

BALTIMORE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

**BALTIMORE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION BOARD
RESOLUTION #25-16**

ENDORING PROJECTS FOR CONSIDERATION UNDER THE SECTION 5310 ENHANCED MOBILITY FOR SENIORS AND INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES PROGRAM CONSISTENT WITH TRANSPORTATION PLANS AND POLICIES IN THE BALTIMORE REGION

WHEREAS, the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board is the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Baltimore region, encompassing the Baltimore Urban Area, and includes official representatives of the cities of Annapolis and Baltimore, the counties of Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Harford, Howard, and Queen Anne's as well as representatives of the Maryland Department of Transportation, the Maryland Department of the Environment, the Maryland Department of Planning, the Maryland Transit Administration, and the RTA of Central Maryland; and

WHEREAS, the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board (BRTB), the metropolitan planning organization (MPO) for the Baltimore region, has the responsibility under the provisions of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act) for developing and carrying out a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process for the metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS, the FAST Act continues to support the new Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program. This review follows Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Circular 9070.1G issued on June 6, 2014. The new Section 5310 program authorizes four types of projects: 1) public transportation projects planned, designed, and carried out to meet the special needs of seniors and people with disabilities when public transportation is insufficient, unavailable or inappropriate; 2) public transportation projects that exceed the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990; 3) public transportation projects that improve access to fixed route service and decrease reliance by people with disabilities on complementary paratransit; and 4) alternatives to public transportation that assist seniors and people with disabilities with transportation; and

WHEREAS, projects funded by the Enhanced Mobility Program must respond to strategies in a "locally developed, coordinated public transit - human services transportation plan." On December 17, 2019, through Resolution #20-9, the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board approved an updated version of the Baltimore Area Coordinated Public Transit – Human Services Transportation Plan; and

WHEREAS, on September 19, 2024 the MDOT Maryland Transit Administration held a Grant Application Process Review Meeting for the Section 5310 Fiscal Years 2026 and 2027 grant program; and

WHEREAS, applicants had until November 27, 2024 to submit requests for the Section 5310 Grant Program. Applications come from private non-profit organizations that provide transportation services to the elderly and individuals with disabilities in the Baltimore region. Applications were reviewed to ascertain if they support any of the regional strategies adopted in 2019; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board as the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Baltimore region endorses eighteen (18) applications (Attachment 1) for funding under the Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 Grant Program.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board as the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Baltimore region approved the aforementioned resolution at its December 19, 2024 meeting.

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Date



Anthony Russell, Chair
Baltimore Regional Transportation Board

Applicant	Project	Regional Strategy(s) Addressed	Staff Recommendation
Action in Maturity	Operational costs (including driver wages, admin staff time, fuel, insurance, and vehicle maintenance) for senior-friendly Transportation program in Baltimore City to access grocery stores, healthcare, and social opportunities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expand availability of demand-response and specialized transportation services to provide additional trips to targeted populations. 	<i>Endorse Application</i>
Associated Catholic Charities	Purchase three lift-accessible minivans and fund operations (salaries and preventative maintenance) to continue transportation services for medically compromised seniors and individuals with intellectual and physical disabilities in Baltimore City and County.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to support capital needs of coordinated human service/ public transportation providers. • Expand availability of demand-response and specialized transportation services to provide additional trips to targeted populations. 	<i>Endorse Application</i>
Athelas Institute	Four replacement vehicles (two 5 seated minivans and two wheelchair vans), camera equipment, and preventative maintenance to provide transportation services for individuals with Intellectual and developmental disabilities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to support capital needs of coordinated human service/ public transportation providers. 	<i>Endorse Application</i>
CHAI Baltimore	Support operating expenses to sustain the Northwest Senior Shuttle program, continuing grocery loops, shopping trips, and more for residents of the Weinberg Senior Living buildings, support volunteer transportation through Northwest Neighbors Connecting, and expand CHAIway transportation program to contract with Uber/Lyft to coordinate rides for older adults in northwest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expand availability of demand-response and specialized transportation services to provide additional trips to targeted populations. • Expand access to taxi and other private transportation providers. • Assess current transportation services 	<i>Endorse Application</i>

	Baltimore as a subsidized fee-for-service option.		
Easterseals	Purchase of a replacement van, preventative maintenance, training on TripSpark transportation software, and operating funding (staff salaries) to maintain free transportation services that are reliable and accessible for our Baltimore Adult Day Service participants (seniors and adults with disabilities).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to support capital needs of coordinated human service/ public transportation providers. • Expand availability of demand-response and specialized transportation services to provide additional trips to targeted populations. 	<i>Endorse Application</i>
Hopkins ElderPlus	Two replacement buses and preventive maintenance funds to continue to meet existing and projected elderly-care needs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to support capital needs of coordinated human service/ public transportation providers. 	<i>Endorse Application</i>
Humanim, Inc.	Funding for two wheelchair accessible vans to accommodate expansion of community-based services for individuals with disabilities throughout central Maryland.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to support capital needs of coordinated human service/ public transportation providers. • Expand availability of demand-response and specialized transportation services to provide additional trips to targeted populations. 	<i>Endorse Application</i>
LifeBridge Health	Five buses and two vans vehicles to provide on-demand transportation services to elderly and disabled individuals to and from the Grace Medical Partial Hospitalization Program and individual medical appointments.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to support capital needs of coordinated human service/ public transportation providers. • Expand availability of demand-response and specialized transportation services to provide additional trips to targeted populations. 	<i>Endorse Application</i>

Nuwave Health Services	Two minibuses to expand transportation services in Baltimore City and Baltimore County for adults with serious and persistent mental illness.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to support capital needs of coordinated human service/ public transportation providers. • Expand availability of demand-response and specialized transportation services to provide additional trips to targeted populations. 	<i>Endorse Application</i>
Opportunity Builders	Three replacement vehicles and eight expansion vehicles to provide transportation services to youth and adults with disabilities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to support capital needs of coordinated human service/ public transportation providers. • Expand availability of demand-response and specialized transportation services to provide additional trips to targeted populations. 	<i>Endorse Application</i>
Partners in Care	Funding to increase capacity to provide specialized transportation services to seniors including purchase of a new vehicle, transportation monitoring software, preventative maintenance, mobility management and coordination, and operating expenses.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to support capital needs of coordinated human service/ public transportation providers. • Expand availability of demand-response and specialized transportation services to provide additional trips to targeted populations. • Provide flexible transportation options and more specialized and one-to-one transportation services through expanded use of volunteers 	<i>Endorse Application</i>

Progress Unlimited	Preventative maintenance, operating funds, and purchase of one vehicle to provide transportation and foster community integration and opportunities for the intellectually/ developmentally disabled and elderly.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to support capital needs of coordinated human service/ public transportation providers. • Expand availability of demand-response and specialized transportation services to provide additional trips to targeted populations. 	<i>Endorse Application</i>
Providence of Maryland	Purchase ten minivans and provide support for operating expenses (driver's salaries) to meet the transportation needs of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities in Anne Arundel and Charles Counties.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to support capital needs of coordinated human service/ public transportation providers. • Expand availability of demand-response and specialized transportation services to provide additional trips to targeted populations. 	<i>Endorse Application</i>
Richcroft	Purchase three wheelchair accessible minivans to expand transportation services for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities in residential and community-based day programs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to support capital needs of coordinated human service/ public transportation providers. • Expand availability of accessible transportation services. 	<i>Endorse Application</i>
Sheppard Pratt Health System	Purchase five replacement vehicles, camera equipment and software, and fund preventative maintenance for thirty 5310 vehicles to support the transportation needs of people with serious mental illness.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to support capital needs of coordinated human service/ public transportation providers. 	<i>Endorse Application</i>

The Arc Carroll County	One small bus and one minivan to supplement the Ride With Us program (providing transportation directly to and from jobsites) and provide personalized transportation to community services in Carroll County.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to support capital needs of coordinated human service/ public transportation providers. 	<i>Endorse Application</i>
The Arc Northern Chesapeake Region	Purchase four vehicles (two replacement, two expansion) to transport clients for employment development, community outings, and volunteering opportunities in Harford and Cecil Counties.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to support capital needs of coordinated human service/ public transportation providers. • Expand availability of accessible transportation services. 	<i>Endorse Application</i>
The Harford Center	Replace two buses, fund preventative maintenance, and expand the fleet by one van to provide door-to-door transportation to more adults with disabilities in Harford County.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to support capital needs of coordinated human service/ public transportation providers. • Expand availability of demand-response and specialized transportation services to provide additional trips to targeted populations. 	<i>Endorse Application</i>