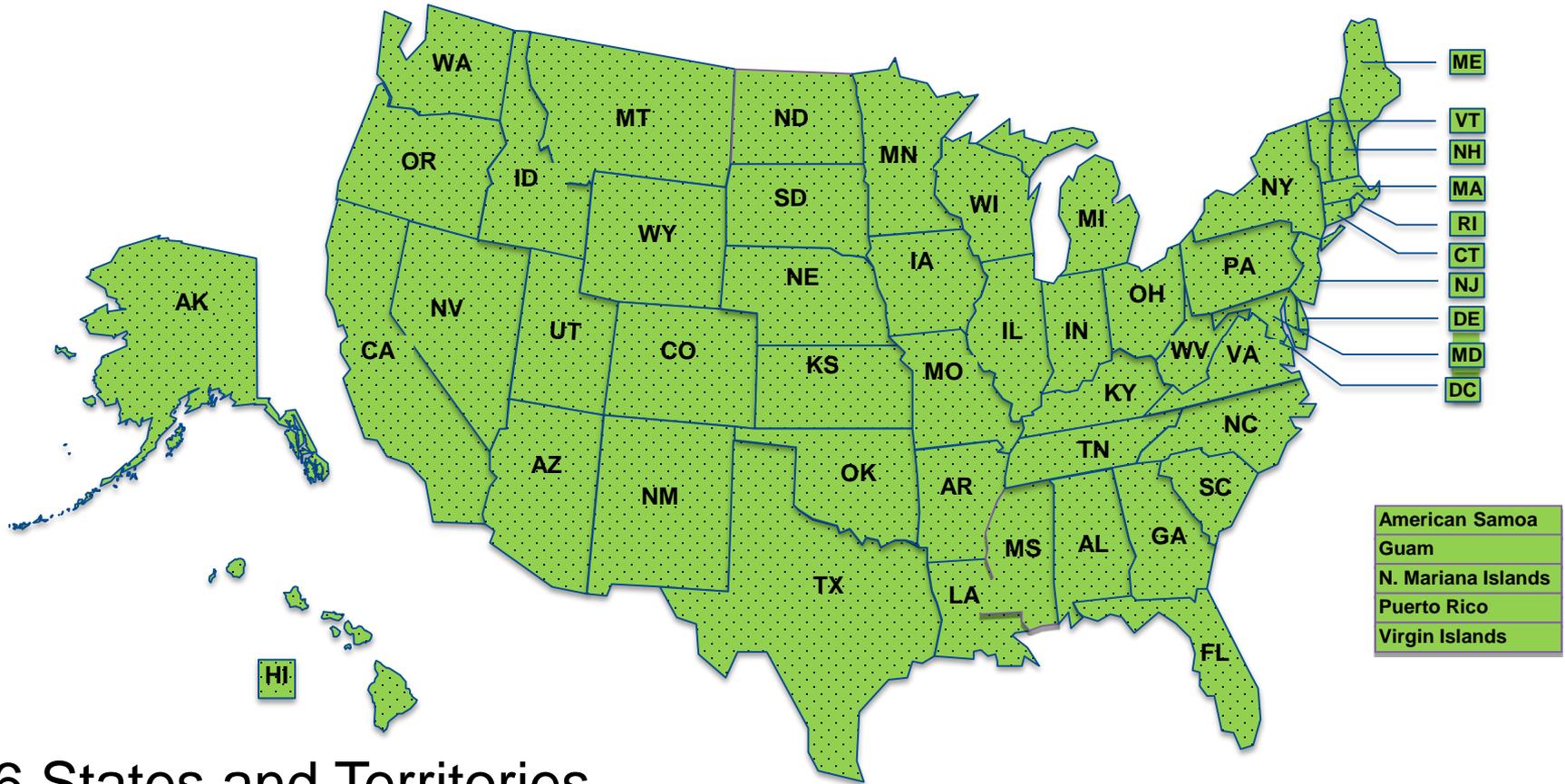
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# Administration for Community Living (ACL)

- Mission: maximize the independence, well-being, and health of older adults, people with disabilities across the lifespan, and their families and caregivers
- Guiding principle: people with disabilities and older adults should be able to live where they choose, with the people they choose, and participate fully in their communities



# Nationwide Aging and Disability Network “America’s Long Term Service and Support Access System”



56 States and Territories  
1,322+ Access Points

# ACL Invests in Transportation

- In fiscal year 2018, we provided
  - over 20 million rides to older Americans,
  - 2.3 million rides that included an assistant to support the person receiving the transportation.
  - Approximately 16,900 people with disabilities some type of transportation services. These services may include peer-to-peer training to learn public transit systems, transportation vouchers and other transportation services. *(Based on self-reported data from Centers for Independent Living)*
- Inclusive Community Transportation Planning
- ADA Participation Action Research Consortium (PARC)
- Assistive Technology Act Program

# Finding Match for FTA Grants

- Federal transit law (49 U.S. Code Chapter 53) permits funds from other Federal Government programs to be used to match three types of Federal Transit Administration (FTA) grants for public transit: in [urbanized areas](#), in [rural areas](#), and for the [enhanced mobility of older adults and people with disabilities](#). FTA grants are available for capital projects, such as purchase of vehicles, and often are available to pay for operating expenses. This ability to use Federal funds as match can be especially helpful in rural areas and for private non-profit agencies providing services to vulnerable populations.
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- To use Federal Government funds to match an FTA grant, the following is required:
  - The funds must be available to be used for transportation;
  - The activity must be eligible under both the FTA grant program and the other Federal Government program; and
  - All Federal requirements of both programs must be met.



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NADTC 2019 2nd Place Photo Contest  
Winner: Metro West Regional Transit  
Authority, Framingham, MA

# National Aging & Disability Transportation Center

- Partnership of two national organizations – National Association of Area Agencies on Aging (n4a) and Easterseals, Inc.
- Co-Directors: Virginia Dize, n4a  
Carol Wright Kenderdine, Easterseals
- National Technical Assistance Center  
Funded by: Federal Transit Administration  
U.S. Department of Transportation

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

## MAJOR OBJECTIVES:

- Person-centered technical assistance and information & referral
- Training: webinars, online courses/forums
- Interactive communication and outreach strategy
- Coordination and partnership strategy, including stakeholder engagement
- Investment in community solutions
- Independent program evaluation



*Meals on Wheels Montgomery County  
Conroe, Texas*

# NADTC Learning Collaborative for Access & Mobility Grantees

- Provide person-centered technical assistance
- Create opportunities for learning and knowledge exchange
- Host monthly meetings with grantees
- Track and report grantee progress on performance measures and goals



*NADTC 2019 Photo Contest 1<sup>st</sup> Place Winner  
Metrolina Association for the Blind  
Charlotte, NC*

# NADTC and Section 5310

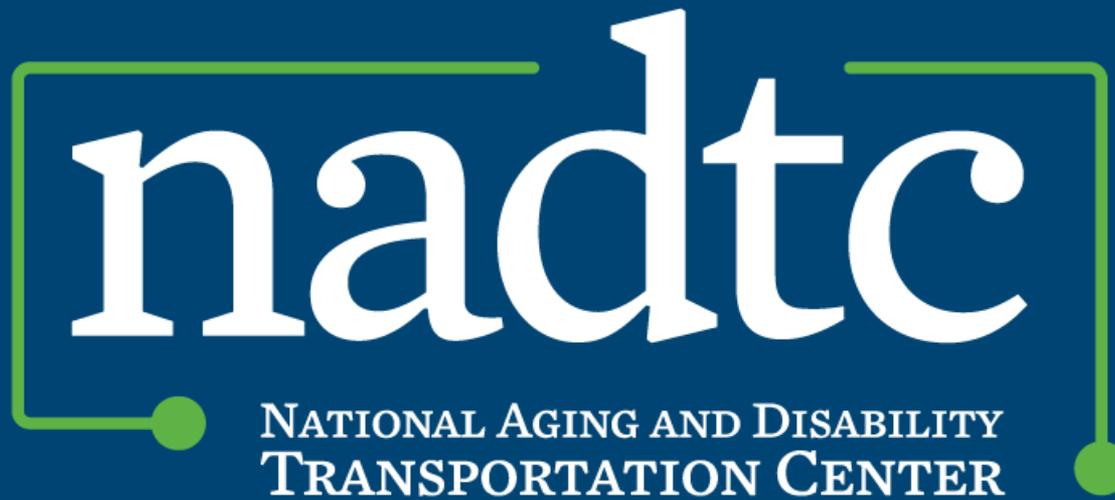
## Promote the use of 5310 funds through grant-making

### Webinars, online courses, conference presentations

- Since 2016, a series of webinars and one online course were held
- **Section 5310 Webinar 2: The State Perspective**  
<https://www.nadtc.org/resources-publications/section-5310-webinar-2-the-state-perspective/>

## Recent Publications

- **Innovative Approaches to Section 5310 Funding Match** (*Trends Report 2018*)
- **Section 5301, 5310 and 5311: Using non-DOT Federal Funds for Local Match** (*Blog, 2018*)



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