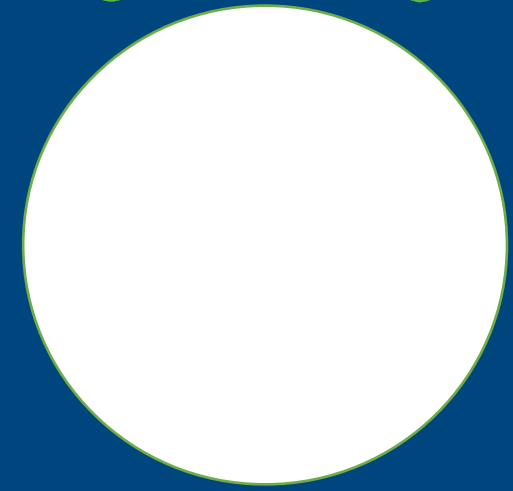




# Understanding Section 5310

Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and  
Individuals with Disabilities

*Program Basics*





# Purpose

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- Improve mobility of older adults and people with disabilities
- Transportation that exceeds the requirements of the ADA
- Remove barriers to access existing transportation services
- Provide alternatives to public transportation

*For transportation services for older adults and people with disabilities.*

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# Apportionment

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- Funds are apportioned based on the population of older adults and people with disabilities
- Funds go to direct recipients
  - The state is the direct recipient in rural & small urban areas
  - Designated recipients are chosen by the Governor in large urban areas

*Section 5310 is a formula funding program.*

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# Funding Distribution

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- 60% of funds go to urbanized areas with a population of 200,000 or more.
- 20% of funds go to small urbanized areas of fewer than 200,000 individuals.
- 20% of funds go to rural areas with populations less than 50,000.

*Population numbers are based on U.S. Census data.*

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# Eligible Subrecipients

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- State or local governmental authority
- Private non-profit organization
- Operator of public transportation
- Selection process must be in the state or program management plan.

*Direct recipients have flexibility in how they select subrecipients.*

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# Available Funding per Activity

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- The amount of traditional projects shall not be less than 55 percent of funds apportioned.
- The amount of non-traditional projects cannot exceed 45 percent of funds apportioned.

*Section 5310 can fund capital and operating expenses.*

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# Eligible Activities – Traditional

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- Buses and vans
- Wheelchair lifts, ramps and securement devices
- Technology systems
- Mobility Management
- Purchase of transportation services

*Traditional activities are capital-only.*

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# Eligible Activities – Non-Traditional

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- Travel training
- Volunteer driver programs
- Building accessible features
- Improving signage or way-finding technology
- Providing same day or door-to-door service

*Non-traditional activities can be capital or operating.*

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# Match

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- The Federal share of eligible capital costs may not exceed 80%.
- The Federal share of eligible operating costs may not exceed 50%
- Can be derived from cash match, other department or agency funding eligible to be expended on transportation or in-kind contributions.

*The Federal Fund Braiding Guide can be used to identify other Federal agencies that can be used to match the Section 5310 Program*

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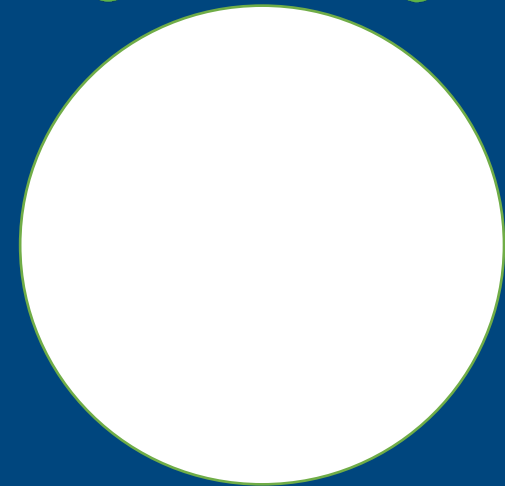


# Coordination

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- Projects must be included in the locally developed coordinated public transit-human services transportation plan.
- Plans must be developed with public participation and approved.
- Services funded by Section 5310 will be coordinated with other federally assisted programs and services as feasible.

*Section 5310 funding recipients shall coordinate services and participate in planning.*



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# Coordinating Council on Access and Mobility (CCAM)

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- The CCAM works to improve coordination and address barriers for States and communities.
- The CCAM Program Inventory identifies 130 Federal programs that can fund human services transportation.
- CCAM is implementing the current 2023-2026 Strategic Plan.

*The CCAM consists of 9 Federal agencies that can fund human services transportation.*

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# Section 5310 in Your State

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- Each direct recipient may manage aspects of their program differently.
- Operations is an allowable expense; however, some direct recipients only allow capital projects.
- Many direct recipients have more requests for funding than they have funds available.
- Review the [FTA Section 5310 Funding Checklist](#).

*Contact your state DOT to find out more about Section 5310 funding in your state or region.*

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# Resources

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- [FTA Enhanced Mobility of Seniors & Individuals with Disabilities – Section 5310](#)
- [49 U.S. Code §5310 – Formula grants for enhanced mobility of seniors and individuals with disabilities.](#)
- [49 USC § 5302\(4\) – definitions including capital projects](#)
- [CCAM Fund Braiding Guide](#)
- [CCAM Program Inventory](#)
- [CCAM Strategic Plan](#)

*Check out these resources for more information.*

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# Technical Assistance Centers

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[National Aging & Disability Transportation Center \(NADTC\)](#)

[National Center for Mobility Management \(NCMM\)](#)

[National Rural Transit Assistance Program \(NRTAP\)](#)

[National Center for Applied Transit Technology \(N-CATT\)](#)

[Mobility Innovation Collaborative \(MIC\)](#), a program of the  
[Shared Used Mobility Center \(SUMC\)](#)

[Transit Workforce Center \(TWC\)](#)

*Thank you!*

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