

FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION SECTION 5310
2020 FUNDING PROCESS OVERVIEW
Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities



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Purpose

The Section 5310 program is intended to enhance mobility of seniors and individuals with disabilities. The Section 5310 program funds programs to serve the special needs of transit-dependent populations beyond traditional public transportation services and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) complementary paratransit services.

Submission

Applications must be received in the Sioux Falls MPO / SECOG office by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 14, 2020. The application may be submitted via mail or hand-delivered, with original signatures where appropriate, to the Sioux Falls Metropolitan Planning Organization, 500 N. Western Avenue, Suite 100, Sioux Falls, SD 57104. You may also submit an electronically signed copy of the application to jim@secog.org.

Please read this Funding Process Overview before you complete the application. It will give you a better understanding of the Program and the information that should be included in your application

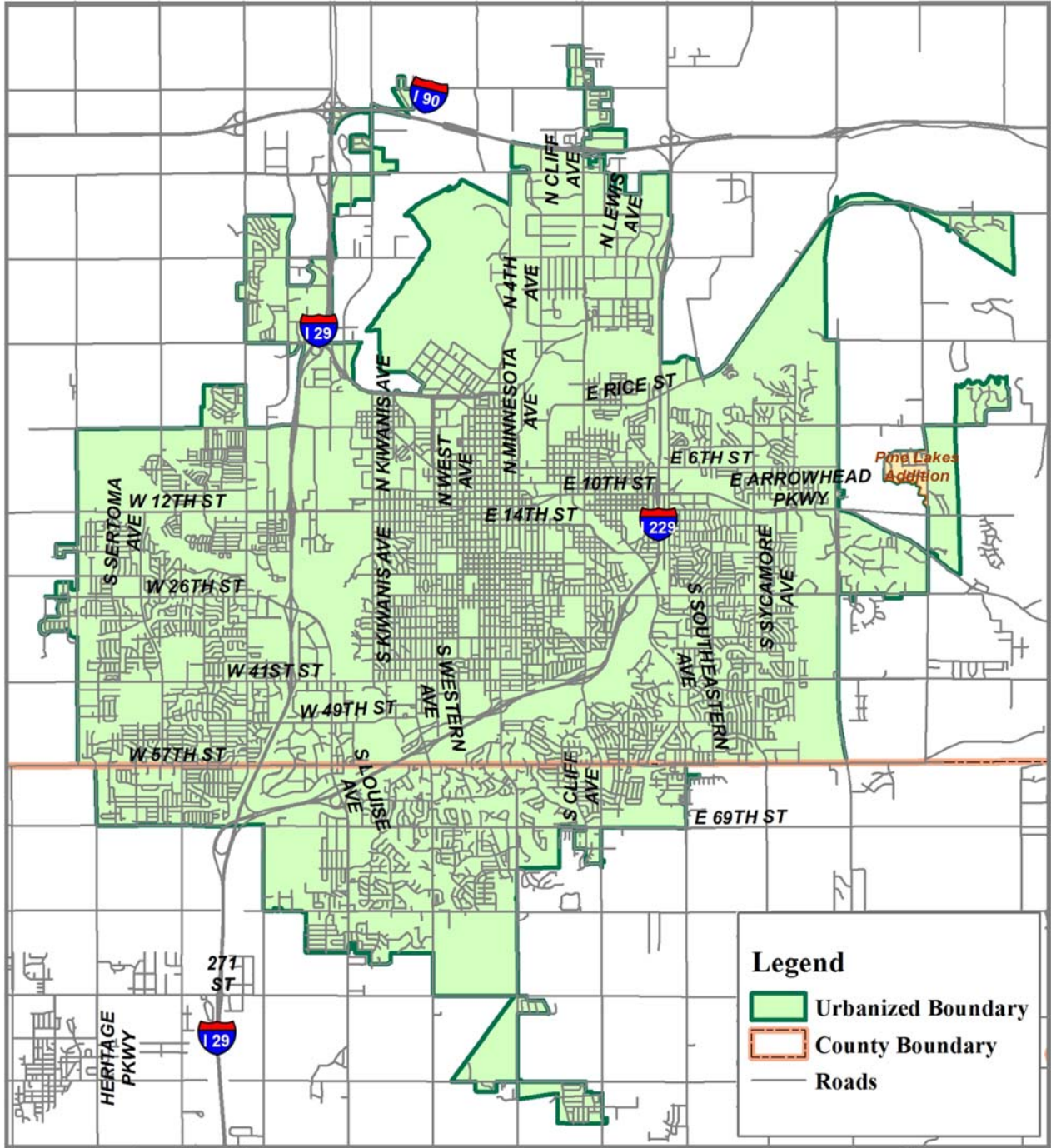
You may attach additional pages to the application if needed to address the questions in the application. Incomplete or late applications will not be accepted.

Coordinated Public Transit - Human Services Transportation Plan

All projects that are approved for funding must be included in the locally developed, Coordinated Public Transit – Human Services Transportation Plan. In this context, project means strategy, activity or action. Please review the strategies identified in the current [Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan](#). The Coordinated Plan examines transportation needs of certain targeted groups and strategies intended to address those needs and ways to coordinate services among the many providers of transportation services and providers of human services.

Eligible Recipients

Applications will be accepted only from organizations which serve Seniors and/or Persons with Disabilities in the Sioux Falls Urbanized Area, as shown in green on the map below.



Eligible Section 5310 Activities

Traditional:

- vehicles
- wheelchair lifts, ramps, and securement devices
- transit-related information technology systems
- mobility management programs
- acquisition of transportation services under a contract, lease, or other arrangement
- both capital and operating costs associated with contracted service are eligible capital expenses

Nontraditional:

- travel training
- volunteer driver programs
- building an accessible path to a bus stop, including curb-cuts, sidewalks

These are not all-inclusive lists.

Note: Under MAP-21, the program was modified to include projects eligible under the former Section 5317 New Freedom program, described as capital and operating expenses for new public transportation services and alternatives beyond those required by the ADA, designed to assist individuals with disabilities and seniors.

Statutory References

49 U.S.C. Section 5310 / Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act 3006 (FAST)

Project Evaluation

Completed applications submitted on time will be part of a competitive selection process coordinated by the Sioux Falls MPO.

Projects will be evaluated on the following:

- Supports Coordinated Plan and demonstrates willingness to participate in coordinated activities
- Organization's need for funding of project
- Number of persons served, hours of operation, annual miles, and limitations of service
- Organization's ability to continue project in the future
- Quality, scope, effectiveness, and sustainability of the project
- Organization's management capability including experience in managing transportation services
- Efficient use of funds

Funding

Available funding for this application: \$250,000 - \$285,000

Project Reporting

If funding is approved for your project, there will be on-going reporting responsibilities. Information such as increases or enhancements that impacted the availability of transportation, individuals served, service miles, coordination efforts, and sustainability may be required. In addition, the funded organization will be required to comply with various federal requirements and federal certifications and assurances such as civil rights, drug and alcohol testing, procurement, and others. These responsibilities and requirements will be outlined through an agreement between the recipient and the South Dakota Department of Transportation.

Section 5310 Program Application Schedule:

Application Announcement: January 3, 2020

Applications Due: February 14, 2020, 5:00 p.m.

Period of Sioux Falls MPO's Review, Evaluation and Approval Process Ends: April 24, 2020

SD Department of Transportation Notification to Applicants: TBD