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5310 and JARC (5307) Call for Projects

General Information

- Previous Call for Projects ran from January to March 2025
 - Call for Projects was delayed due to Helene
 - Contracting currently underway for previous cycle
 - Submission for 6 – 5310 projects, 1 – JARC project
 - Funded 5- 5310 projects, 1 – JARC project

General Information

- Call for Projects largely identical to last round
 - Changes made to scoring to reflect current Executive Orders
 - Request for information on previous system performance added to application at request of City of Asheville
 - # of rides
 - # of volunteers engaged
 - Preparatory information added relative to the use of indirect cost plans

5310 Overview

Title 49 U.S.C. 5310 authorizes the formula assistance program for the Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program and provides formula funding to States, Designated Recipients, and State or local governmental authorities that ***operate a public transportation service (recipients) to improve mobility for seniors and individuals with disabilities.*** This program provides funds for capital and operating expenses to recipients for:

- Public transportation projects planned, designed, and carried out to meet the needs of seniors and individuals with disabilities when public transportation is insufficient, inappropriate, or unavailable.
- Public transportation projects that exceed the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.).
- Public transportation projects that improve access to fixed-route service and decrease reliance on complementary paratransit; and
- Alternatives to public transportation projects that assist seniors and individuals with disabilities with transportation.

FY 2025's Section 5310 Allocation	
FY 2025 FTA Section 5310 Funds Available to Asheville UZA	\$486,152
Section 5310 Admin at 10%	\$48,615
Remaining Section 5310 after Admin	\$437,537

JARC Overview

The Job Access Reverse Commute grant program is intended to fund the **development and maintenance of transportation services designed to transport welfare recipients and eligible low-income individuals to and from jobs and activities related to their employment.**

*Per the FBRMPO 5307 suballocation formula, JARC is an elective program for which 10% of funds is set aside from the region's allotment to fund the program.

FY 2024's Section 5307 (JARC) Allocation	
Regional JARC - FY 2024 at 10% of FTA 5307 Amount allocated to Asheville Urbanized Area	\$ 420,732

Call for Projects Timeline

FY2025 Call for Projects Application Timeline	
October 16, 2025	5310 and JARC Call for Projects opens
January 15, 2026	5310 and JARC applications due to FBRMPO
February 4, 2026	FBRMPO Prioritization Subcommittee meets to review 5310 and JARC applications
February 12, 2026	TCC approves 5310 and JARC project selection
February 19, 2026	MPO Board votes on 5310 and JARC project selection
March 19, 2026	MPO Board approves TIP Amendments for 5310 and JARC projects

Next Steps

- Request TCC recommendation to approve Call for Projects
- Request Board approval for call for projects
- Release of application materials on website
- E-mail to previous applicants and interested parties

Important Notes

- FTA has recently revised its formula funding circulars as of September 2024.
- Applicants are strongly encouraged to review the circulars prior to applying to ensure their program fits within the programmatic definitions.
- Successful applicants will be required to provide:
 - Annual financial audit information along with findings pertinent to federal grants.
 - Active collective bargaining agreements