

## FY-2020 Section 5317 New Freedom Notice of Funding Availability

The Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT), Local Transportation Bureau, is now accepting applications for funding consideration through the Section 5317 New Freedom (NF) Program. These Federal Transit Administration (FTA) programs provide funding for transit related services that assist the state's population of low income and disabled individuals.

The following organizations are eligible to apply for the Section 5317 program:

1. Nonprofit organizations
2. State or local governmental bodies
3. Operators of public transportation services, including private operators of public transportation services.

Federal funds administered through ALDOT are only extended to organizations providing transit services in the small urban and rural areas of the State.

A 50% local match is required for operating funds and a 20% local match is required for capital and planning funds.

The selection process will be based on the following criteria: statement of need and organizational capacity; project budget and cost effectiveness; coordination and program outreach; implementation plan; and customer service and accessibility. Projects funded through these programs must be derived from a locally developed, coordinated transit-human services transportation plan.

The application package provides specific eligibility requirements, match requirements, and eligible activities. The State Management Plan can be found at <https://www.dot.state.al.us/ltweb/transit/index.html>.

Completed grant applications must be submitted to the appropriate Regional Planning Council in the respective geographic areas of the state in which the 5317 transportation services are proposed. Each Regional Planning Council must review grant applications to ensure compliance with federal coordination requirements prior to formal submission to ALDOT. Only those grant applications submitted for funding consideration by the Regional Planning Councils will be considered for funding. The deadline for submission to the appropriate regional planning council in the respective geographic area of the state where Section 5317 transportation services are proposed is **5:00 P.M., July 8, 2019**. Applications received after the established deadline will be returned. **Postmarked submissions will not be accepted.**

After applications are reviewed, prioritized, and approved by ALDOT, applications will be submitted to the FTA Region IV office for funding consideration.

If you have questions or comments concerning the grant application, or if information is needed in another language or alternative format, contact Donna Lee, ALDOT, Transit Section, Local Transportation Bureau, 1409 Coliseum Blvd., Montgomery, AL 36110; (334) 353-242-6764 or [leed@dot.state.al.us](mailto:leed@dot.state.al.us).

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