

## 5310 Designated Recipient Roles/Responsibilities

### Designation Process for Large Urban Areas

- Large urbanized areas (population over 200,000) will require a new designation process for the 5310 Program.
- An MPO, State, or another public agency may be a preferred choice based on local circumstances.
- If the State is chosen as the designated recipient for a large urbanized area, funds apportioned to the large urbanized area must be allocated to agencies within the urbanized area.
- The designation of a recipient shall be made by the governor (FDOT is the designee for the Governor for FTA programs) in consultation with responsible local officials and publicly owned operators of public transportation.
- When the local transit agencies and responsible local officials choose a designated recipient, a letter seeking concurrence, with the appropriate documentation, is sent to FDOT.
- FDOT will provide a concurrence letter and the supporting documentation to FTA requesting the designation of the locally selected designated recipient.

### Program Administration Responsibilities

- Notifying eligible local entities of funding availability. Eligible local entities include private nonprofit agencies, public bodies approved by the state to coordinate services for elderly persons and persons with disabilities, or public bodies which certify to the Governor that no nonprofit corporations or associations are readily available in an area to provide the service.
- Developing project selection process, including selection criteria.
- Determining project eligibility.
- Developing program management plan.
- Developing program of projects.
- Maintaining satisfactory continuing control over capital assets procured with federal funds, including ensuring proper insurance is maintained, appropriate vehicle maintenance is performed and doing annual vehicle inspections.
- Ensuring that all subrecipients comply with federal requirements.

### Eligible activities

- At least 55% of the funds awarded must be used on capital projects that are 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.
- The 55% is a floor. Recipients may use more or all of their Section 5310 funds for capital projects.
- The remaining 45% **may be** used for:
  - Public transportation projects that exceed the requirements of the ADA.

- Public transportation projects that improve access to fixed-route service and decrease reliance by individuals with disabilities on complementary paratransit.
- Alternatives to public transportation that assist seniors and individuals with disabilities.

#### **Funding shares**

- Capital projects are eligible for 80% federal – 20% local funding.
- In the State administered program capital projects are eligible for 80% federal – 10% state – 10% local funding. Vehicles awarded under this program will still be ordered off of TRIPS Contracts and the order must be submitted to the TRIPS Order Specialist at CUTR.
- Operating projects are eligible for 50% federal – 50% local funding.
- There is no provision to allow the transferring of funds from large urbanized areas to either small urbanized or rural areas or between large urbanized areas.