



**FY2021 Enhanced Mobility for Seniors
and Disabled Grant Program
Call for Projects and Outreach**

**Special Needs Advisory Committee
January 26, 2021**

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PROGRAM BACKGROUND

OCTA's Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Disabled (EMSD) grant program is:

- Based on the Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 grant program - 49 U.S.C. 5310
- Guided by the Coordinated Public Transit - Human Services Transportation Plan (Coordinated Plan)
 - Approved by the OCTA Board of Directors on November 23, 2020

COORDINATED PLAN

- Discussed and reviewed by SNAC:
 - January 28, 2020 (Survey)
 - July 28, 2020 (Survey)
 - October 27, 2020 (Plan)
- Recommended goals and strategies:
 - Restore and Enhance the Specialized Public Transportation in a Post-COVID-19 Environment
 - Re-build Specialized Services for Target Populations
 - Leverage Transportation Information to Enhance Mobility-Measure Outcomes
 - Improve and Expand External and Internal Mobility Infrastructure

PROGRAM GOALS

The EMSD grant program is designed to:

- Offer grant opportunities consistent with needs identified in the Coordinated Plan to non-profits and local agencies to help meet the transportation needs of seniors and individuals with disabilities
- Provide local funds in lieu of federal funds
- Reduce the risk of non-compliance for both OCTA and grantees

PREVIOUS CALL

- Covered October 2018 – September 2020
- Awarded \$1.252 million to 6 agencies
- Types of projects that were eligible
 - Replacement and expansion vehicles and supporting equipment,
 - Limited operations, mobility management, driver and travel training
- Provided 12 vehicles, supported 2 agency operations, and awarded assistance for mobility management and computer software

FY2021 CALL

The upcoming call will include:

- \$4 million for FY2022 to FY2023
- Incentivize improved coordination between agencies
- Incentivize agency outreach to participants
- Similar project types as past calls – traditional and enhanced
 - Vehicle and related equipment replacements
 - Expansion Vehicles
 - Limited operations - Mobility management, driver, and travel training projects
 - Looking at first and last mile options
- Quarterly reporting requirements

SCHEDULE

Draft Guidelines Workshops	February 24 & 25, 2021
Call Release	Spring/Summer 2021
Application Workshops	Summer 2021
Applications Due	Late Summer 2021
Award Notification	Fall/Winter 2021

OUTREACH

Goal: To gather feedback from eligible organizations on proposed guidelines and mobility needs and create awareness of CFP and application process

Strategies/Tactics:

- **Targeting:** Research, identify and reach out to eligible organizations
- **Tailoring:** Provide information based on organizations needs via direct mail/email, workshops, individual briefings, phone survey, information hotline, etc.
- **Phasing:**
 - **Phase I: January 26 – March 25, 2021:** Gather feedback and incorporate in grant guidelines
 - **Phase II: Spring – Summer 2021:** Conduct multilingual outreach to educate about EMSD grant availability and the application process
 - **Phase III: Post CFP:** Assess effectiveness to optimize future program benefits

QUESTIONS?



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EMSD CALL

OCTA would like your input on the previous EMSD Call guidelines to better serve the needs of Orange County residents.



PRIOR CALL GUIDELINES

Funding Priorities

1. Paratransit vehicle replacement and related equipment for existing vehicles.
2. New paratransit vehicles and related equipment that support the expansion of existing service.
3. Expansion of successful existing transportation services, such as expanding existing mobility management, and driver and travel training projects.
4. New transportation services that address unmet transportation needs, such as mobility management, and driver and travel training projects.

PRIOR CALL GUIDELINES

Vehicle Eligibility

- Minimum of 20 hours of service per week per vehicle.
- Replacement vehicles must meet or exceed its useful life.

Service Eligibility

- Proposed service will serve additional persons or trips, expand the service area or hours, and/or increase the frequency of trips.