

Capital District
Transportation Committee

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5310 Program Grant Solicitation 2016

NYSDOT released a solicitation for the 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program on May 31, 2016. **Applications are due on July 1, 2016.**

NYSDOT will screen all applications received by the deadline for completeness and that each met a set of minimum requirements. NYSDOT will then send each MPO the applications. CDTC expects to receive the applications during the second week of July if the total amount applied for exceeds available funds within the CDTC planning area, otherwise CDTC will receive applications sometime after the second week of July.

CDTC has established an evaluation committee comprised of staff from the NYS Department of Health, NYSDOT and CDTC. The evaluation committee will review each application based on evaluation methodology developed by NYSDOT in cooperation with the NYS MPOs, including consistency with CDTC's adopted Public Transit – Human Services Transportation Coordinated Plan. The evaluation committee will individually score each application and meet to discuss and finalize scores and rankings. CDTC staff will summarize the results and submit them to the Planning Committee for the August 2016 meeting and subsequently the Policy Board meeting in September. Selected projects will need to be programmed by September 30, 2016 to ensure the federal fiscal year (FFY) 2014 funds do not lapse.

Based on updated information provided by NYSDOT available 5310 amounts are as follows:

- 1) **For the Albany-Schenectady-Troy urbanized area:**
\$633,407 in combined remaining FFY 2014 funds and FFY 2015 funds
- 2) **For the Saratoga Springs urbanized area:**
\$98,995 in FFY 2015 funds

NYSDOT has informed the NYS MPOs there will be a solicitation in early spring 2017; any funds not programmed in this round will be available for programming next year.

The FAST Act did not result in significant changes to the 5310 program; eligible projects and other program requirements remain the same as the 2015 solicitation round. Proposed projects must be consistent with and address the identified needs, gaps and barriers listed in the Capital District's current Coordinated Plan adopted in September 2015. Coordination efforts are required. Please see: <http://www.cdtempo.org/rtcc/plan2015.pdf>

CDTC staff plans to organize and facilitate county-based meetings this fall. The purpose is to bring together county offices for aging/long term care representatives with municipal senior services staff and others to discuss the 5310 program and eligible project types in more detail as well as opportunities to participate in the Regional Transportation Coordination Committee. The goal is to potentially identify future coordination activities and potential collaborative efforts that may be good candidates for future 5310 grant submittals.