



SFY2026 NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY (NOFO)

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Human Service Transportation Grant is to provide transportation services that meet the special needs of seniors and individuals with disabilities and Alaska Mental Health Trust Beneficiaries for whom public transportation services are unavailable, insufficient, or inappropriate. The Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities, Community Transit Office (ACT) uses a combination of federal Section 5310 and Alaska Mental Health Trust funds to provide awards to nonprofit organizations, or public bodies which certify that no nonprofit organization or association is readily available in an area, to provide service.

ELIGIBLE PROJECTS AND MATCH RATES

Eligible projects must directly serve the target populations of elderly, disabled, or Alaska Mental Health beneficiaries (those with mental illness, developmental disabilities, Alzheimer's, other dementias, chronic alcoholism, or traumatic brain injury):

- Operating (50/50 match rate, fares cannot be counted toward local match if applying for FTA 5310 funds)
- Capital (80/20 match rate)
- Purchase of Services (80/20 match rate) *Must be purchased transportation services with a third-party vendor and cannot be operated by the applicant.*

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

Applicant must have submitted an Intent to Apply and received notification from ACT of verification of eligibility based on the following:

- The applicant is in a community that has a current coordinated public transit-human services transportation plan; and
- Is a private nonprofit organization, OR
- Is a state or local government authority (including tribal) that is approved by the State to coordinate services for seniors and individuals with disabilities; and/or can certify there are no non-profit organizations readily available in the area to provide the service.
- All applicants must have, and participate in, an up-to-date coordinated public transit-human services transportation plan.

ESTIMATED FUND SOURCES AND AVAILABLE FUNDING SFY2026

- \$ 233,410 – Rural FTA Section 5310: Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities
- \$ 271,083 – Small Urban FTA Section 5310: Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities
- \$ 270,000 – Alaska Mental Health Trust (AMHT)
- \$900,000 – GF/MH Coordinated Transportation Capital

Total Estimated Available Funding: \$1,674,493 Total (Estimate does not include Small Urban or carry-over funds)

AWARD PERIOD

July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026

APPLICATION DEADLINE

December 16, 2024 –Due by 4:30 p.m. Late applications will not be accepted.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Approved Intent to Apply
- A completed application in BlackCat
- Limited Waiver of Sovereign Immunity (if applicable)
- Current Coordinated Plan **
- Ranked Priority of Projects list for all projects in the community
- Local governing body resolution approving Priority of Projects (and coordinated plan if plan is new/updated).

EVALUATION CRITERIA

- Establishes, preserves, or improves public transportation services for seniors, individuals with disabilities, and Trust beneficiaries.
- Defines specific performance measures the applicant will use to determine the success of their projects.
- Addresses a recognized need within a community and reflects a community-led process of coordination and input.
- Leverages funds for other sources and/or documents a local commitment to support and implement the project.
- Connections to other transportation systems and/or Modes.
- Contributes to the state’s effort to maintain the number of public transportation vehicles within their minimum useful life. (for vehicle purchase projects only)
- Describes sufficient applicant experience managing transportation projects and grant awards.
- Describes sufficient financial capability and resources by the applicant to implement and carry out the project.

IMPORTANT DATES

October 14, 2024	Application period opens
November 8, 2024	Q&A Webinar
December 16, 2024	Applications due by 4:30 PM
Dec. 16 – Dec. 23, 2024	2024DOT&PF staff reviews applications and recommends awards
April 10, 2025	Intent to Award Notice
June 16, 2025	Grant Agreements sent out
July 1, 2025	Award Period Begins

QUESTIONS?

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