

STAFF REPORT
TTC Meeting January 13, 2021
SUBJ: Update on FTA 5310 Funding and the RVTPO's Program Projects

Annually, regional transit providers focused on meeting the transportation needs of older adults and people with disabilities apply for Section 5310 Program funds from the Federal Transit Administration. At a glance, the 5310 Program:

- Supports capital (including vehicles, equipment, and mobility management) and operating costs of transportation services
- Includes two types of funding:
 - Capital, which includes vehicles and mobility management; and
 - Operating.
- At least 55% of the annual 5310 apportionment must be spent on capital.
- Capital projects for vehicles follow a specific purchasing process administered by DRPT.
- Operating, mobility management, and capital projects are paid on a reimbursement basis for eligible expenses.
- Applications for funding are approved annually by the CTB as part of Six Year Improvement Program, (typically in June).
- Funding for approved programs and projects is available on October 1.

Program applications are due on February 1, 2022, and providers were required to notify the RVTPO by the end of December 2021. Staff has obtained the following information regarding the applications requests.

Applicant	Project Type	Project	Requested Amount	Match
Roanoke County (CORTAN)	Operating	Operating Service for one year	\$613,338	\$306,669 (50% Federal) \$245,335 (40% State) \$61,334 (10% Local)
enCircle	Capital	2 replacement minivans	\$130,000	\$104,000 (80% Federal) \$26,000 (20% Local)
LOA	Capital	1 9-passenger van w/lifts	\$70,000	\$56,000 (80% Federal) \$14,000 (20% Local)
RADAR	Capital	2 15-passenger vans	\$134,000	\$107,200 (80% Federal) \$26,800 (20% Local)

At the present time, the federal 5310 apportionment for the RVTPO service area is unknown. That information will be available by the end of January. Section 5310 are formula funds with typically \$230,000 (approximately) available for use in the RVTPO region annually. It is possible that approximately 30% more in additional funds will be provided for this round through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). The VA Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) administers the grant program for the RVTPO. At a future TTC meeting, staff will provide the apportionment amounts and discuss potential prioritization of regional projects. The Department of Rail

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and Public Transportation's Draft Six-Year Improvement Program will be released in March. In preparation for that release, staff anticipates coordination with DRPT on the region's 5310 priorities.

TTC Action: No action needed, for informational purposes only.