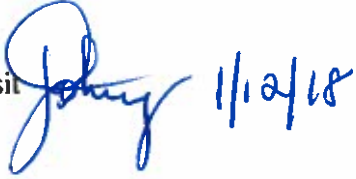




South Carolina
Department of Transportation

MEMORANDUM

TO: Operators of Local Public Transportation Systems
Councils of Governments
Metropolitan Planning Organizations
South Carolina Association of Counties
Municipal Association of South Carolina
State Human Service Agencies
South Carolina Alliance for Mobile Infrastructure

FROM: Johnny Mmanuiké, Director, Office of Public Transit  1/12/18

DATE: January 12, 2018

SUBJECT: **Announcement of State Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities (Section 5310) Program - Call for Rural and Small Urban Projects**

The South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) is pleased to announce the State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2018-2019 call for projects for rural and small urbanized area *Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities* (Section 5310) program.

This Program Announcement will utilize the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2018, when those funds become available, which were authorized under the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act and as appropriated by the United States Congress. This Announcement is issued in anticipation of federal funding based on apportionment for FFY 2018, funding levels as yet to be published by FTA, less allowable state administration.

The Governor of South Carolina has designated the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT), Office of Public Transit (OPT), as the designated recipient (DR) for (both rural and small urban, Section 5310) Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funds to administer in accordance with state and federal laws, statutes, and regulations. As it relates to the *Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program*; the Office of Public Transit is responsible for administering the Rural and Small Urban apportionments. The Large urbanized areas receive their funds directly from FTA.

Matching Requirements

The matching requirements for the Section 5310 program are:

Capital assistance: 85 percent federal share; 15 percent local share for vehicle purchases,



80 percent federal share; 20 percent local share for purchase of service, and mobility management)

Section 5310 Application Timeline

- **February 16, 2018** (Full Application to SCDOT and Regional Council of Governments)

An original signature application must be submitted to SCDOT with a copy to your regional COG. The applications will be reviewed, evaluated and prioritized by the COGs. SCDOT will review all COG prioritized recommendations for final determination and recommendation for funding.

The application must be submitted on or before the required due date in order to be considered for funding. Documents not submitted to appropriate offices or that are received after the posted due dates will not be considered for funding. Applications for any or all programs can be submitted prior to the posted due dates. Applicants must submit a separate application for Rural or Small Urbanized area projects as appropriate.

Subrecipients of Section 5310 Program funds are required to comply with all FTA requirements. Specifically, the applicant is required to sign FTA's "Certifications and Assurances" for the specific funding programs for which its organization is applying after receiving notification of award from SCDOT. An authorizing resolution between the governing body and SCDOT is also required following notification of award.

It is anticipated that funding recommendations will be presented to the SCDOT Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting in April, followed by appropriate public comment solicited through the SCDOT Public Comment process. Upon ensuring required original signature documents are received and the Federal grant agreement awarded, OPT will issue contract documents for the project period of performance: **July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019.**

For Additional Information

For questions or additional information, please contact Ms. Awanda Livingston, 5310 Program Coordinator, at (803) 737-0982 or <mailto:livingstay@scdot.org>. Program information and project application forms are located on the OPT Transit Programs web page: http://www.scdot.org/getting/publicTransit_Programs.aspx#programs.

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cc: Office of Public Transit Staff, SCDOT

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