

2018
FUNDING PROCESS OVERVIEW FOR
FTA SECTION 5310
OPERATING FUNDS ONLY
Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities



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Submission

Applications are available March 15, 2018.

Applications must be received in the Sioux Falls MPO / SECOG office by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 12, 2018. 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 planner105@secog.org.

Please read this Funding Process Overview before you attempt to 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.

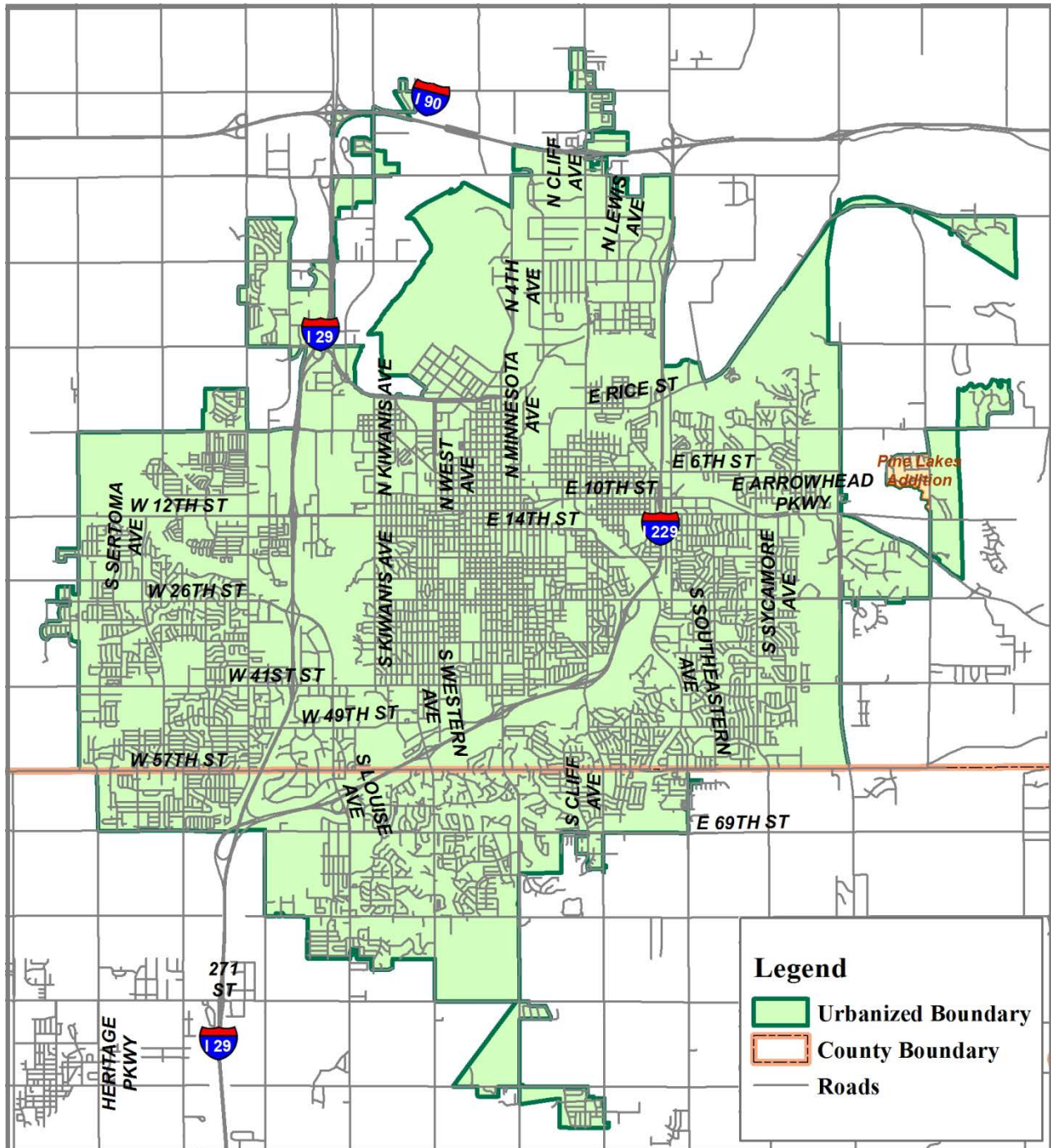
Incomplete or late applications will not be accepted.

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 view the Coordinated Plan at www.SiouxFallsMPO.org. 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 Activities

Traditional Section 5310 project examples include:

- buses and vans
- wheelchair lifts, ramps, and securement devices
- transit-related information technology systems, including scheduling/routing/one-call systems
- mobility management programs
- acquisition of transportation services under a contract, lease, or other arrangement

Nontraditional Section 5310 project examples include:

- travel training
- volunteer driver programs
- building an accessible path to a bus stop, including curb-cuts, sidewalks, accessible pedestrian signals or other accessible features
- improving signage, or way-finding technology
- incremental cost of providing same day service or door-to-door service
- purchasing vehicles to support new accessible taxi, rides sharing and/or vanpooling programs
- mobility management programs

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 local 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; the 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: Approximately \$200,000

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 with the recipient and the SDDOT.

Section 5310 Program Schedule:

Applications available: March 15, 2018

Applications Due: April 12, 2018, 5:00 p.m.

Period of Sioux Falls MPO's Review, Evaluation and Approval Process Ends: April 25, 2018

SDDOT Notification to Applicants: TBD