

Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities (EMSD) Program

2024 Call for Projects Guidelines Workshop

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Program Schedule

Milestone	Date
Guidelines Workshop	April 17, 2024
Call Release	May 28, 2024
Application/Project Office Hours	June 3 – 7, 2024
Application Due Date	June 27, 2024, by 4:00 PM
Awarded Applicants Office Hours	September 2024

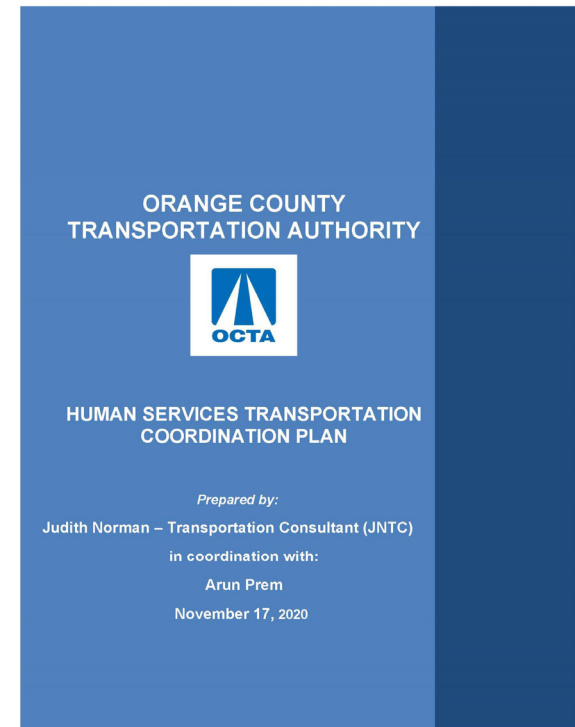
Background

- Prior to 2015 – the Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 (FTA 5310) Program administered jointly with Caltrans
- 2016 – OCTA assumed role as the designated recipient of FTA 5310
- 2018 EMSD Call for projects, OCTA Board replaced FTA 5310, providing local funds in lieu of federal funding
- OCTA responsible for conducting Calls and allocating funds to projects consistent with priority strategies identified in the current Coordinated Plan



Coordinated Plan

- OCTA is designated as the Consolidated Transportation Authority (CTSA) of OC and is required to prepare Coordinated Public Transit – Human Services Transportation Plan (Coordinated Plan) every 4 years.
- Current Coordinated Plan (2021 – 2024): Applicable to this Call
- Next Coordinated Plan (2025 – 2028): Currently under development



Program Goals

- EMSD intends to meet the transportation needs of older adults and people with disabilities where existing services do not meet their need.
- Goals include, but are not limited to:
 - Improve mobility of seniors and individuals with disabilities
 - Support local agencies and non-profits provide service
 - Improve first-and-last mile connections
 - Promote non-profit and public agency outreach to seniors and disabled individuals
 - Prioritize funding for agencies that collaborate through partnership or increase revenue hours beyond the minimum required



2021 Call Snapshot

	Applicants	Applications	Project Costs (000s)	EMSD Request (000s)
Initial Submissions	10	12	\$ 3,450	\$ 2,960
Recommended for Funding	8	9	\$ 3,145	\$ 2,672

2024 Call Overview

- Available Funding: \$8.5 million
 - Capital: \$4.7 million (minimum) or 55% minimum of awarded funds
 - Operating: \$3.8 million (maximum) or no greater than 45% of awarded funds
 - Funds available for fiscal years: 2024/25, 2025/26, and 2026/27
- Total Maximum Request per Applicant: \$1.5 million

Application/Project Type	Minimum Grant Request	Maximum Grant Request	Minimum Match Requirement
Capital: Vehicle Acquisition, Equipment	\$100,000	\$1,000,000	10%
Capital: Standalone Capital Equipment Purchases	N/A	\$99,000	10%
Operating: Operating Assistance	\$100,000	\$1,000,000	20%
Operating: Mobility Management	\$50,000	\$300,000	20%

New Considerations / Guideline Updates

Guidelines Section	New Consideration/Update
Vehicle Priorities	Used vehicles allowed, zero-emission vehicles encouraged
Availability of Funds	\$8.5m available for funding, Minimum for 55% for capital, Maximum 45% for operating
Eligible Projects	More elaborated categories – contracted services eligible under Operating Assistance New standalone capital purchases category – under \$10,000
Matching Funds	Operating assistance match reduced from 25% to 20% Mobility management match increased from 10% to 20%
Accountability Measure	New measure built into criteria to account for prior interactions/performance
Evaluation Criteria – Bonus Points	No bonus points will be awarded for criteria or overmatch
Evaluation Criteria – Overall Points	Overall points reduced from 100 to 50
Timely-Use of Funds	Applicants may begin invoicing from date contract agreements are executed
Invoicing – Capital	Reimbursement process now applicable to all vehicles
Submittals / Contact	Electronic submittals, new general EMSD email – OCTAEMSD@octa.net

Eligible Applicants

- **Private non-profit organizations** providing transit services for older adults and people with disabilities
- **Public agencies** in lieu of private non-profit organizations not readily available to provide the proposed service above
 - All applicants are expected to invoice regularly and follow legally binding cooperative agreements



Eligible Projects and Application Types

Capital Projects

- Vehicles – leases or purchases
 - New or used
 - Motor, ZEBs, or ZEVs
- Purposes of replacement or expansion of services
- Service-related equipment (e.g., wheelchair lifts, ramps, securement devices)
- Computer hardware (e.g., computers, keyboards, mouses, etc,...)
- Standalone Small Capital Equipment Purchases up to \$99,000

Operating Projects

- Operating Assistance
 - Continuation of existing services
 - Labor/Materials Expenses
 - Contracted Services
 - First-and-last-mile trips
- Mobility management
 - Client call center and/or coordination or dispatch communication system
 - Operation of transportation services
 - Drive and travel related training

Funding Priorities

- Minimum 55% - Capital Projects
- Maximum 45% - Operating Projects

1. Capital

2. Operating:

- Operating Assistance
- Mobility Management

