

## **Legal Notice 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 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 currently seeking eligible capital equipment requests for the Fort Wayne Urbanized Area from eligible sub-recipients for the acquisition of equipment to provide specialized transportation to seniors and individuals with disabilities. Eligible capital equipment includes low floor mini-vans and small/medium/large transit vehicles. NIRCC will select the requests to be funded by the Section 5310 program. The Federal funds cover 80% of each equipment request awarded. Requests will be awarded until the available funding has been depleted. The requested capital equipment must serve the urbanized area and address at least one (1) of the Section 5310 Capital Funding strategies identified in the Coordinated Public Transit Human Services Transportation Plan for Allen County (available at [www.nircc.com](http://www.nircc.com)). All projects must conform to the guidelines established by FTA funding under the Section 5310 program. Projects which do not qualify for Section 5310 Capital funding will be eliminated from consideration.

Eligible recipients of the Section 5310 Funds include: 1) Private non-profit organizations, and 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.

Those wishing to submit eligible Section 5310 Capital requests **MUST** request an application package from NIRCC. Applications will only be accepted in the format provided in the application package. A listing of the eligible capital equipment available for request and the project evaluation criteria are provided in the application package. 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.

NIRCC must receive project applications no later than 4:00 PM on April 16, 2021. All interested applicants should contact 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) regarding any questions and to discuss potential requests prior to submitting an application.

This notice is also to inform all public and private transit and paratransit providers operating within the Fort Wayne Urbanized Area that NIRCC intends to award Section 5310 Funds to private non-profit organizations and/or eligible local public bodies 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 February 26, 2021 to the address listed above.