

Funds for the section 5300 programs are provided through the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), to the State of Arizona (ADOT). ADOT utilizes the local regional Council of Governments (COGs) (or MPOs) for the application process.

Once the application is submitted to ADOT, through WACOG, ADOT works directly with the recipient for delivery of the vehicle (5310s), and reimbursement for operations and mobility management grants.

Section 5310 Program

Elderly and Disabled Program

The Section 5310 Program is a “Capital Assistance” program that provides funds to meet the special transportation needs of elderly persons, and persons with disabilities.

- Capital assistance is provided on an 80 percent federal, 10 percent local matching basis
- Vehicle-related equipment needed to meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), and Clean Air Act Amendment (CAAA) requirements, is fundable on a 90 percent Federal, 10 percent local matching basis.
- Those eligible to receive Section 5310 funding include private nonprofit agencies, public bodies approved by the state to coordinate services for elderly persons, and persons with disabilities, or public bodies that certify to the Governor that no nonprofit corporations, or associations are readily available in the area to provide the service.

Anyone wanting to submit an application for a 5310 vehicle (or equipment), must first submit a ‘letter of intent’ to WACOG’s transportation department.

WACOG manages the annual application process for the Section 5310. Applications are usually available in February, and WACOG hosts an application workshop each year to assist potential applicants with their applications.

Applications submitted to WACOG are rated and ranked, and the results submitted to ADOT with a priority listing and recommendation for funding. ADOT has the final say on which applications are ultimately funded.

Normally city or town governments, and non-profits of all kinds apply for these vans.

Section 5310 Handbooks and Applications can be downloaded from the ADOT web site.

Once awarded, you will usually receive your vehicle 15 to 18 months later.

Section 5316 Program

Job Access and Reverse Commute program or JARC

JARC is a program under the Federal Transit Administration of the US Department of Transportation. The purpose of the JARC grant program is to assist states and localities in developing new or expanded transportation services that connect welfare recipients and other low-income persons to jobs and other employment related services. Job Access projects are targeted at developing new or expanded transportation services such as shuttles, vanpools, new bus routes, connector services to mass transit, and guaranteed ride home programs for welfare recipients and low-income persons. Eligible applicants include private non-profit organizations, State or local governmental authority, and operators of public transportation services including private operators of public transportation services.

Eligible activities for Job Access grants include capital, operating and planning expenses of services, equipment, facilities, and associated capital maintenance items related to providing access to jobs.

Section 5317 Program

New Freedoms

The purpose of the New Freedom grant program is to encourage services and facility improvements to address the transportation needs of persons with disabilities that go beyond those required by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Funds are available to support the capital and operating costs of new public transportation service targeted toward people with disabilities or public transportation alternatives that go beyond those required by the ADA.

Eligible recipients include private non-profit organizations, State or local governmental authority, and operators of public transportation services including private operators of public transportation services.

Once awarded, you can begin requesting reimbursement when you receive your contract.

Requirements

It is now a FTA requirement of award to attend regional coordination meetings, and be included in the coordination plan. Your award will be derived from the plan, therefore if you are not in the plan, your application will not be considered. Contact your WACOG transportation planner for details about upcoming meetings.

Section 5311 Program

Rural Public Transportation

The Section 5311 program provides funding for public transportation in non-urbanized areas. Non-urbanized areas are classified as having under 50,000 in population.

- Funding may be used for capital, and requires a match that varies each application year.
- Funding for Administrative and/or operation expenses is a 50/50 percent match.
- Coordination with other federally assisted transportation services is encouraged, and income received through purchase of service contracts with human service agencies may be used as local match.

Applications for Section 5311 grants are submitted by the applicant directly to the ADOT Public Transportation Division each year, usually in April. WACOG reviews all Section 5311 applications, and routinely sits on the statewide Section 5311 evaluation committee.

Section 5311 Handbooks and Applications can be downloaded from the [Public Transportation Division Website](#)

Transit Programs for the WACOG region include:

- Kingman Area Regional Transit
- Havasu Area Transit
- Bullhead Area Transit

WACOG's transportation staff is available to assist applicants with their Section 5311 applications, if desired.