

February 4, 2021

FY 2021 & 2022 FTA SECTION 5310 NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY (NOFA)

This notice is to announce the availability of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) two-year grant funding for Federal Fiscal Years 2021 and 2022 administered by the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT).

Program Overview

ADOT's Multimodal Planning Division (MPD) administers the FTA Section 5310 grant program, also known as the ADOT Coordinated Mobility Program, which is designed to financially support transit services to enhance mobility for seniors and individuals with disabilities in Arizona. FTA Section 5310 funding is available to fund costs for the purchase of capital (e.g., vehicles, dispatch software, preventive maintenance), operations and mobility management activities. Additionally, Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 (CRRSAA) 5310 funds will be awarded through this application.

The 5310 program is on a two-year application cycle and applicants will need to apply for both years in the same application. Successful applicants will be awarded funding one year at a time for Federal Fiscal Year 2021 (October 2021 through September 2022) and Federal Fiscal Year 2022 (October 2022 through September 2023).

Virtual Application Training Sessions Using Google Meets

- Wednesday, February 10, 2021 1:00-3:00 PM
- Thursday, February 25, 2021 10:00 AM-12:00 PM

All application materials are to be completed and submitted electronically using ADOT's E-Grants system found at https://egrants.azdot.gov. The application will be available **February 4, 2021-March 18, 2021, 4:00PM.**

Funding Available

Section 5310 funding Formula funds and Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funds as well as CRRSAA will be used to fund eligible projects. Formula funds can be used for all eligible projects in both the rural and urbanized areas of the state based upon funding available in each geographic pool. STBG funds can be used for mobility management and capital projects only in the rural areas of the state. CRRSAA funds are eligible at 100%. This funding follows the same eligibility as other 5310 funds however, ADOT has restricted this funding for operating only. CRRSAA funding is one-time funding and ADOT does not anticipate funding any entity solely with CRRSAA funding.

Applicants in the Tucson UZA are eligible to apply for Section 5310 program funds directly through ADOT since ADOT administers the funds on their behalf. However, applicants in the Phoenix-Mesa UZA are not eligible for funding from ADOT but must apply to the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) for 5310 Program funding. Applicants outside of the Phoenix-Mesa UZA but in the MAG region are eligible to apply to ADOT for funding.

ADOT anticipates approximately \$9,107,474 available over the 2 year period. The following tables show the CRRSAA funding received and the FFY 2021 formula apportionment. FFY 2022 funding will be determined mid-cycle using federal apportionment amounts provided by FTA. FFY 2022 funding is anticipated to be similar to FTA's FFY 2021 apportionments.

FFY 2021 Funding		
Funding Type	Total Available	Maximum Operating Available
Rural	\$873,539	\$339,710
Small Urban	\$1,225,644	\$476,639
Tucson	\$858,515	\$333,867
Rural STBG	\$1,350,000	Not Eligible for Operating

FFY 2021 COVID Relief Funding - CRRSAA Operating Funds Available		
Funding Type	Total Operating Available	
Rural	\$145,120	
Small Urban	\$202,156	
Tucson	\$144,803	
TOTAL	\$492,079	

Eligible applicants for the Section 5310 grant funding include private nonprofit organizations and public agencies that coordinate services or can certify that no non-profit organizations are readily available to provide service in the same area. In addition, private operators of "public transportation" that provide shared-ride service to the general public on a regular basis are also eligible applicants under the Section 5310 program.

All applicants must coordinate with their local Council of Government (COG) or Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and be included in their local coordination plan to be eligible. Complete details about this grant program are in the "ADOT Coordinated Mobility Grant Guidebook."

Applications are due <u>March 18, 2021 at 4:00 PM</u>. Late applications will not be accepted. Additional information may be found on the ADOT website at, <u>ADOT Transit Programs and Grants</u>. If you have questions about the Section 5310 program, please contact program staff: Lindsay Post, <u>lpost@azdot.gov</u> or Sara Allred, <u>sallred@azdot.gov</u> or 602-712-4498.

We look forward to receiving your application. Thank you for your interest in FTA funding.

Sincerely,

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