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**ATTENTION ALL CURRENT 5310 SUB-RECIPIENTS
CRRSAA/ARPA FUNDING OPPORTUNITY**

The Maryland Department of Transportation/Maryland Transit Administration Office of Local Transit Support (MDOT/MTA OLTS) is pleased to announce the availability of \$1.2 million in **Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) and American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)** funding from the U.S. Department of Transportation /Federal Transit Administration (FTA).

These CRRSAA/ARPA funds are **100% Federal Funds** (no local match required) and all agencies that have (or have had) 5310 funding in FY18/19 and FY20/21 are eligible for these funds regardless if you have had operating and/or capital funding. As allowed by FTA, MDOT MTA will generally consider all operating expenses normally eligible under the Section 5310 program that are incurred on or after January 20, 2020 to be in response to economic or other conditions caused by COVID-19 and thus eligible under CRRSAA/ARPA, as applicable.

Awards will be based on the availability of funds by region, proportionally based on the number of rides from FY2019 ridership data, and the requested operating budget.

HOW TO RECEIVE CRRSAA/ARPA GRANT APPLICATION PACKAGE

The application package for the CRRSAA/ARPA grant funding is attached to this announcement and is also available on the Transportation Association of Maryland (TAM) website <http://www.taminc.org/Office-of-Local-Transit-Support>.

DEADLINE AND METHOD FOR SUBMITTING CRRSAA/ARPA GRANT APPLICATIONS

The CRRSAA/ARPA Grant application must be submitted electronically via the **MDOT MTA Grant Application Portal** no later than June 4, 2021 at 4:00 pm.

Registration is mandatory on the **MDOT MTA Grant Application Portal** (<https://mtaolts.ecopwise.com>). Please note: First time users will require registration. Previous users (e.g. 5310 grant) please use appropriate login credentials.

NO APPLICATION WILL BE ACCEPTED VIA DELIVERY OR U.S. MAIL.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS INCLUDE CURRENT 5310 SUB-RECIPIENTS

Current MDOT MTA 5310 recipients include private, non-profit entities and faith-based agencies that provide transportation services to disabled and elderly individuals and are exempt from taxation under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code are eligible to receive funding.

ELIGIBLE OPERATING PROJECTS

CRRSAA/ARPA grant funds are available for operating expenses to support the provision of transportation services to meet the specific needs of seniors and individuals with disabilities. See the budget form for eligible operating expenses.

THE APPLICANT'S FINANCIAL COMMITMENT

There is no local commitment for this grant. It is a 100% operating grant.

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