

## **Applications for FTA 5310 Funds for the Mobile Urban Area *deadline September 12, 2018***

The South Alabama Regional Planning Commission is responsible for the management and administration of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Urban Area Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility for Seniors & Individuals with Disabilities Transportation program in the Mobile Urbanized Area. The goal of the 5310 Program is to improve mobility for seniors and individuals with disabilities by removing barriers to transportation services and expanding the transportation mobility options available. The FTA 5310 Program provides financial assistance for transportation services planned, designed, and carried out to meet the special transportation needs of seniors and individuals with disabilities.

This program provides grant funds for capital, mobility management, and operating expenses for:

- 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;
- Public transportation projects that exceed the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA);
- 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 and with transportation.

Eligible Recipients for the Mobile Urban Area 5310 funds include:

- Private non-profit agencies providing transportation services that meet the special needs of seniors and individuals with disabilities.
- Local governmental agencies approved by the state to coordinate service for the seniors and individuals with disabilities.
- Governmental authorities certifying that no non-profit organizations are readily available in an area to provide the service.
- An operator of public transportation that receives a Section 5310 grant indirectly through a recipient. Private taxi companies that provide shared-ride taxi service to the general public on a regular basis are operators of public transportation, and therefore eligible subrecipients (nontraditional projects only)

SARPC will accept grant applications until September 12, 2018 at noon for Fiscal Year 2019 Mobile Urban Area 5310 funds. Please read the guidelines and application before attempting to complete it. The guidelines and application can be found online at <http://mobilempo.org/5310.html>.

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