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## *Federal Rural Resources You May Not Know About to Help You Respond to the Drug Epidemic*

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## Transit Passengers

FTA provides funding that delivers over 10 billion trips to public transportation customers, supporting access to jobs, education, health care and other important activities.

### Transit Agencies & Assets

- 4,000 public transit providers
  - 900 FTA grantees (States, transit agencies & Tribes)
  - 3,000+ Recipients of FTA funds through the States
- 130,000 transit vehicles

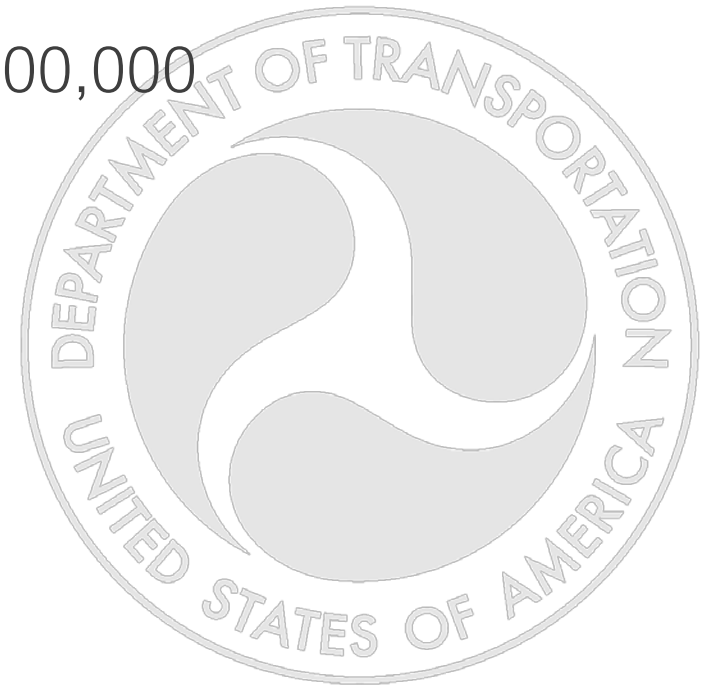


# Key Concepts



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- Formula funds are allocated to states, territories and urbanized areas (UZAs)—not to individual transit providers.
- Urbanized areas are defined every ten years by the U.S. Census.
  - Large UZA: 200,000+
  - Small UZA: between 50,000 and 200,000
  - **Rural: under 50,000**



# FTA Grant Programs



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- Urbanized Area Formula Program (5307)
- Passenger Ferry Grant Program (5307(h))
- Capital Investment Grants (5309)
- **Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program (5310)**
- **Grants for Rural Areas (5311)**
- Tribal Transit Program (5311(c)(1)) – Formula & Competitive
- **Innovation Research Projects (5312)**
- **Technical Assistance and Workforce Development (5314)**
- Public Transportation Emergency Relief (5324)
- State of Good Repair Program (5337)
- Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities (5339(a)(b)) – Formula & Competitive
- Low or No Emission Grants (5339(c))
- Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD)

# Current Competitive Grant Programs



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- **\$15 million: [Integrated Mobility Innovation \(IMI\) Demonstration program](#)** (Section 5312) funds projects that demonstrate innovative and effective practices, partnerships and technologies to enhance public transportation effectiveness, increase efficiency, expand quality, and improve the traveler experience. [Notice of Funding Opportunity](#): applications are due **August 6, 2019**. [IMI video](#) (3-mins.) highlights [previously selected projects](#)
  - Rural Project: Vermont Agency of Transportation received \$480,000 for [a transit trip planner](#) that enables flex-route, hail-a-ride, and other non-fixed-route services to be incorporated in mobility apps. The online trip planner for both fixed and flexible transit services particularly benefits **non-traditional rural transit system users**, allowing universal access to transit information.
- **[BUILD Transportation Grant Program](#) \$900 million**, available through **September 30, 2021** for National Infrastructure Investments. Project examples include providing shorter or more direct access to critical health services; projects that connect communities and people to jobs, services, and education; and, projects that anchor economic revitalization and job growth in communities. [Webinar: How to Compete for BUILD Transportation Grants – Rural Applicants](#).

# FTA Workforce Development Grants (Section 5314)



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- Provide opportunities for traditionally disadvantaged communities, those underrepresented in transit
- Target recruitment of minorities, including low-income individuals, women, veterans, Tribal citizens, & persons with disabilities
- Provide support services to overcome barriers to employment for targeted groups: case management, coaching, or assistance with various program or registration fees
- Trained 8,159 individuals. More info: [FTA Annual Report on Technical Assistance and Workforce Development for FY 2018 \(Report 0132\)](#)
- Rural Grant Example: Grand Gateway Economic Development Association (EDA)

Nation-2-Nation (N2N) Automotive University **\$399,933**

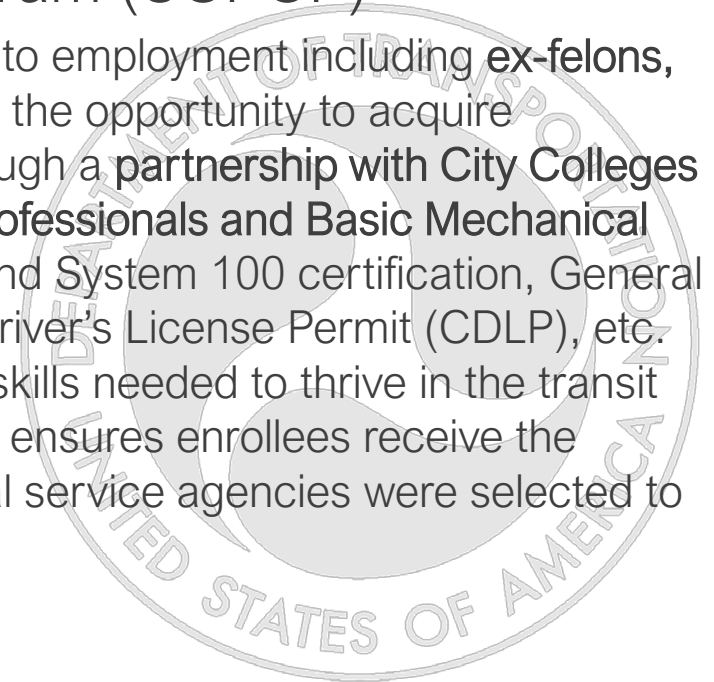
EDA established the N2N Automotive University in partnership with the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of **Oklahoma**. The N2N University program's specialized **automotive repair training and CDL driver training** was designed to attract students to the transportation industries through a fast-track job certification program. It's the first automotive and CDL vocational training program in Indian Country that **accepts students with no high school equivalency** or required college entrance exam. Overall, **44 individuals were reached** through outreach and orientation and **39 were trained and obtained employment**.

## ➤ Second Chance Program \$750,000

Provides individuals who face barriers to employment with an opportunity to obtain full-time, temporary employment and training through 265 CTA bus & rail car service positions. **12-month program** designed to provide participants with **job skills training, real-life work experience & career coaching** to assist in reaching **self-sufficiency through permanent employment**.

## ➤ Second Chance Priority Careers Program (SCPCP)

Prioritizes reaching & supporting individuals with barriers to employment including **ex-felons, abuse survivors, and the homeless**. Provides participants the opportunity to acquire **certificates of completion** from recognized programs through a **partnership with City Colleges of Chicago**, including the **Customer Service for Transit Professionals and Basic Mechanical Skills** training programs, others: FEMA's Incident Command System 100 certification, General Industry Certification, State of Illinois DMV Commercial Driver's License Permit (CDLP), etc. Participants receive cross-training in software and other skills needed to thrive in the transit workforce. **Partnerships w/ local social services agencies** ensures enrollees receive the support they need on the way to self-sufficiency. 14 social service agencies were selected to work with qualified job seekers.



# Formula Grants for Rural Areas Program (Section 5311)



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The Formula Grants for Rural Areas program provides capital, planning, and operating assistance to states to support public transportation in rural areas with populations of less than 50,000.

***FY 2019 Authorized Amount: \$748.3 million***

## ***Includes:***

Tribal Transit Program (TTP) \$35M: formula and competitive funds allocated directly to Federally Recognized Indian Tribes for the purposes of providing public transportation services.

**Appalachian Formula Program \$20M:** provides funding to states in the Appalachian Region for purposes eligible under 5311 program.

Rural Transportation Assistance Program (RTAP) \$11.8M: funding for state and national training and technical assistance.

– National Rural Transportation Assistance Program (NRTAP)

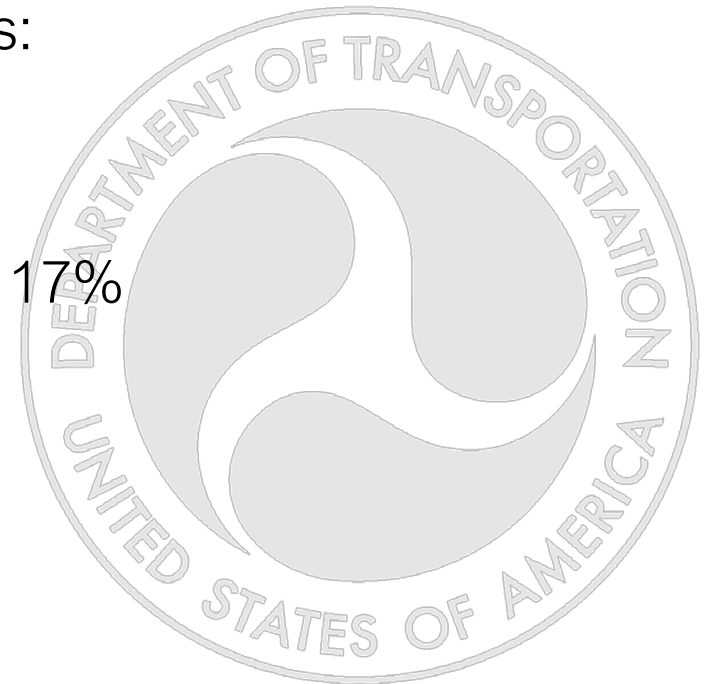


# Rural Program (Section 5311)



## *Trends in Rural Programs:*

- Over **1300 rural and small urban communities** have public transit service supported by the 5311 program
- 60 million Americans live in rural communities
- Over **167 million rural transit trips** per year are provided
- Primary trip purposes for rural transit users:
  - Work and work related activities: 29 %
  - School/church: 20%
  - Vacation and other social/recreational: 17%
  - Medical/dental: 7%



# Access and Mobility Partnership Grants



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- On May 22, 2019 FTA [announced](#) the selection of 37 projects in 37 states at \$9,601,981 for Access and Mobility Partnership grants that help improve options for people with limited transportation choices and bridge the gap between service providers in the transportation and health sectors.
- Annual program, next NOFO coming in Fall 2019, awards in Winter 2020.

| State | Project Sponsor   | Project Description  | Funding   |
|-------|---|--|-----------|
| VT    | Vermont Agency of Transportation                        | The Vermont Agency of Transportation will receive funding to assist individuals suffering from <b>substance abuse</b> , specifically <b>opioid addiction</b> , by providing on-demand trips as well as research to identify strategies to expand rural transportation services to <b>increase access to substance abuse treatment and jobs</b> . | \$170,000 |
| RI    | Rhode Island Public Transit Authority                   | The RI Public Transit Authority will receive funding for the " <b>Rides Toward Work</b> " program, which provides transportation to and from job training through a partnership with Rhode Island Works.   | \$150,000 |
| TN    | Southeast Tennessee Human Resource Agency               | The Southeast Tennessee Human Resource Agency will receive funding to purchase wheelchair lift-equipped vans to transport people with disabilities to <b>work</b> , school, recreation, medical services and other essential services.   | \$388,000 |
| WV    | Southern Highlands Community Mental Health Center, Inc. | The Southern Highlands <b>Community Mental Health Center</b> , Inc. will receive funding to <b>purchase accessible vans and hire a mobility manager</b> for its Transportation for <b>Rural Appalachian Communities Program</b> , which helps underserved populations in rural southern West Virginia access services.                           | \$194,944 |

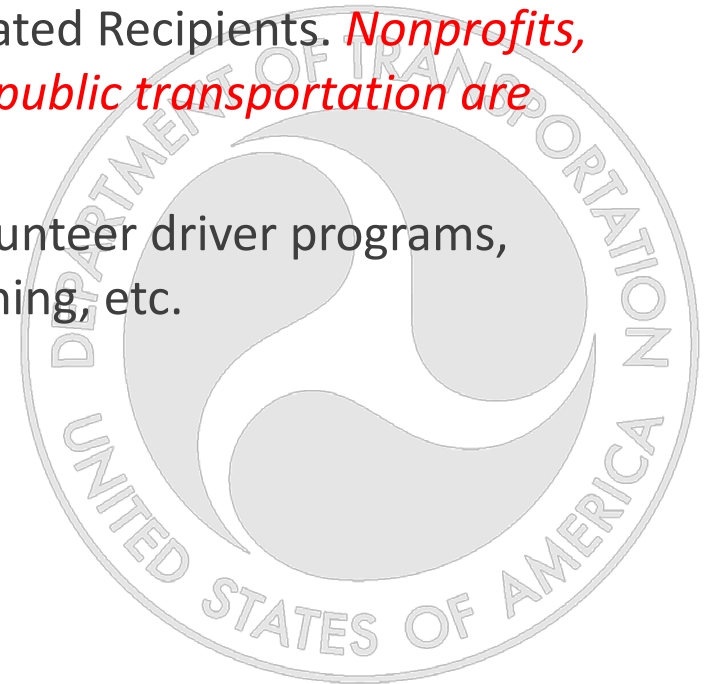
# Formula Grants for the Enhanced Mobility of Seniors & Individuals with Disabilities



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|   | FY 2019       |
|---|---------------|
| Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program (Section 5310) | \$278,247,957 |

- **Program Purpose:** To improve mobility for seniors and individuals with disabilities by removing barriers to transportation service and expanding transportation mobility options
- **Eligible Recipients:** States, Tribes and Designated Recipients. *Nonprofits, local government authorities, or operators of public transportation are eligible as sub-recipients*
- **Eligible Projects:** Vehicles, travel training, volunteer driver programs, mobility management, technology, travel training, etc.





## Section 5310 Fact Sheet:

“A person whose addiction to drugs poses a substantial limitation on one or more major life activities is a person with a disability and is eligible to receive transportation through this program, including to a drug treatment center”

[https://www.transit.dot.gov/sites/fta.dot.gov/files/docs/funding/grants/37971/5310-enhanced-mobility-seniors-and-individuals-disabilities-fact-sheet\\_1.pdf](https://www.transit.dot.gov/sites/fta.dot.gov/files/docs/funding/grants/37971/5310-enhanced-mobility-seniors-and-individuals-disabilities-fact-sheet_1.pdf)



# Section 5310 Requires a Coordinated Transportation Plan



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A locally developed, coordinated transportation plan:

<https://nationalcenterformobilitymanagement.org/states-at-a-glance/>

- Identifies the **transportation needs** of individuals with disabilities, seniors and people with low incomes
- Provides **strategies** for meeting those needs
- **Prioritizes** transportation services for funding and implementation



# What federal programs fund transportation?

Below is a sample of the [122 federal programs](#) that may fund transportation services for people with disabilities, older adults, and individuals of low income.

## Department of Health and Human Services

- Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)
- Medicaid
- Block Grant for Community Mental Health Services
- Centers for Independent Living (CILs)
- Older Americans Act (OAA) programs
- Health Center Program

## Department of Labor

- Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) programs
- JobCorps

## Department of Agriculture

- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- Community Facilities Loan and Grant Program

## Department of Veterans Affairs

- Veterans Transportation Program (VTP)
- Beneficiary Travel Service

## Department of Transportation

- Formula Grants for Rural Areas
- Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities
- Urbanized Area Formula Program



## Did you know?

If an organization receives funding from one of these programs, **a portion of the funds may be used for transportation services.**

Funding recipients may also be able to collaborate across these federal programs to provide more transportation options for the community.



- To learn about competitive grant funding opportunities:  
[www.transit.dot.gov](http://www.transit.dot.gov)



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# Technical Assistance: Regional Liaisons



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The National Center for Mobility Management (NCMM) is an FTA-funded National TA Center with Regional Liaisons who can help your community:

<https://nationalcenterformobilitymanagement.org/ncmm-regional-liaisons/>





# Tap into Free Transportation Resources



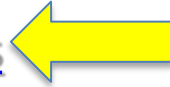
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## National Center for Mobility Management

website: [www.nc4mm.org](http://www.nc4mm.org) phone: 1-866-846-6400

email: [info@nc4mm.org](mailto:info@nc4mm.org) Annual Community Grants



## National Aging and Disability Transportation Center\*

website: [www.nadtc.org](http://www.nadtc.org) phone: 1-866-983-3222

email: [contact@nadtc.org](mailto:contact@nadtc.org) Annual Community Grants

*\*Partnership with the Administration for Community Living (ACL). This center supports the [Grants for Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program \(Section 5310\)](#). A person whose addiction to drugs poses a substantial limitation on one or more major life activities is a person with a disability and is eligible to receive transportation through the [Section 5310 Program](#), including to a drug treatment center.*



## Rural Transit Assistance Program

website: [www.nationalrtap.org](http://www.nationalrtap.org) 1-888-589-6821

email: [info@nationalrtap.org](mailto:info@nationalrtap.org)



# NCMM Community Grant Example: Shiawassee County Transportation Solution for Shiawassee Drug Court Participants



## About Drug Court

Prison diversion: All participants are felons and would be sentenced to prison if they were not participating in the program.

Stringent Requirements: Weekly court appearances, separate weekly appointments for case management, probation, 2 counseling sessions, group therapy and two required 12-Step meetings. Random drug drops at least 3 days per week. Less than 2 hours notice.

Participants must also be seeking employment or furthering their education.



# MEET MEG

- Newly sentenced to Shiawassee Drug Court
- Has a small infant
- Has not graduated from high school and has few marketable skills
- Is anxious and overwhelmed
- Major childhood trauma makes advance planning difficult
- Is fearful of being sent to prison if she fails to complete SDC requirements
- Has no family support system
- Has no transportation

# Meg's required preset appointments

| Month _____ |                               |  |                                   |           |                    |                         |
|-------------|-------------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|-----------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| SUNDAY      | MONDAY                        | TUESDAY                                  | WEDNESDAY                         | THURSDAY  | FRIDAY             | SATURDAY                |
| Drug Test   | Case Management<br>NA Meeting | Probation Check In<br>Counseling Session | Court Appearance<br>Group Therapy | Drug Test | Counseling Session | Drug Test<br>NA Meeting |

# What Meg Needs



Transportation to all appointments



Transportation on short notice



Support finding employment and education



A single connecting point to help provide stability



Assistance with weekly and long term planning

# Solution: A Drug Court Community Hub



LOCATED CLOSE TO  
APPOINTMENTS  
WHICH ARE ALL  
WITHIN A MILE OF  
EACH OTHER



A FLEET OF BIKES FOR  
SDC PARTICIPANTS TO  
RIDE TO  
APPOINTMENTS



A TEAM OF  
VOLUNTEERS ON  
STANDBY FOR RIDES  
TO MORE COMPLEX  
APPOINTMENTS



SUPPORTIVE  
ACTIVITIES BETWEEN  
APPOINTMENTS:  
COMPUTERS AND  
NAVIGATORS TO  
ASSIST WITH  
RESUMES,  
EMPLOYMENT  
APPLICATIONS, GED  
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# A DAY IN THE LIFE OF MEG

