



Frequently Asked Questions

1. In regards to the LYNX Van pool program do we still have to provide the 10 or 20% match up front and then also pay for the lease?

No. Agency will pay only for the lease.

2. For the vehicle lease, will the agency pay half of the cost?

YES. As funds are reimbursed, submitted invoices will be for the previous month's activities. The agency will pay 100 percent of the lease and will seek reimbursement of 50 percent.

3. What would happen when the agreement with LYNX is finished?

Agency can continue with the lease directly with Enterprises Rideshare paying 100% of the lease.

4. What is the floor plan of the buses?

- *7 passenger Chevy traverse*
- *10 passenger Ford Transit van*
- *12 passenger wheelchair ADA accessible*
- *15 passenger Ford Transit van*

5. Is there any flexibility in the floor plan?

You can request to lease a vehicle with the specifications that better fits your agency with a maximum of 15 passengers.

6. If we want to request the same quantity of 5310 currently awarded vans plus expansion, should we submit our application as all expansion, or replacement plus expansion?



Replacement but footnote vanpool leased vehicles for maintenance of service. Discuss in project description. Expansion for the additional units needed for true expansion. See the following clarification on expansion.

7. We have some group homes requiring additional vans beyond what we currently are awarded for? How should we reflect this in our application?

If your agency is expanding transportation services to serve more clients, increase geographic coverage, increase days and hours of service, then submit the request as expansion and provide details in the project descriptions.

If you are requesting vans to serve the same clients but need vehicles to replace those that are currently privately funded or retired FDOT funded vehicles, then submit your request as replacements for maintenance of service.

- *Be sure to include in your vehicle inventory all vehicles utilized for the provision of transportation services, inclusive of 5310 funded under LYNX, 5310 funded under FDOT, and privately funded.*
- *Indicate those vehicles that are to be replaced and requested to provide for maintenance of services.*

8. What should we include in the vehicle inventory if some of our vehicles are leased and some are retired but requiring replacement?

List all vehicles utilized for the provision of client transportation only. Indicate those vehicles supported under the LYNX vanpool and the FDOT funded vehicles, plus any privately funded vehicles (whether leased or owned).

9. If we have a vehicle configuration that is not currently in the selection shown in the application, can we still apply?

YES. First contact Enterprise, Luis Benitez, if this is a vehicle that is included in the contract and if it meets the federal requirements. If this is open for consideration, please indicate on the application and the budget form. A copy of an email acknowledgement from Enterprise will be support the request.

Secondly, if the vehicle request is not supported by the vanpool program, please coordinate with Access LYNX to determine how best to address this need.



10. If our current funding will end on Dec. 2019, how should we address the funding gap between the expiry of current award and the anticipated award, if we want to continue using the same vehicles?

Please contact Enterprise and request for extension of the lease, which will be not be reimbursed under 5310. If awarded, the agency will receive an official sub-recipient agreement and grant reimbursement begins as of the notice to proceed date and after execution of the agreement.

11. What does the lease include?

- *Maintenance at approved vendors*
- *Insurance*
- *24 hour roadside assistance*

12. Are gas and tolls included?

NO. Agency is responsible for providing gas and tolls for the vehicle.

13. What are the requirements for agency drivers?

- *Over the age of 25*
- *Less than three moving violations in the past five years*
- *Zero serious offenses (i.e. 25 miles over, DUI)*
- *Licensed in Florida for 5 years, or be able to provide license from previous state if not*
- *Must submit to pre-employment drug screening and be put in a pool for random quarterly screenings*

14. How does maintenance work?

Preventative maintenance every 6,000 miles, but you are required to bring the vehicle to one of our approved vendors. Maintenance is covered by the program, so you should never pay for anything out of pocket.

15. How does the insurance work for the program?



For the insurance we provide, you are covered up to \$1,000,000 per occurrence, plus \$250,000 in personal liability.

16. Can the agency provide their own insurance?

YES. It must be equal or better than the insurance provided by Vanpool program. Enterprise will make the determination.

17. Is there any reporting required on a monthly basis?

YES. Reporting is required to be sent in after each month has passed. A blank reporting form will be provided to use to keep track of gas, passenger trips, passenger miles, vehicle miles, etc. for Vanpool program and an additional set of forms will be provided to attach it to each invoice submitted for reimbursement.

18. Is there a minimum lease term?

Although the Vanpool program is a month to month lease, with a 90-day minimum, a Subrecipient Agreement is signed for 1 or 2 years and the agencies are expected to complete the terms.

19. May a VanPool vehicle have multiple registered drivers?

Yes, as long as they meet the minimum requirements for drivers.

20. Are accessible back-up vehicles available?

YES.

21. Does the project span one or two years?

The applicant may request either one or two years of funding.

22. Is the estimated funding for the project the grant amount, the match, or both combined?

Both combined.



23. Are you going to provide the Federal Award Identifier number?

Not applicable. The applicant must have organizational DUNS Number obtained at Sams.gov.

24. How do I know if I should apply for 5310 funding through LYNX or the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT)?

If you provide services in the Orlando or Kissimmee urbanized areas (UZAs) apply for funds through LYNX. If you provide services outside of those areas, apply for funding through FDOT.

25. For Exhibit C, what information should be used to complete the form?

- *Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan (TDSP)*
 - *Pages 44-56 of Attachment 9 (Locally Developed and Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan)*
- *LYNX Human Services Transportation Plan 9.2 Prioritization of Service Needs*

26. If our agency serves both the urbanized and non-urbanized areas, which agency do we apply for 5310 funding?

Submit applications to both agencies, based on your services being provided and allocated by service area(s). Develop a methodology that is consistent across both service areas.

27. We are rural providers and will be applying to FDOT 5310 program, can we also apply to LYNX for the vanpool lease?

The 5310 vanpool lease program is offered by LYNX for the Urbanized Areas of Kissimmee and Orlando. Should FDOT make an award under a vanpool lease program, the van lease will be treated as an ordinary lease and 5310 reimbursements will be between the sub-recipient and FDOT.

28. How do I know my congressional district?

Your congressional district is based on the location of your agency.



29. How should we plan for 5310 vehicle availability, when 5310 vehicle deliveries are always late compared to when we targeted funding availability from 5310?

There may be uncertainties when working with funding programs and procurements of vehicles, because they have to meet compliance and fiscal approvals. In your schedules, include allowances for early or late deliveries.

30. We are currently leasing vanpool vehicles directly from a private entity. Are we eligible to submit future leases to be funded under the 5310 program?

Yes, if the transportation service is for seniors and individuals with disabilities.

31. I have a pending application to be an approved Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD) provider, can I apply for 5310 funding for my client transportation?

Please review the application manual if you meet the qualification requirements, with or without APD which is a different funding program.

32. What does unduplicated trips mean?

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

33. If our math is wrong because we did not quite understand the budget page, will LYNX allow us to make corrections after submission?

NO if the errors are material to the application rating. The selection committee will decide on materiality of the errors.

34. Our agency is planning to expand our operations and a critical component is transportation. We are currently working on our financial plan for our board and donors. Can we include 5310 as a funding source, if it can be matched through fundraising and foundations?



That is a decision as an agency, independent of any future award by the 5310 program.