

## CALL FOR PROJECTS

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) requires the establishment of a locally developed, coordinated public transit-human services transportation plan for the FTA human service transportation program known as the Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program. All projects selected for funding from this FTA program must be derived from this coordinated plan and be competitively selected.

The Northeastern Indiana Regional Coordinating Council (NIRCC) has developed a Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan for Allen County. The Fort Wayne Public Transportation Corporation (dba Citilink) is the designated recipient of the Section 5310 funds for the Fort Wayne Allen County Urbanized Area. Therefore, any project(s) selected for funding will require the responsible agency / party to enter into a contractual agreement with Citilink.

NIRCC is seeking eligible two (2) year (24 month) operating projects initiating in 2019 and continuing through 2020 to utilize Section 5310 Operational Funding. There is up to a total of \$192,000.00 in Section 5310 Operational Funding available for projects for the two (2) year (24 month) period. The funding is for operating expenses only; capital funding will not be available.

NIRCC will select eligible operating projects to utilize Section 5310 Operational Funding. Projects will not be awarded more than \$192,000.00 in total federal funds, contingent upon the Federal Section 5310 Funding Allocation. The origin of service for the project must originate within the urbanized area. All project applications must conform to the guidelines established by FTA funding under the Section 5310 program. Projects must address at least one (1) of the Section 5310 Operational strategies identified in the Coordinated Public Transit Human Services Transportation Plan for Allen County (Available at [www.nircc.com](http://www.nircc.com)). Projects which do not qualify will be eliminated from consideration.

Eligible recipients of the Section 5310 Funds include: 1) Private non-profit organizations; 2) Eligible local public bodies (defined as a “municipal corporation” in Indiana Code 36-1-2-10) that either a.) are approved by INDOT to coordinate services for seniors and individuals with disabilities, or b.) certify to INDOT that no non-profit corporations are readily available to provide the proposed service; and 3) Operators of public transportation services, including private operators of public transportation services.

A listing of eligible activities and the funding requirements for the Section 5310 Operational Funding is available at [www.nircc.com](http://www.nircc.com).

Those wishing to submit eligible Section 5310 Operational Funding projects **MUST** request an application package from NIRCC. Applications will only be accepted in the format provided in the application package. The project evaluation criteria are provided in the application package and can be viewed at [www.nircc.com](http://www.nircc.com). Application package requests **MUST** be made in writing and directed to Matt Vondran at NIRCC. Please send

requests either by e-mail at [Matt.Vondran@co.allen.in.us](mailto:Matt.Vondran@co.allen.in.us) or regular mail through the US Postal Service to Attn. Matt Vondran, NIRCC, 200 East Berry Street, Suite 230, Fort Wayne, IN 46802. An informational meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 1, 2018 from 2-3:30 PM in Conference Room 220 on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of Citizens Square located at 200 East Berry Street, Fort Wayne, IN, to discuss any technical questions. Those intending to submit an application MUST attend this meeting. Applications submitted by eligible entities that did not attend the required informational meeting will not be scored or considered for funding.

NIRCC must receive project applications no later than 4:00 PM on September 21, 2018. Any questions should be directed to Matt Vondran at NIRCC either by telephone at (260) 449-7903 or by e-mail at [Matt.Vondran@co.allen.in.us](mailto:Matt.Vondran@co.allen.in.us).

This notice is also to inform all public and private transit and paratransit providers operating within the Fort Wayne Allen County Urbanized Area that NIRCC intends to award Section 5310 Funds to private non-profit organizations, eligible local public bodies, and/or operators of public transportation services providing specialized transportation to seniors and individuals with disabilities. If you wish to comment or want additional information regarding this intent or process, NIRCC must receive your written requests no later than July 27, 2018 to the address listed above.