

THE KDOT PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM: 5310

The Kansas Department of Transportation's (KDOT) Office of Public Transportation manages the two main programs for transportation service grants in Kansas, the Section 5310 (specialized transportation for the elderly and disabled) and Section 5311 (general public transportation) programs. These programs are funded through the Federal Transit Administration and the State of Kansas.

Mandatory Coordinated Transit District Membership: KSA 75-5057 states that any recipient of Federal or State grants (including Section 5310 grants) to provide specialized transportation services in Kansas shall be required to be a member of a Coordinated Transit District (CTD). An applicant must be an active member of their CTD prior to the submission of their grant application to be eligible to receive Federal and/or State public transportation program funding.

In order to make the best use of existing resources, all applicants for Section 5310 funding are required to carefully explore the possibilities of coordinating their operations with other transportation service providers in the area, who may be able to provide the needed transportation services.

More information on the KDOT Office of Public Transportation's programs and the Coordinated Transit Districts can be obtained at our website <http://www.ksdot.org/burTransPlan/pubtrans/index.asp>.

Section 5310 (Specialized Transportation for the Elderly or Disabled) Program

Overview

The Section 5310 program provides funding to private non-profit corporations and associations of public bodies (local governments), in both urbanized and non-urban areas, for providing transportation services to meet the special needs of the elderly and persons with disabilities. Although grant recipients are usually agencies which have a specific clientele, transportation services under this program can be opened to all elderly persons, persons with disabilities and the general public once the immediate transportation needs, as specified in the grant application, have been satisfied.

For 'New Start' applicants, KDOT must certify to the Federal funding agency that the existing services provided in the service area are either unavailable, insufficient, or inappropriate to meet the special needs of the elderly or persons with disabilities.

Eligible Applicants: Private nonprofit organizations registered in Kansas, and local governments (if they are approved by the state to coordinate services, or they certify to the governor that no nonprofit organizations are "readily available" to provide the service).

Eligible Capital Expenses: Transit vehicles and associated equipment including wheelchair lifts, ramps, restraints, etc.

Eligible Operating Expenses: Drivers, dispatchers, fuel, oil, tires, repairs, vehicle license tags, insurance, etc.

Capital (Vehicle) Purchase Matching Requirement: KDOT share 80%, local share 20%.

Operating Expense Matching Requirement: No Federal operating assistance provided. State operating assistance reimbursed at KDOT share 70%, local share 30%, up to a maximum of \$5000 per agency per year.