

FY 2013 SECTION 5310 NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY

The Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT), Modal Programs Bureau, is now accepting Applications for funding consideration through the Elderly Individuals & Individuals with Disabilities (E & D, Section 5310) Program. This Federal Transit Administration (FTA) provides funding for transit related services that assist the state's population of elderly & disabled individuals.

The following organizations are eligible to submit an application for the Section 5310 program:

1. Private nonprofit organizations
2. Governmental agencies that provide certifications to ALDOT that transit services furnished by non-profit corporations or associations are not readily available in the area
3. Governmental agencies approved by the ALDOT to coordinate transit services for elderly individuals and individuals with disabilities.

The total estimated federal funding available for eligible Section 5310 projects is \$2,327,856. A local match of 20% is required for this capital program.

The selection process may be based on the following criteria: financial and management capability; service needs; proposed services; utilization of requested equipment; and service coordination. Projects funded through these programs must be derived from a locally regional coordinated transportation plan.

The application package provides specific eligibility requirements, match requirements, and eligible activities. The application and state management plan can be found at <http://www.dot.state.al.us/moweb/transit.htm>.

Completed grant applications must be submitted to the appropriate regional planning council in the respective geographic areas of the state in which Section 5310 transportation services are proposed. Each regional planning council must review grant applications to ensure compliance with federal coordination requirements prior to formal submission to ALDOT. Only those grant applications submitted for funding consideration by the Regional Planning Councils will be considered for funding. The deadline for submissions to the appropriate regional planning council in the respective geographic areas of the state in which Section 5310 transportation services are proposed is **5:00 P.M. on August 2, 2013**. Applications received after the established deadline will be returned. **Postmarked submissions will not be accepted.**

After applications will be reviewed, evaluated, prioritized, and approved by ALDOT prior to the development and submission of a consolidated grant application to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Region IV office for funding consideration.

If there are questions or comments concerning the grant application or if more information is needed in another language or alternative formats, contact Sharon Coats, ALDOT, Modal Programs Bureau, 1100 John Overton Drive, Montgomery, AL 36110; (334) 353-6443 or coatss@dot.state.al.us.

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