U.S. Department of Transportation
Federal Transit Administration

MAP-21
Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century

# FACT SHEET:
# ENHANCED MOBILITY OF SENIORS AND INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES
## SECTION 5310

| | FY 2013 (in millions) | FY 2014 (in millions) |
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| Formula Grants for the Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities | $254.8 | $258.3 |

**Purpose**

This program is intended to enhance mobility for seniors and persons with disabilities by providing funds for programs to serve the special needs of transit-dependent populations beyond traditional public transportation services and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) complementary paratransit services.

**Statutory References**

49 U.S.C. Section 5310 / MAP-21 Section 20009

**Eligible Recipients**

- States (for all areas under 200,000 in population) and designated recipients.
- Subrecipients: states or local government authorities, private non-profit organizations, or operators of public transportation that receive a grant indirectly through a recipient.

**Eligible Activities**

- At least 55% of program funds must be used on capital projects that are:
  - Public transportation projects planned, designed, and carried out to meet the special needs of seniors and individuals with disabilities when public transportation is insufficient, inappropriate, or unavailable.
- The remaining 45% may be used for:
  - Public transportation projects that exceed the requirements of the ADA.
  - Public transportation projects that improve access to fixed-route service and decrease reliance by individuals with disabilities on complementary paratransit.
  - Alternatives to public transportation that assist seniors and individuals with disabilities.

**What's New?**

- Consolidates New Freedom Program and Elderly and Disabled Program.
- Operating assistance is now available under this program.

**Funding**

- Funds are apportioned for urbanized and rural areas based on the number of seniors and individuals with disabilities.
- Federal share for capital projects (including acquisition of public transportation services) is 80%.

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**Funding (cont.)**

- Federal share for operating assistance is 50%.
- Adopts New Freedom funding allocations:
  - 60% to designated recipients in urbanized areas with a population over 200,000.
  - 20% to states for small urbanized areas.
  - 20% to states for rural areas.

**Ongoing Provisions**

- Local share may be derived from other federal (non-DOT) transportation sources or the Federal Lands Highways Program under 23 U.S.C. 204 (as in former Section 5310 program).
- Permits designated recipients and states to carry out competitive process to select subrecipients.
- Recipients must certify that projects selected are included in a locally developed, coordinated public transit-human services transportation plan. The plan must undergo a development and approval process that includes seniors and people with disabilities, transportation providers, among others, and is coordinated to the maximum extent possible with transportation services assisted by other federal departments and agencies.
- Permits acquisition of public transportation services as a capital expense.
- Up to 10% of program funds can be used to administer the program, to plan, and to provide technical assistance.

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