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5310 GRANT MANUAL

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Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities

Central Florida Regional Transportation Authority



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Introduction and Contact Information

This application manual pertains to applications for Federal assistance under U.S.C. Section 5310, Formula Grants for the Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program, as administered by the Central Florida Regional Transportation Authority (dba LYNX). It contains program information, application forms, exhibits, and instructions.

This announcement is available on the LYNX website at: www.golynx.com (search keyword: 5310). LYNX will respond to any questions by posting to the LYNX website the questions and responses so that all applicants can benefit from any additional information.

Comments or questions related to the 5310 program or the application process may be sent to: smaldonado@golynx.com with the message heading "LYNX 5310 Comments/Questions". The deadline for submittal of questions related to the solicitation must be received by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, November 2, 2018.

Applicants should submit one (1) original proposal, three (3) copies, and LYNX Flash Drive. Proposals are to be addressed as follows for either mail or hand delivery (hand delivery is recommended to ensure on-time receipt):

LYNX
Attn: GRANTS
Re: 5310 Grant Application
455 N. Garland Avenue
Orlando, FL 32801

Grant Timeline

2018/19 Orlando and Kissimmee Urbanized Area Grant Timeline

TASK	DATE
Applications are published	Tuesday, October 2, 2018
<p>FDOT District 5 5310/5311/5339 Grant Workshop 420 W. Landstreet Road Orlando, FL 32824</p> <p>LYNX 455 N. Garland Ave. Orlando, FL 32801 2nd Floor Open Space</p>	<p>Tuesday, October 2, 2018 Presentation: 10:40am-11:10am Breakout Sessions: 2:55pm-3:30pm</p> <p>Friday, October 12, 2018 Registration: 1:30pm-2:00pm Presentation 2:00pm-3:30pm</p>
Application Assistance/Meet with CTC	October 2, 2018 to November 2, 2018
<p>Application Deadline Attn: GRANTS 5310 Grant Application 455 N. Garland Ave. Orlando, FL 32801</p>	<p>Friday, November 30, 2018 @ 5:00pm <u>Late applications will not be accepted</u></p>
Application Evaluations	November 30, 2018 to December 18, 2018
Pre-Award Meetings and Site Visits	January to February 2019
Notification Letters Sent	January 2019
LYNX Board of Directors Final Award Recommendations Approval	March 2019
Sub-Recipient Agreement and Notice to Proceed Issued	March 2019
Vehicle Delivery and Availability	Late Spring 2019

Summary of Section 5310 Grant Program

On July 6, 2012, President Obama signed the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21) which reauthorizes surface transportation programs of the Department of Transportation. MAP-21 replaced the former legislation, Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy For Users (SAFETEA-LU). On October 1, 2012, significant changes were made to Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) grant programs with the implementation of MAP-21. Under MAP-21, the Section 5310 program no longer provides a single apportionment to the State. The program now provides apportionments specifically for large urbanized, small urbanized and rural areas.

Federal guidelines now allow large Urbanized Areas (UZAs), with populations over 200,000, to directly administer Section 5310 funds. As the designated recipient, LYNX is responsible for conducting an area-wide competitive selection process for the program. In addition, LYNX serves as the Community Transportation Coordinator (CTC) for Orange, Osceola, and Seminole counties. This dual role affords LYNX insight as to how best utilize the funding made available by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to meet the purpose of the 5310 program.

The Section 5310 grant program makes funding available for capital and operating expenses to support the provision of transportation services to meet the specific needs of seniors (aged 65 and over) and individuals with disabilities when public transportation is insufficient, unavailable, or inappropriate. Please note, "it is not sufficient that seniors and individuals with disabilities are merely included (or assumed to be included) among the people who will benefit from the project" (FTA C 9070.IG, pg. III-9).

This application is open to funding projects for one to two years. LYNX reserves the right to award contingency projects and a second year of funding, based on the submitted applications.

Federal guidelines require that all eligible sub-recipients applying under the Section 5310 program must be included in the area's coordinated plan.

Eligibility

A list of eligible projects can be found in the FTA Circular 9070.IG; available for download at [http://www.fta.dot.gov/documents/C9070_IG_FINAL_circular_4-20-15\(1\).pdf](http://www.fta.dot.gov/documents/C9070_IG_FINAL_circular_4-20-15(1).pdf)

"Traditional" Eligible Projects (Capital and Mobility Management)

Eligible applicants for 5310 projects include Private nonprofit organizations; Governmental authorities that certify to the chief executive officer of a State that no nonprofit corporations or associations are readily available in an area to provide the service; and Governmental authorities approved by the State to coordinate services for seniors and individuals with disabilities. Of the amounts apportioned to states and designated recipients, not less than 55 percent shall be available for traditional 5310 projects; those public transportation capital projects planned, designed, and carried out to meet the specific needs of seniors and individuals with disabilities. Examples of capital expenses that meet the 55 percent requirement, which must be carried out by an eligible recipient or sub-recipient include, but are not limited to:

- Rolling stock and related activities for Section 5310 funded vehicles
- Passenger facilities related to Section 5310 funded vehicles
- Support facilities and equipment for Section 5310 funded vehicles
- Lease of equipment when lease is more cost effective than purchase.
- Acquisition of transportation services under a contract, lease, or other arrangement. This may include acquisition of American with Disabilities Act (ADA) complementary paratransit services when provided by an eligible recipient or sub-recipient as defined in section 5 of this chapter, above. Both capital and operating costs associated with contracted service are eligible capital expenses.
- Support for mobility management and coordination programs among public transportation providers and other human service agencies providing transportation. Mobility management is an eligible capital cost. Mobility management techniques may enhance transportation access for populations beyond those served by one agency or organization within a community.
- Capital activities (e.g., acquisition of rolling stock and related activities, acquisition of services, etc.) to support ADA complementary paratransit service

“Other” Eligible Projects (Operating and Capital) formerly New Freedom

Eligible recipients include private nonprofit organizations, State or local governmental authorities, and operators of public transportation services including private operators of public transportation services. The list of eligible activities is intended to be illustrative, not exhaustive. Recipients are encouraged to develop innovative solutions to meet the needs of individuals with disabilities in their communities. Up to 45% of a rural, small urbanized area, or large urbanized area’s annual apportionment may be utilized for:

- Public transportation projects (capital only) 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 (capital and operating) that exceed the requirements of ADA
- Public transportation projects (capital and operating) that improve access to fixed-route service and decrease reliance by individuals with disabilities on ADA complementary paratransit service
- Alternatives to public transportation (capital and operating) that assist seniors and individuals with disabilities with transportation.

Threshold Criteria

Threshold criteria are the minimum legal eligibility requirements. Applications must be for eligible services, eligible service areas, eligible recipients, eligible expenses, and provide evidence of local matching funds. Applicants must also ensure compliance with a number of other conditions placed on recipients of grants including, but not limited to, coordination of transit services, civil rights preservation, vehicle maintenance requirements, compliance with safety and drug free work place regulations, competitive procurement of goods and services bought with grant funds, Americans with Disabilities Act and references to the Federal Transit Administration’s Master Agreement (<https://www.transit.dot.gov/funding/grantee-resources/sample-fta-agreements/fta-master-agreement-fiscal-year-2018>).

FY19 5310 Competitive Grant Project Eligibility

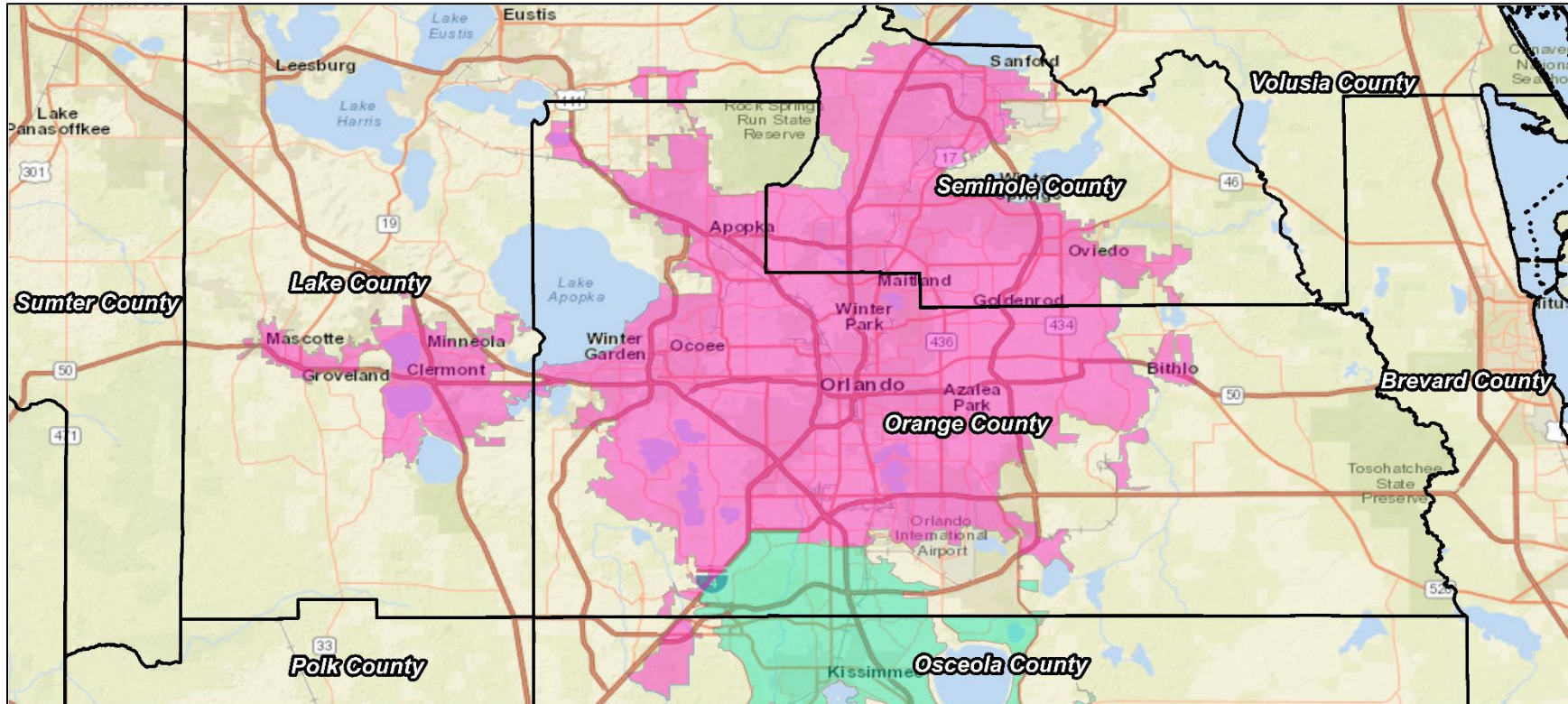
Under this competitive grant process examples of eligible projects are:

- Funding to support operations directly associated with the provision of transportation services for elderly and/or disabled persons.
- If also applying for vanpool vehicles, these operating dollars could cover driver wages, vehicle fuel, and administrative pay tied directly to scheduling/dispatching of trips and required program reporting/inspections
- If not utilizing vanpool vehicles, operating dollars could cover the above, as well as insurance and maintenance of vehicles used for transportation elderly and/or disabled persons

Urbanized Areas Boundary Maps

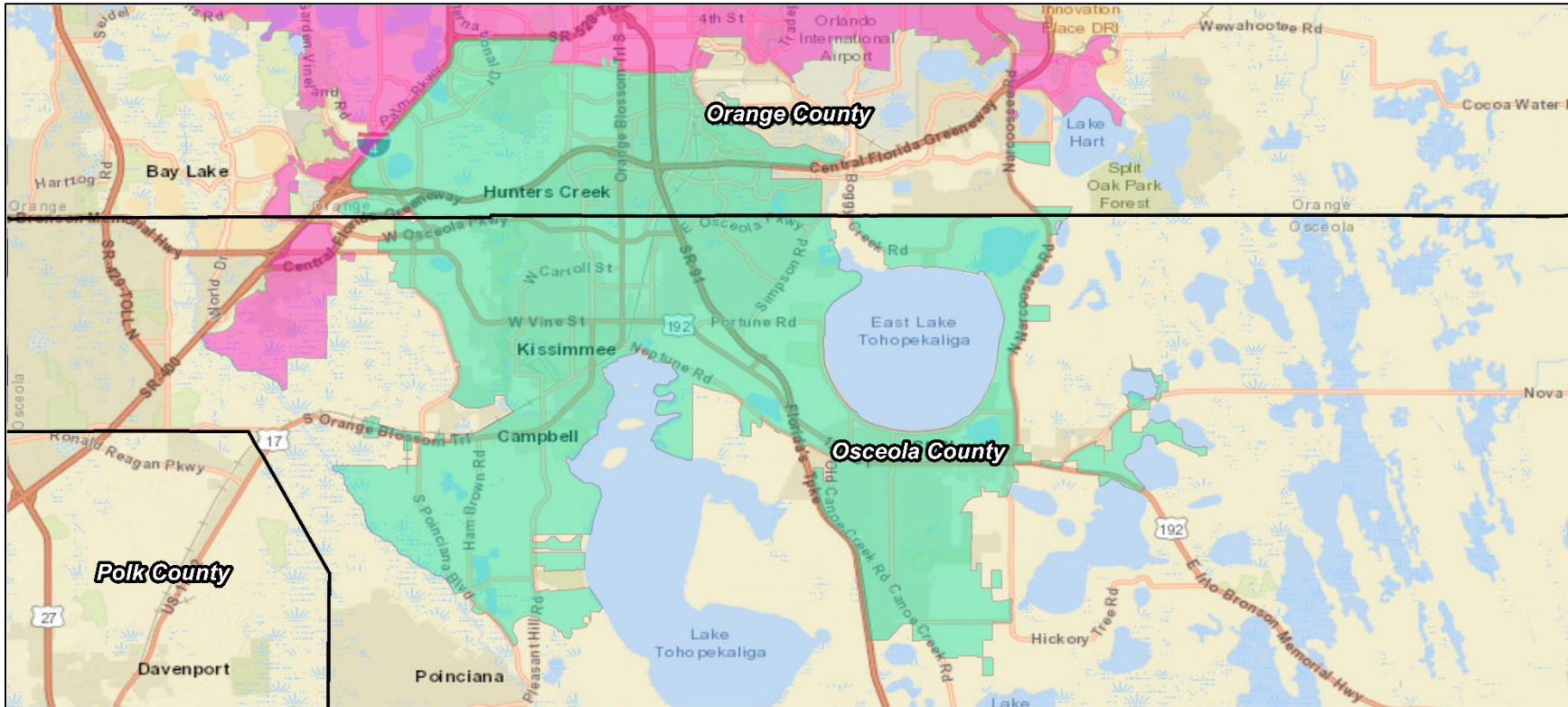
Urbanized Orlando Map

Please see following map for an overview of Orlando Urbanized area. The map can also be found on the LYNX interactive map website at: <https://arcg.is/ljbPfm>



Urbanized Kissimmee Map

Please see following map for an overview of Kissimmee Urbanized area. The map can also be found on the LYNX interactive map website at: <https://arccg.is/ljbPfm>



Service Across Urbanized and Non-Urbanized Area Boundaries

Applicants providing service across urbanized/non-urbanized area boundaries must employ a method of segregating the costs of services to show the percentage split of services provided within each respective area (urbanized and non-urbanized). Examples of methods that may be used to allocate costs include:

- Segregate urbanized and non-urbanized service miles based on route maps, and allocate system- wide costs accordingly
- Utilize driver logs to segregate service mileage or hours inside and outside the urbanized area, and allocate costs accordingly
 - **Other methods require written concurrence by the CTC before grant application due date.**

FY2019 Program Goals and Priorities

The goal of the Section 5310 program is to improve mobility for seniors and individuals with disabilities by removing barriers to transportation services and expanding the transportation mobility options available. Toward this goal, FTA provides financial assistance for transportation services planned, designed, and carried out to meet the special transportation needs of seniors and individuals with disabilities. The program requires coordination with other federally assisted programs and services in order to make the most efficient use of federal resources.

Vanpool vehicles managed by LYNX, under contract with Enterprise Rideshare, are the highest priority for this application process. Vanpools awarded under the 5310 program will provide funding for both replacement and expansion requirements. The innovative vanpool program allows the availability of capital combined with maintenance and insurance expenses, as part of the 5310 funding award. The “Traditional” capital vehicle grant application is consistent with previous Section 5310 and the availability of maintenance and insurance eligibility provides for the operating component.

LYNX will be purchasing vanpool vehicles through the LYNX procurement process. As such, vanpool vehicles selected for awards and vehicle acquisitions will be based on requirements established during the application process. Sub-recipients receiving awards will work with LYNX for any special vehicle requirements identified in the application.

All other requests will be of lower priority and depend on rating. Additional LYNX priorities are as follows:

- Maximize transportation resources to safely and efficiently transport the Urbanized Orlando and Kissimmee seniors and individuals with disabilities, by leveraging available techniques, tools, and technologies.
- Increase the mobility options for seniors and persons with disabilities across the urbanized portions of the LYNX service area, in a fiscally sustainable manner.
- Continue to provide for the special needs of elderly and persons with disabilities for

whom transportation services are unavailable, insufficient or inappropriate.

For those agencies/organizations with well-established vehicle maintenance and operating programs, and that prefer to own the vehicles they operate, LYNX may have a limited number of well-maintained vehicles available to transfer to a sub-recipient for the provision of transportation services to elderly and/or disabled persons.

- The sub-recipient will have to maintain and operate the vehicle(s) for the remainder of their useful life (one to two years).
- There is no guarantee a vehicle will be available for transfer; it is recommended that applicants also seek vanpool vehicles.
- Operating funds can also be requested to support transportation services provided to elderly and/or disabled persons via the transferred vehicles.
- Applicants should indicate within the Proposed Project Description section of the grant application if they are requesting transfer vehicles, the rationale for this request, and how it will fit within the 5310 funding guidelines.
- Vehicles to be replaced by a transfer vehicle should be highlighted in yellow on the Vehicle Inventory attachment.

Funding and Matching Requirements

The section 5310 vanpool and operating awards will be funded 50% federal and 50% local cash. The Section 5310 federal share of eligible expenses may not exceed 50%. Some combination of state, local, or private funding sources must be identified and committed to provide the required non-federal share. The non-federal share must be cash. Funds may be local, private, state, or (up to one half) unrestricted Federal funds. Funds may not include any borrowed against the value of capital equipment funded in whole or in part by State and/or Federal sources.

The Section 5310 Program permits up to one half of the required match to be derived from other unrestricted Federal funds. Federal funds are unrestricted when a Federal agency permits its funds to match Section 5310. Essentially, all Federal Social Service Programs using transit services are unrestricted; other USDOT Programs are not.

Contract revenue from the provision of transportation services to social service agencies may also be used as local match. The costs associated with providing the contract revenue service must be included in the project budget if using contract revenue as match.

Any funds committed as match to another Federal program may not be used to match Section 5310 funds.

Application and Project Selection Process

LYNX is responsible for conducting an area-wide competitive selection process for the program. Project funding will be determined by a regional competitive selection process coordinated by LYNX, as the CTC, and a local Evaluation Committee. The Evaluation Committee is made up of individuals that represent the interests of the elderly and persons with disabilities, as well as mobility across the region.

Application Process

All potential applicants for the Section 5310 grant program in the Orlando/Kissimmee UZA will be offered the following training and technical support.

- **Regional Grant Workshops**

Regional Section 5310 Grant Workshops will be offered to all potential applicants applying in the UZA. The workshop(s) for the 2019 funding cycle will be held on Tuesday, October 2, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at 420 W. Landstreet Road, Orlando, FL 32824 and Friday, October 12, 2018 from 1:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the LYNX Central Station, 455 N Garland Avenue, 2nd floor open space, Orlando, FL 32801. For workshop registration and information, please contact Sheila Maldonado, at (407) 254-6148. To request special accommodation at this meeting because of a disability or physical impairment should contact Benjamin Gonzalez at 2500 LYNX Lane, Orlando, FL 32804, or (407) 254-6038, or BGonzalez@GoLYNX.com, not later than three business days prior to the meeting. If hearing impaired, contact LYNX at (407) 423-0787 (TDD).

Application Questions

Potential applicants will have the opportunity to ask questions via email. All questions must be received no later than November 2, 2018 by 5:00pm. For questions, please contact Sheila Maldonado at smaldonado@golynx.com.

- **CTC Meeting**

Applicants must meet with the CTC prior to submitting an application. The period to meet with the CTC is between October 2 and November 2, 2018. To schedule a meeting with the CTC please contact Sheila Maldonado at smaldonado@golynx.com or (407) 254-6148.

- **Application Deadline**

Applications are due by **Friday, November 30, 2018, at 5:00 p.m.** to LYNX, 455 N Garland Ave, Orlando, FL 32801. Applicants should submit one (1) original proposal, three (3) copies, and LYNX Flash Drive. Proposals are to be addressed as follows for either mail or hand delivery (hand delivery is recommended to ensure on-time receipt):

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Please note: Late applications will not be accepted

Application Information

1. Fill out the application in its entirety. Additional information will not be solicited from the applicant.
2. Make sure that the figures and statistics used throughout the application are consistent.
3. Make sure that your application submission includes all items listed on the checklist (including the checklist itself).
4. There are five (5) excel worksheets that need to be submitted with your application. The files are restricted to allow you to only input certain fields.
 - a. Annual Operating Data
 - b. 5310 Budget
 - c. Local Match
 - d. Fact Sheet
 - e. Vehicle Inventory

Project Selection Process

LYNX will provide a multi-agency evaluation committee access to the applications and the evaluation criteria online. It will be up to the evaluators to read the applications and score them accordingly.

- Each application can receive a total of 100 base points. The evaluation committee has, five (5) areas to score: Documents (max 15 points), the Budget (25 max points), System Description (14 max points), Proposed Project Description (30 max points), and overall impression of application and proposed project (16 points).

Internal LYNX staff will be responsible for two rankings; Prior Sub-recipient Risk Assessment and the application Fact Sheet.

- **Prior Sub-recipient Risk Assessment**
Prior Sub recipients will be rated low, medium or high risk based on numerical values of 1, 3, and 5 respectively for thirteen (13) questions. This information will contribute to final award amounts, but not overall rankings.
- **Fact Sheet**
Numerical values will be given to each category on the Fact Sheet based on set formulas that will access project efficiency and cost effectiveness. Additionally, the cost per trip, per hour, and per mile submitted on this form will be used to calculate reimbursement rates in the event an agency is awarded operating funding.

On December 18, 2018, LYNX staff will meet with the 5310 application evaluation committee to review applications, tabulate scores, and create preliminary project rankings.

Evaluation Criteria

The evaluation criteria are based on the submission of clear, complete, and correct applications. The omission of any required elements will result in the application being disqualified.

<i>Required Documents (15 points max)</i>		
Is each required document included in the application and in the correct order or is a document incomplete?		1 Point for Complete Document 0.5 Points for Incomplete Document
<i>System Description (14 points max)</i>		
If any questions/answers were omitted = Disqualification		
Is each question answered clearly and completely in the narrative?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. An overview of the organization including its mission, program goals, and how transportation fits into the overall organization mission 2. Organizational structure, type of operation, number of employees, and other pertinent organizational information 3. Who is responsible for insurance, training and management, and administration of the agencies transportation programs 4. Who provides maintenance of the vehicles 5. Number of transportation related employees (drivers, schedulers, dispatchers, etc.) 6. Who will drive the vehicle, number of drivers, CDL certifications, etc.? 7. A detailed description of service routes/areas and ridership numbers 	2 Points per Question Max

Budget Considerations (25 points max)		
Are they applying for the Vanpool (identified as a program priority)?		10 points
Are they applying for Operating (identified as a secondary program priority)?		7.5 points
Are they applying for Operating and Vanpool?		5 points
Is the math correct and all information in the Budget completed?		10 points max
Is the availability of a Local Match Demonstrated?		5 points max
Proposed Project Description (30 points max)		
If any questions/answers were omitted = Disqualification		
Is each question answered clearly and completely in the narrative?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How will the project meet the purpose of the 5310 program, as outlined in the Application Manual? 2. How will the project address the priorities for the Urbanized Orlando and Kissimmee areas, as outlined in the "FY2018 Program Goals and Priorities" section the Application Manual? 3. Will the project maintain existing services, expand existing services, or provide a new service? 4. How does the proposed project fit into the coordinated transportation system in the LYNX service area? 5. Please explain the geographic location of your proposed service area. Will the service operate entirely within the urbanized areas of Orlando and/or Kissimmee, or will some of the services span both urban and non-urbanized areas? 6. What priorities does the project address in the LYNX TDSP? A) Are unmet needs or gaps (temporal or geographic) addressed by this project? Which? Please cite the pages and specific references from the TDSP for support. 7. If this project helps realize service (operational) efficiencies what are those efficiencies? How does the project help realize those efficiencies? 8. What population(s) will the project serve (elderly, disabled, other transportation disadvantaged groups, general population)? 9. How does the project provide a service that the CTC cannot, or at a more efficient rate than the CTC? 10. Will the project be sustainable after initial award, or is it only feasible to provide the service(s) with the support of these funds? 	3 Points per Question Max
Overall Impression (16 points max)		
Using your professional experience, knowledge and insight, please evaluate the overall application package. Please be sure to take into account grammar, mathematical calculations, system efficiencies, and alignment with 5310 priorities.		16 points max
Total Base Points Possible is 100		

Final Selection

Approval Process

The recommended list of projects to be funded will be submitted to the LYNX Board of Directors for final approval. Any projects that are denied or funded conditionally are given an opportunity to solicit feedback from LYNX and/or utilize the appeal process. Agencies or projects that do not meet federal eligibility requirements will not be approved for funding. LYNX forwards the prioritized program of projects to the FTA for final approval.

Availability of Funds

Sub-recipients will be required to invoice LYNX on a monthly basis. As funds are reimbursed, submitted invoices will be for the previous month's activities. For example, activities and expenses for June will be submitted for reimbursement in July. The sub-recipient shall only be eligible to seek reimbursement for funds after the Subrecipient Agreement has been executed. The process from the notification of the pre-award site visits to the execution of the agreement can take several months, so sub-recipients should plan accordingly.

Additionally, vehicles awarded to a sub-recipient through the vanpool program may not be available at the time of the site visits. Due to vehicle build cycle, receipt of vehicles may take up to 9 months.

Appeal Process

Applicants will be given the opportunity to appeal the final funding recommendations and must use the following process to be recognized as a valid appeal. The letter of appeal must clearly identify the applicant, contact person, address, phone number, email address, project description and grounds for appeal. The request for appeal must be submitted and received within 14 calendar days after the postmarked date of decline notice. The appeal will be reviewed by the 5310 program staff at LYNX. Letters must be sent via email to Sheila Maldonado at smaldonado@golynx.com.

Project Management and Expending Funds

Obligation of Grant Funds and Reimbursement of Project Costs

Once the Sub-recipient Agreement is executed, funds are available to cover costs incurred for eligible project purposes. Because FTA funds projects on a reimbursement basis, sub-recipients must ensure they have adequate cash flow to cover planned project expenditures.

Legal Authority and Fiscal & Managerial Capacity

Section 5310 applicants must have the legal authority and fiscal/managerial capability to apply for Federal assistance. Applicants are required to have sufficient local funds for match requirements and for

maintenance and operation of vehicles/equipment. Failure to properly manage, maintain, and operate vehicles/equipment could jeopardize existing and future grants and may result in the removal of vehicles/equipment.

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)

Applicants shall comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act, (ADA) of 1990, as amended; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; U. S. DOT regulations, Transportation Services for Individuals with Disabilities (ADA)” at 49 CFR Part 37; and FTA regulations, Transportation for Elderly and Handicapped Persons, 49 CFR Part 609.

According to Circular 9070.iG providers of demand responsive service must utilize accessible vehicles, as defined at 49 CFR 37.7 or meet the applicable equivalent service standard. For private and public entities, the service must be equivalent in regard to schedules, response times, geographic areas of service, hours and days of service, availability of information, reservations capability, constraints on capacity or service availability, and restrictions based on trip purpose. If a sub-recipient does not have wheelchair accessible vehicles available, a Certificate of Equivalent Service **must** be on file with LYNX at time of application.

Administrative Requirements

Applicants must meet with the CTC prior to submitting an application. The period to meet with the CTC is between October 2 and November 2, 2018. To schedule a meeting with the CTC please contact Selita Stubbs at sstubbs@golynx.com or (407) 254-6039.

Requirements

LYNX as the Designated Recipient for the Section 5310 Orlando/Kissimmee UZA ensures applicants meet all requirements. The applicant must be prepared to meet all applicable Federal, State, and Local requirements in the areas including, but not limited to Legal, Financial, Vehicles, Maintenance, Training, Procurement, Civil Rights, Title VI, Limited English Proficiency, Disadvantaged Business Enterprise, Americans with Disabilities Act, Equal Employment Opportunity, Asset Management, Debarment and Suspension, Lobbying, Safety and Security.

Participation in Regional Coordination Efforts

Amendments under MAP-21, requires that projects selected for funding under Section 5310 program be “included in a locally developed, coordinated public transit-human services transportation plan” and that the plan be “developed and approved through a process that included participation by seniors, individuals with disabilities, representatives of public, private, and nonprofit transportation and human services providers and to members of the public.” Projects may be identified as strategies, activities, and/or specific projects addressing an identified service gap or transportation coordination objective articulated and prioritized with the plans.

All agencies applying for Section 5310 funds will be required to participate in the planning process and support the coordination strategies adopted for LYNX's Human Services Coordinated Transportation Plan (HSCTP).

Vehicle Use

Vehicles must be maintained and used for the intended purpose under which they are provided to sub-recipients. Maximum use of vehicles is encouraged, first for program related purposes, then other federal programs and project purposes.

Reporting Requirements

All sub-recipients will be required to submit monthly and quarterly progress reports including grant milestones, financial status, and program measures. Specific reporting requirements include:

- Monthly Operating Reports
- Monthly National Transit Database Reporting
- Monthly Invoicing
- Quarterly Narrative Progress Reports
- Final Narrative Report

Sub recipient Reviews and Oversight

Record Keeping and Audits

Records must be maintained in an auditable manner during the period of contractual obligation to LYNX and the FTA for six years after the date of completion of the project and/or release of the lien or disposition date of the vehicle. The sub-recipient should maintain records regarding vehicle trip logs as well as information on driver safety records and incidents, vehicle insurance, regular and major maintenance and repair, and operating budget(s). The sub-recipient should also keep up-to-date records on such aspects as ADA and other Civil Rights program requirements.

On Site Reviews

On Site Reviews will be conducted annually and will include an assessment of all applicable federal, state, and LYNX requirements. A sub-recipient may be reviewed by LYNX, applicable federal agencies, or their designees without notice at any time during this period.

Appendix

Glossary

Community Transportation Coordinator (CTC) - A transportation entity recommended by an MPO, or by the appropriate designated official planning agency, as provided for in Sections 427.015(1), Florida Statutes, in an area outside the purview of an MPO, to ensure that coordinated transportation services are provided to the transportation disadvantaged population in a designated service area.

Disabled person – See elderly individual and individual with disabilities.

Elderly individual – includes, at a minimum, all persons 65 years of age or older. Grantees may use a definition that extends eligibility for service to younger (e. g., 62 and older, 60 and over) persons.

Individual with a disability – means an individual who, because of illness, injury, age, congenital malfunction, or other incapacity or temporary or permanent disability (including an individual who is a wheelchair user or has semi-ambulatory capability), cannot use effectively, without special facilities, planning or design, public transportation service or a public transportation facility.

Locally developed, coordinated public transit-human services transportation plan – means a plan that identifies the transportation needs of individuals with disabilities, older adults, and people with low incomes, provide strategies for meeting those local needs, and prioritizes transportation services for funding and implementation. Projects considered for Section 5310 funding must serve identified needs of the disabled population. A locally developed Transportation Disadvantages Services Plan (TDSP) will qualify in most instances. All stakeholders identified in the circular must be included in the development of the TDSP.

Non-urbanized area - Area outside of an urbanized area, as defined by the U.S. Bureau of the Census.

One-way passenger trips - A one-way passenger trip is defined as a unit of service provided each time a passenger enters the vehicle, is transported, then exits the vehicle [i.e. If a passenger travels from home to the doctor, then to a store, then home, the total number of one-way passenger trips would be three (3)]. This number should not include personal care attendants or escorts.

Public transportation – shared ride surface transportation services.

Unduplicated passenger headcount – This is the actual number of individual persons who took a trip during the reporting period, regardless of how many trips the person took.

Unrestricted Federal funds – funds received by Section 5310 applicants pursuant to service agreements with state or local social service agencies or private social service organizations, and used to match Section 5310 funds, even though the original source of such funds may have been another Federal program.

Urbanized area – means an area encompassing a population of not less than 50,000 people that has been defined and designated in the most recent decennial census as an “urbanized area” by the Secretary of Commerce. Small urbanized areas as used in the context of Federal Transit Administration formula grant programs are urbanized areas with a population of at least 50,000 but less than 200,000.

Vehicle Hour – the total time spent operating vehicles; including in between passenger trips, travel to initial pick-up and from final drop-off.

Vehicle Mile - the total miles traveled while operating vehicles; including in between passenger trips, travel to initial pick-up and from final drop-off.

Vehicle Revenue Hour - the hours that passenger cars travel while in revenue service; revenue service begins when a passengers enters the vehicle and ends when a passenger exits the vehicle.

Vehicle Revenue Mile - the miles that passenger cars travel while in revenue service; revenue service begins when a passengers enters the vehicle and ends when a passenger exits the vehicle.

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