

Program of Projects



Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities (5310)

Enhanced Mobility of seniors and Individuals with Disabilities (5310) is a formula assistance program for the special needs of elderly individuals and individuals with disabilities. This grant seeks to reduce barriers to transportation services and expand the transportation mobility options available to people with disabilities beyond the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. This grant authorizes funding for public transportation capital projects planned, designed and carried out to meet the special needs of elderly individuals and individuals with disabilities.

The Program of Projects (POP) identifies the sub-recipients and projects for which the designated recipient is applying for financial assistance. This POP was submitted to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for approval of Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities projects in the Nashville MPO urbanized area. This POP includes a brief description, total projects costs and Federal share for each project, and the amount of funds required for planning and program administration.

Designated Recipient: **Nashville Metropolitan Transit Authority**

5310 FY 2015 Initial Apportionment: \$697,361

Remaining to be used to fund POP: **\$567,627**

FY 15 Funding for Traditional Projects in this application: \$383,000 (55% of the apportionment)

5310 FY 2016 Apportionment: \$717,243

Amount to be used to fund POP: **\$286,076**

FY 16 Funding for Traditional Projects in this application: \$157,342 (55% of the apportionment)

Percentage of Funds Obligated to Traditional Capital Projects: **55%**

Total number of sub-recipients funded in this Program of Projects: **6**

Program Administration

The project administration funds will be used to manage the Mid-Cumberland CPT-HST process which will include but not limited to:

- Manage the public involvement components of the CPT-HST;
- Manage the RFP process;
- Manage the project submission process with the Nashville MPO;
- Manage FTA grant administration;
- To assure proper management and monitoring of projects, operating, accounting, financial and administrative systems for all awarded sub recipients.

Previously obligated funds will be utilized to administer the program.

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Connexus

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Agency Contact: Tina Hill, Tina.hill@connexusinc.org

Agency Type: Non-profit

Agency Service Area: Davidson, Rutherford Sumner, Wilson, and Williamson Counties

Agency Description: Connexus Inc. is a private nonprofit 501c (3) organization dedicated to providing high quality care and support to adults with developmental disabilities in the Middle Tennessee area. Connexus Inc. has been in business for 7 years. Connexus contracts with TN Division of Intellectual Disabilities as well as the Nashville Area Council on Aging. The programs that are offered to intellectually disable and seniors are Supported Living, Choices Community Living Services, Personal Assistance, Supported Employment, Respite, Community Based Day, and Family Based programs.

Project Description: Connexus Inc. seeks to enhance their door-to-door service by purchasing to additional two (2) accessible mini-vans; providing more frequent door-to-door services hours and shared-ride for people with disabilities, seniors, and veterans who cannot use or do not have access to bus or rail services. Connexus will provide expanded and extended transportation services to rural areas of LaVergne, Murfreesboro, Smyrna, Brentwood, Hendersonville, and Gallatin to 50 additional clients. The program will operate 8 hours daily. Additionally Connexus has proposed to increase their staff by six (6) people; purchase a Xerox copier or approved equal, three (3) HP Pavilion Desktops or approved equals, and three (3) computer cabinets.

Connexus, Round 8	Federal	State	Match	Total
EMSID Capital Award	\$65,743.00	\$8,218.00	\$8,218.00	\$82,178.00
EMSID Operating Award	\$92,040.00	\$46,020.00	\$46,020.00	\$184,080.00
Total Costs	\$157,783.00	\$54,238.00	\$54,238.00	\$266,258.00

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On Demand Paratransit

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Agency Contact: Bobby Daniels, Development Consultant, bobbydaniels@comcast.net

Agency Type: Non-profit **Agency Service Area:** Both rural and urban

Agency Description: Mr. Abdulkadir Mohamed is a time-tested problem solver and supervisor of drivers with a company that has provided overflow drivers for the Nashville Metropolitan Transit Authority's (MTA) AccessRide Program (MTA Paratransit System) since 2008. He has seen firsthand the challenges to the agency and consumers, as well as people with disabilities whose needs are not being met. Feeling he could make a positive impact, Mr. Mohamed shared his vision with others, and in January 2016 established Nashville On Demand Paratransit (ODP), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit paratransit agency, to provide more transportation options to all people who are elderly and those who have disabilities. He has procured a fleet of vehicles, including wheelchair accessible vans, like those utilized by MTA, and his drivers have received in-depth training and instruction in the accepted methods of interacting with customers with special needs. He strives to reach people who may not be currently receiving services, particularly those who do not speak English. He is passionate about enhancing the lives of people with disabilities through transportation! Rather than being in competition with Metro's paratransit system, he wishes to further network with AccessRide through MTA.

Project Description: On Demand Paratransit ("ODP" and/or "On Demand"), requested \$108,126 in EMSID Capital Funds from Nashville MTA RFP No. 2016716 for our Mobility for Life Program **for the purchase of two fuel efficient vehicles (sedans)** that will provide 55 MPG, to be utilized for ODP's "Advanced On Demand In-Vehicle Paratransit Technology" services. The total Budget for the two (2) vehicles and On Demand In-Vehicle Paratransit Technology is \$120,141, including installation in our existing 11-vehicle fleet, **and insurance & maintenance for 12 months for the two (2) requested autos.** Our request: \$96,112 Federal, \$12,014 State, and \$12,015 Local Applicant Match.

For the Nashville MTA's RFQ #2016692, EMSID & JARC FY 15, ODP requested funds for the purchase of one (1), Long Wheelbase Medium Roof V6 vehicle, with multiple wheelchair accessibility, to be used for paratransit services. The total Budget for this vehicle upgrade is \$75,059.00, including required dispatch software equipment, insurance and maintenance for 12 months. Number of unique individuals to be served, trip projections: The current On Demand Paratransit service consisting of 11 vehicles provides between 80 and 120 trips per day: $80 \times 365 = 29,200$ trips – $120 \times 365 = 43,800$ trips annually. One new vehicle would increase the number of trips $2,655$ trips – $3,982$ trips annually: $29,200$ trips \div 11 vehicles = $2,654.55$ trips – $43,800$ trips \div $11 = 3,981.82$ trips annually.

On Demand Paratransit, Round 8B	Federal	State	Match	Total
EMSID Capital Award	\$96,113	\$12,014	\$12,014	\$120,121

On Demand Paratransit, Round 8	Federal	State	Match	Total
EMSID Capital Award	\$ 55,400.00	\$ 6,930.00	\$ 6,930.00	\$69,300.00
EMSID Operating Award	\$ 2,880.00	\$ 1,440.00	\$ 1,440.00	\$ 5,760.00
Total Costs	\$ 58,280.00	\$ 8,370.00	\$ 8,370.00	\$ 75,060.00

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Nashville Metropolitan Transit Authority (MTA)

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Agency Contact: Felix Castrodad, felix.castrodad@nashville.gov

Agency Type: Governmental agency

Agency Service Area: Nashville/Davidson County

Agency Description: The Metropolitan Transit Authority (MTA) was formed in 1973 for the purpose of stabilizing existing public transportation services and meeting other transportation needs of the citizens within Davidson County and visitors who visit the city and local areas. The Nashville MTA provides public transportation services to citizens and visitors within the Metropolitan Nashville area and is a component unit of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville & Davidson County.

Project Descriptions:

Project: Route 43 – Hickory Hills

The major goals of the Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities grant funding program is to continue to provide additional tools to overcome existing transportation barriers that face aging Americans and Americans with disabilities. While both of these populations seek integration into the workforce and want to participate in society there is a lack of adequate public transportation to meet their needs. Route 43 – Hickory Hills has been funded by the Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities grant program (formerly New Freedoms) since its inception in the fall of 2012 providing better transit opportunities along the Dickerson Road corridor and Old Hickory Boulevard. Using the FY2017 billing rate, the finance and scheduling department was able to calculate the annual cost of running Route 43 Hickory Hills bus service for the 2017 fiscal year. The analysis of the cost is as follows: At an hourly service rate of \$103.18 for Fiscal Year 2017, the Total Operating Cost for this service is approximately \$526,339. This number is derived from the total number of annual service hours (5,101.17) for this route trips. To stay in compliance with FTA's match requirements, costs for operating are broken down: 50% Federal Share, 25% State Match, 25% Agency Match. Therefore, broken down to be 50% Federal Share at \$263,169, 25% State Match at \$131,585, and 25% Agency Match at \$131,585.

Project: Route Travel Training

The major goals of the Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities grant funding program is to continue to provide additional tools to overcome existing transportation barriers that face aging Americans and Americans with disabilities. While both of these populations seek integration into the workforce and want to participate in society there is a lack of adequate public transportation to meet their needs. MTA is proposing enhancement to our current Travel Training Program. The purpose of the Travel Training is the provision of instructional services and support to persons with disabilities, seniors and other individuals who need assistance to use transportation independently. The increasing number of such individuals who want and need to develop independent travel skills and/or maintain their independent mobility in the community has created a demand for travel training services. A travel trainer will conduct a basic assessment to determine the options available for a customer's travel needs. The training is customized to teach the skills you need to ride. Many learn how to read bus schedules so they can plan their trips, understand how to transfer to different buses and how to use bike racks, just to name a few. Travel training can last from one day, one week, or however long it takes for a customer to be comfortable using Nashville MTA fixed route services. This

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training is designed to teach the basics of travel training for new travel trainers, supervisors, and experienced travel trainers who need a refresher of the basics. It is a ten-module workshop including assessments, trip planning, assessing the path of travel, task analysis and trainer strategies, street crossing, riding the bus and train, and more.

MTA Hickory Hills, Round 8	Federal	State	Match	Total
EMSID Operating Award	\$216,321.00	\$108,160.50	\$108,160.50	\$432,642.00
MTA Travel Training, Round 8				
EMSID Operating Award	\$5,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$10,000.00
Total Costs	\$ 221,321.00	\$ 110,660.50	\$ 110,660.50	\$ 442,642.00

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Tennessee Kidney Foundation

37 Peabody Street, Suite 206, Nashville, TN / Davidson County 37210

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Agency Contact: Laura Nightingale, Program Manager, laura@tnkidney.org

Agency Type: Non-profit

Agency Service Area: Davidson County, Rutherford County, Sumner County, Maury County, Williamson County and Wilson County

Agency Description: The Mission of the Tennessee Kidney Foundation is to improve the health and well-being of Tennesseans affected by kidney disease through education, prevention, treatment and promotion of organ donation. In December 1969 a small group of physicians, businessmen, patients and their family members held the first meeting of the Nashville chapter of the Tennessee Kidney Foundation. In November 1972, the Nashville chapter of the Tennessee Kidney Foundation received an affiliate charter from the National Kidney Foundation becoming the NKF of Middle Tennessee. December 31, 2009 the National Kidney Foundation of Middle Tennessee *merged* into the Tennessee Kidney Foundation. Transportation for their patients is the number one concern and need of their patients.

Project Description: Funds will be utilized to improve coordination among other agencies and providers for a target population of elderly and disabled individuals by providing transportation fare to patients in the RTA/MTA service area to allow access to care. The Transportation Assistance Program has diversified funding among foundation grants, corporate gifts, individual gifts, and major gifts. TKF works every day to cultivate funding for the program with a long term vision of ever expanding the services. Funding will also be **utilized for design and implementation of a new webpage** dedicated to advertising the availability of the TKF transportation assistance program and a portal for social workers at dialysis and transplant centers to submit requests for assistance for individuals. This funding will be used to purchase a **new laptop computer** for the Program Manager to replace the dated computer she currently uses. The computer peripherals **include a mouse, keyboard, and other essential computer accessories**.

Tennessee Kidney Foundation, Round 8B	Federal	State	Match	Total
EMSID Capital Award	\$41,200	\$5,150	\$5,150	\$51,500

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Jefferson Street United Merchants Partnership, Inc.

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Agency Contact: Sharon W. Hurt, President/CEO, jumpnow@bellsouth.net

Agency Type: Non-Profit

Agency Service Area: Nashville / Davidson County

Agency Description: J.U.M.P., Jefferson Street United Merchants Partnership, Inc. is an organization dedicated to the revitalization of Jefferson Street, in the North Nashville community, and to the enhancement of life for all of the citizens of Nashville. JUMP's mission is to support the alliance of stakeholders in the Jefferson Street corridor and to develop, foster and promote cooperative economic revitalization, acquisition, education and public safety programs.

Project Description:

In 2015, JUMP purchased a 2008 Ford E450 Glaval 16 passenger and two wheelchair accessible positions bus. This bus purchase allows more productivity because the amount of time to obtain and return the rental bus over sixty miles per week, often during the most congested traffic times of the day, has been eliminated. The purchase also allows more flexibility of scheduling and for additional outings. Senior facilities contact the office regularly to schedule the bus for transportation to annual picnics, fishing trips, and other life-enriching excursions.

Additionally, JUMP has been approached to contract with additional senior facilities to provide transportation for their residents to and from physician and dentist appointments and facility outings on a more frequent basis. The **purchase of an additional shuttle** would allow JUMP to accommodate these requests and to employ additional members of the community as drivers and senior assistants.

JUMP, Inc., Round 8B	Federal	State	Match	Total
EMSID Capital Award	\$65,600	\$8,200	\$8,200	\$82,000

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Senior Citizens, Inc. dba Fifty Forward

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Contact: Gretchen Funk, Director of Supportive Care Services, gfunk@fiftyforward.org

Agency Type: Non-Profit

Agency Service Area: Nashville / Davidson County

Agency Description: Fifty Forward supports, champions, and enhances life for those 50 and older. For 60 years, since our establishment in 1956, FiftyForward has been devoted to supporting healthy aging and assisting vulnerable seniors to age in place. Offering comprehensive programs and services to encompass what twelve or more other agencies might accomplish, FiftyForward serves individuals through seven lifelong learning centers to engage active older adults, numerous supportive care programs: Adult Day Services, Meals on Wheels, Living at Home Care Management, Care Team, Victory Over Crime and Conservatorship. Volunteer programs including Retired Senior Volunteer Program, Friends Learning in Pairs and the Foster Grandparent Program get older adults active to benefit others in the community.

FiftyForward Adult Day Services is a TN Department of Human Services-licensed program that offers older adults with intellectual, developmental, physical and/or cognitive impairments the opportunity to participate in structured activities that enhance their abilities and safety. The program opened in 1972 and has been providing social model adult day services in the Nashville community for 45 years. Currently more than 20% of Adult Day Services participants have intellectual and developmental disabilities. In addition to program participants, family caregivers benefit from services that support their caregiving role and reduce the time away from work and other obligations.

Project Description:

Senior Citizens Inc. dba FiftyForward, hereinafter referred to as FiftyForward, requests funds for the **purchase of a replacement passenger van** to transport participants to and from FiftyForward's Adult Day Services program at 3511 Belmont Boulevard, Nashville, TN 37215. FiftyForward requests the funds necessary **for the purchase, registration and preparation of the vehicle for use for participants.**

FiftyForward's ability to provide transportation to Adult Day Services for seniors and individuals with disabilities increases the transportation options for these individuals who would otherwise be more isolated, experience a decline in their conditions, and perhaps no longer be able to live in the community but rather require institutional care which is more costly and more restrictive. Funding to **replace the current passenger van** would ensure continued improved mobility for the seniors and individuals with disabilities who attend FiftyForward Adult Day Services. It would simplify use of this essential program which could not be accessed for many participants without this transportation option. It will fill gaps in the existing transportation infrastructure which does not meet the needs of these frail and cognitively impaired older adults.

Senior Citizens, Inc. dba Fifty Forward, Round 8B	Federal	State	Match	Total
EMSID Capital Award	\$28,942	\$3,618	\$3,618	\$36,178