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Hi, thank you for calling the Federal Transit Administration. As I told you on the phone, federal funds for vehicles to provide transportation for older adults and people with disabilities are administered by state departments of transportation. Below is a link to information for this program available on the New York State DOT website. At the bottom of the page is the contact information for the NYS DOT Public Transportation Bureau. Good luck in your quest.

Section 5310 Elderly and Disabled Program

Best,
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Public Transportation Specialized Transportation

SECTION 5310 PROGRAM - ENHANCED MOBILITY OF SENIORS AND INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES

To provide not-for-profit organizations and other eligible applicants assistance to meet the specialized transportation needs of seniors and individuals with disabilities

Description of Program:

The Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Public Transportation grants program (49 USC, Section 5310) provides funding to improve accessibility and mobility for seniors and persons with disabilities. In New York State, the NYS Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) is the agency designated by the Governor to administer this federal funding program with oversight from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). The Section 5310 program funds are sub-allocated to large urbanized areas, small urbanized areas, and to the State for rural areas based on the size of the target populations.

Project Types

This program provides funds for vehicles, other capital including mobility management, and operating expenses to recipients 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) of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.);
- 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 with transportation.

This grant opportunity requires a 20% local share match for capital and mobility management projects, and a 50% matching share for operating projects. Vehicle purchases are completed through the use of the NYS Office of General Service (OGS) Adult bus Contract and require only the 20% local match at time of contract signing. Other projects are reimbursement based and require reporting forms and expense reports. These include, but are not limited to:

- Buses
- Vans and other paratransit vehicles
- Acquisition of transportation services under a contract, lease or other arrangement
- Mobility management
- Travel training
- Curb cuts
- Sidewalks
- Pedestrian signals or other accessible features
- Costs that are directly tied to transit operations

Eligible Providers:

Traditional projects for Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities grants are awarded to nonprofit organizations and/or local public entities who can certify that no nonprofits can perform the project or they are identified as the coordinating agency for these transportation services.

In order to be eligible to apply for non-traditional New Freedom-like projects (maximum of 45% of projects statewide) for federal funding under the FTA Section Enhanced 5310 program solicitation in the State of New York, the entity applying must be one of the following:

- A private not-for-profit organization incorporated within NYS
- A State or local Governmental Authority
- Operators of public transportation services, including private operators of public transportation services, who receive the 5310 grant indirectly through a recipient. Private taxi companies that provide shared-ride taxi service to the public or to special categories of users (such as seniors or individuals with disabilities) on a regular basis are also eligible recipients.
- A Indian Tribal Nation

Program Implementation:

A minimum of 55% of the available funding awards will go to traditional Section 5310 capital projects. Traditional Section 5310 projects are those public transportation capital projects planned, designed, and carried out (by eligible subrecipients) to meet the special needs of seniors and individuals with disabilities when public transportation is insufficient, inappropriate, or unavailable.

The remaining funds may support public transportation projects that exceed the requirements of the ADA, improve access to fixed-route service, decrease reliance by individuals with disabilities on complementary paratransit or provide alternatives to public transportation that assist seniors and individuals with disabilities. Due to the substantial change in allocations, NYSDOT has opted to fund up to 100% of awards toward vehicle capital projects for rural areas, as deemed best suited to meet the mobility needs of seniors and individuals with disabilities where public transit services are unavailable, insufficient or inappropriate.

Although vehicle requests are the priority for traditional funding, the Section 5310 program allows consideration for other eligible capital projects. Capital projects may include communications equipment; dispatch/scheduling software and hardware; and other related equipment to support an agency's needs.

Vehicle categories/classifications for this solicitation of project applications for federal funding assistance include:

Vehicle Classification	Ambulatory Adult Passenger Capacity	Vehicle Classification	Ambulatory Adult Passenger Capacity
LOTA	3A/1WC	LOT F Low-Floor	15A/2WC
LOT B	6A/1WC	LOT G	14A/2WC
LOT C	6A/1WC	LOT H	14A/2WC
LOT D	8A/1WC	LOT I	18A/2WC
LOTE	10A/1WC	LOT J	22A/2WC
LOT F Low-Floor	11A/2WC	LOT K	26A/2WC

(To be fully accessible and compliant with the ADA, all purchased vehicles must have a wheelchair lift (unless low-floor ramp) and wheelchair spaces. "A" refers to ambulatory and "WC" is wheelchair position)

Procurement Information:

For more information on procurements using FTA federal funds, including the OGS Bus Procurement coordinated between NYSDOT and OGS and used for FTA Section 5310 Program vehicle purchases, see the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Funded Procurement Information Page.



Spring 2025—Full Grant Letter of Inquiry Form

Field Hall Foundation supports programs and projects that improve the lives of older adults and caregivers in Dutchess, Putnam and Westchester Counties, NY. Priority is given to proposals focused on the basic needs of low-income older adults (60+ years old) and their unpaid caregivers.

The Foundation awards one-year small and full-sized grants. This Letter of Inquiry form is *for full grants only* (more than \$15,000). Visit the Foundation's website, fieldhallfoundation.org, for a Letter of Inquiry form for full grant requests, as well as guidelines and eligibility requirements.

Previous grant recipients are eligible to submit another Letter of Inquiry after a) at least one year has passed since receiving a grant, and b) a final report for that grant has been submitted to and accepted by the Foundation. *It is important to note* that, because of the large number of organizations the Foundation supports, previous grantees are generally not considered for another grant until approximately two years after receiving a grant.

If your organization is eligible to apply, complete the second page of this form and email it, along with a Letter of Inquiry (LOI) to phorvath@fieldhallfdn.org by **January 30, 2025**.

The LOI should include the following information and be a Word or pdf document, **two pages** or less, in black, 12-point Times New Roman type.

1. A brief introduction to the organization, including the mission and programs offered
2. A summary of the proposed program/project, the need it addresses, and its goal(s).
3. The approximate starting date and duration of the program/project. The grant period for the Spring 2025 grant cycle is from July 2025 to June 2026. Include an explanation if the proposal has a different timeline.
4. A preliminary budget showing how the requested funding will be allocated and if additional funding is needed for the program/project. Up to 10% of requested funding can be allocated for indirect/administrative costs. Refer to the Dates & Forms page on the Foundation's website, fieldhallfoundation.org, for all allowable costs.

5. How the program/project is typically, or will be, funded. Please note that the Foundation does not renew grants or award multi-year grants.

Contact: Patti Lavan Horvath, Program Officer: phorvath@fieldhallfdn.org or 914-813-9103

Field Hall Foundation
Spring 2025—Full Grant LOI Cover Sheet

Date:

Name of Organization:

Organization's Executive Director:

Contact Person and Title *(if not the Executive Director):*

Telephone Number:

E-mail:

Address:

Type of Organization: _____ 501(c)(3) Not-for-Profit _____ Local Unit of Government

Federal Tax Identification #:

Organization's Operating Budget: \$

Dates Covered by the Operating Budget (mo/day/year):

Proposed Program/Project Name:

Purpose of Program/Project *(one sentence):*

Focus Area(s) Addressed: ___ Food Insecurity ___ Home-based Care Services
 ___ Respite/Support Services for Caregivers ___ Safety/Security/Older Adult Abuse
 ___ Social Work/Case Management ___ Transportation
 ___ Other, *Specify:*

County(ies) Impacted: ___ Dutchess ___ Putnam ___ Westchester

Proposed Program/Project's Operating Budget: \$

Grant Amount Requested from Field Hall Foundation (over \$15,000): \$

Number of Unduplicated Older Adults/Caregivers Impacted by the Requested Funding: