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5310 and JARC (5307) Call for Projects

Purpose of 5310 Funding

Provides federal funding to **improve transportation options for seniors and individuals with disabilities**, particularly when traditional public transportation is unavailable or insufficient.

Funds may support:

- Specialized transportation services
- Accessibility improvements beyond ADA requirements
- Better access to fixed-route transit
- Alternative transportation and mobility services

Goal: Expand mobility and reduce transportation barriers.

Traditional vs. Non-Traditional Projects

- **Traditional — 55% Minimum**
- Capital projects serving seniors and individuals with disabilities
- Addresses gaps where transit is unavailable or insufficient
- **Nontraditional — Up to 35%**
- Projects exceeding ADA requirements
- Improves access to fixed-route transit
- Reduces reliance on paratransit
- Provides alternative transportation options

Examples of Traditional Projects

- Vehicle rehabilitation (e.g. radios, wheelchair lifts, ramps)
- Passenger facilities (benches, shelters, amenities)
- Intelligent transportation systems (including scheduling, routing, one-call systems)
- Dispatch and fare collection systems
- Lease of equipment when it is more cost-effective
- Mobility management
- Coordination programs among public transportation providers and other human service agencies

Examples of Non-Traditional Projects

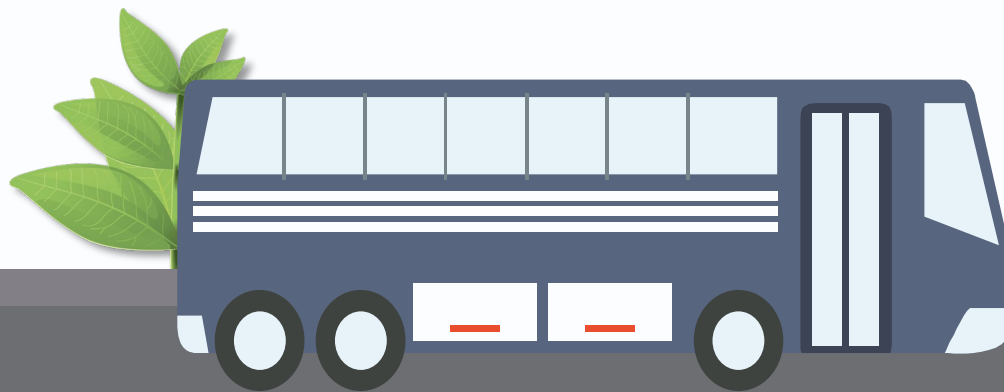
- Expanded paratransit beyond ADA distance or service-hour requirements
- Enhanced rider assistance, including escorts and door-to-door support
- Accessibility upgrades at transit and intermodal stations
- Accessible paths to bus stops, including sidewalks, curb cuts, and signals
- Improved signage and wayfinding
- Accessibility technology, including ITS
- Alternative transportation for seniors and individuals with disabilities

FY 2025's Section 5310 Allocation	
FY 2025 FTA Section 5310 Funds Available to Asheville UZA	\$521,202
Section 5310 Admin at 10%	\$52,120
Remaining Section 5310 after Admin	\$469,082

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.**

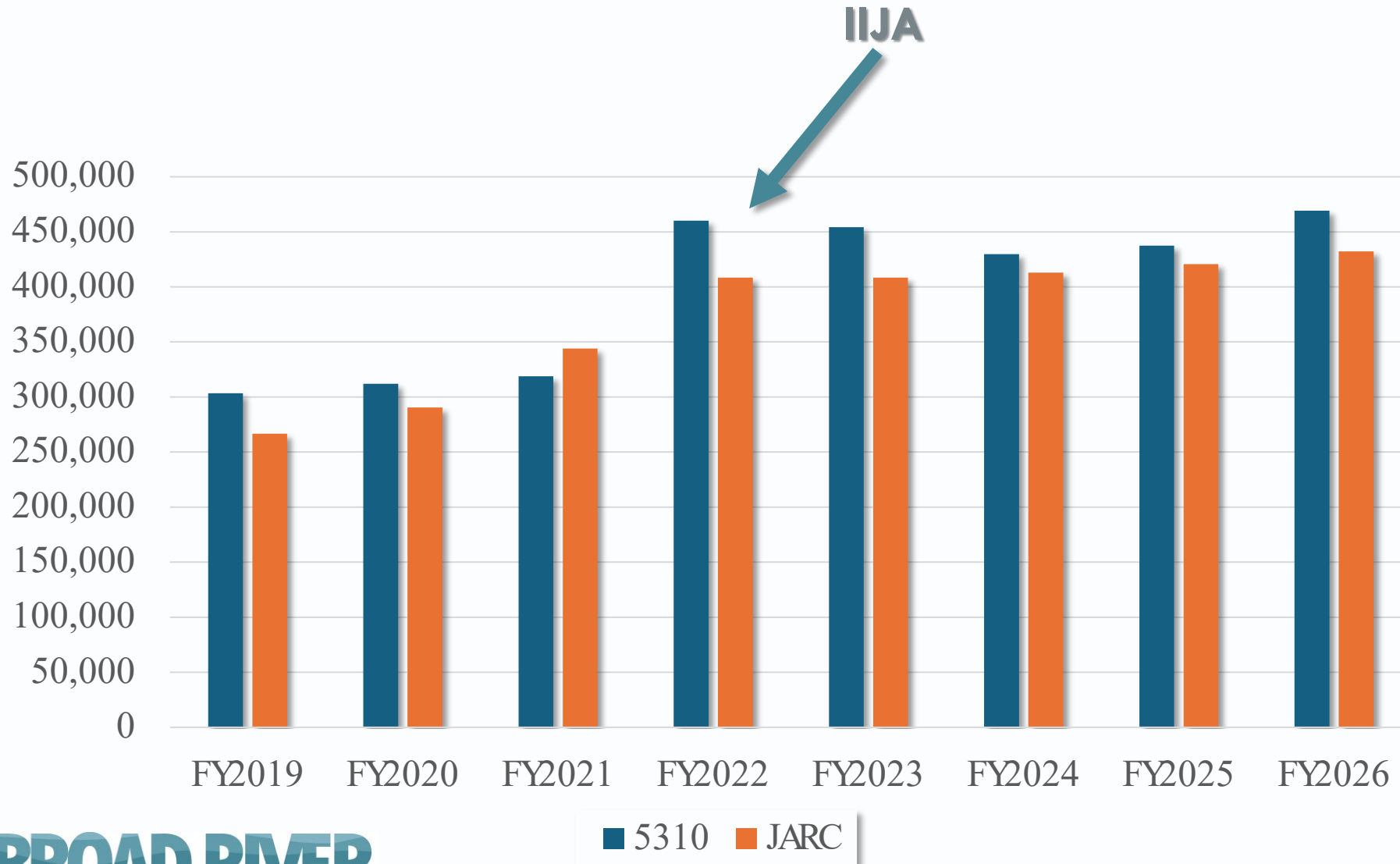
*Per the FBRMPO 5307 suballocation formula, JARC is an elective program for which 10% of funds is set aside from the region's allotment to fund the program.



FY 2024's Section 5307 (JARC) Allocation

Regional JARC - FY 2024 at 10% of FTA 5307 Amount allocated to Asheville Urbanized Area	\$ 432,261.70
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Historic 5310/JARC Allocation Trends



Previous Call for Projects

- Previous Call for Projects ran from October 2025 to January 2026
 - Contracting currently underway for previous cycle
- Submission for 4 – 5310 projects, 1 – JARC project
 - Funded 4- 5310 projects, 1 – JARC project



General Information

- Call for Projects largely identical to last round
 - Added assurances that applicants were familiar with FTA Circular 9070.1H in 5310 application.
 - Added section eliciting additional detail regarding purchases made utilizing 5310 funds.
 - Added assurances that applicants were familiar with FTA Circular 9050.1A in JARC application.

Call for Projects Timeline

FY2026 Call for Projects Application Timeline	
September 18, 2026	5310 and JARC Call for Projects opens
December 17, 2026	5310 and JARC applications due to FBRMPO
January 6, 2027	FBRMPO Prioritization Subcommittee meets to review 5310 and JARC applications
January 14, 2027	TCC approves 5310 and JARC project selection
January 21, 2027	MPO Board votes on 5310 and JARC project selection
February 18, 2027	MPO Board approves TIP Amendments for 5310 and JARC projects

Next Steps

- 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

Next Steps



TCC Recommendation

To Approve Call for Projects



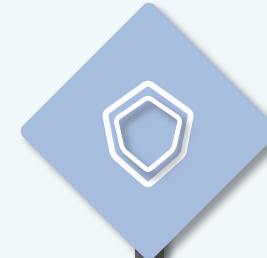
Board Approval

To Release Call for Projects



Release Application Materials

Application materials are made available on the website



Notify Previous Applicants

