

Illinois Department of Transportation
Division of Public and Intermodal Transportation
Section 5310 Transportation Assistance Grant Program



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SECTION 5310 TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM

To provide special assistance in meeting
transportation needs of Elderly Persons
and Persons with Disabilities

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NAME OF PROGRAM. Specialized Transportation Program, as authorized by the Federal Transit Administration, 49 USC Section 5310

THE PROGRAM. Section 5310 of the Federal Transit Act declares it to be the national policy that elderly persons and persons with disabilities shall have the same right as other persons to utilize mass transportation facilities and services. And that all planning and design of transportation programs shall contain provisions implementing this policy.

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) is the agency designated by the Governor to administer the program. The program funds are used to purchase small buses and vans for local programs throughout the state. 80% of the costs of the vehicles comes from federal funding; the remaining 20% are from state or local funds. IDOT develops specifications, prepares bid packages and establishes term contracts for the purchase of all vehicle awards on behalf of program recipients.

TO RECEIVE APPLICATION MATERIAL.

All agencies on the department's Section 5310 mailing list will automatically receive application information at the beginning of each calendar year. To be included on the department's mailing list, simply complete the attached request form and mail it to the address indicated.

FUNDING CYCLE. Funds are available each calendar year and are distributed through a competitive application process. Application instructions are sent to all agencies currently listed on the Department's Section 5310 mailing list during the month of January. The department offers application training classes and applications shall be returned to IDOT by the middle of April.

PROGRAM GOALS.

- Maintain a safe fleet of vehicles to service the statewide transportation needs of elderly persons and persons with disabilities.
- Provide for an equitable distribution of resources statewide to support the continuation of existing services as well as the growth of existing or new services, when warranted.

- Maximize the distribution and allocation of resources so as to promote regional coordination among recipients and with other complementary programs.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS. Eligible applicants for the Section 5310 Transportation Assistance Grant Programs are:

- Private nonprofit corporations and associations organized for the specific purpose of assisting in providing transportation services to meet the special needs of elderly persons, persons with disabilities and/or persons for whom mass transportation services are unavailable, insufficient or inappropriate.
- Public bodies approved by IDOT as the local "Coordinated Service Provider" for elderly persons and persons with disabilities.
- Public bodies which certify to IDOT that no nonprofit corporations or associations are readily available in an area to provide the service.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS.

- Applicants are required to provide proof of eligibility and must complete an application form obtained from IDOT.
- The application requests must be approved and authorized by resolution by the applicant's board, council or by appropriate governing body.
- The applicant must demonstrate management and financial capability to operate a transportation service.
- All applicants must compete on an annual basis for grant awards.

EVALUATIONS. Applications are evaluated and ranked using the following criteria:

- The utilization of the vehicle for transporting transit-dependent elderly and/or passengers with disabilities.
- The level of coordinated service partnerships among transportation providers.
- A management plan showing the ability of the applicant to operate, maintain and finance their transportation service operation.
- The documented need for transportation service.
- The need for the vehicle.

If you have any general questions call the Section 5310 Program Manager at (312) 793-2111.

To be placed on the Department's Section 5310 Mailing List, please provide the following information. Once on the mailing list you will automatically receive pre-application material each year.

PLEASE PRINT

Contact person

Agency name

Address

Phone () _____

Fax () _____

E-Mail _____

Mail this request to:

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Or fax your request to:

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Additional information may be obtained at the department's Internet address:

<http://www.dot.state.il.us>