



## News Release

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### Call for Projects: Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities

**ROCKFORD, IL** — Region 1 Planning Council (R1), the federally-designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Rockford Metropolitan Area, is seeking eligible projects for the local apportionment of Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities (Section 5310) funds.

The Call for Projects is open from February 28 through March 28. Completed applications must be submitted no later than 5:00 pm on Friday, March 28. The total funds available through this call for projects is \$423,061. The project application, a listing of eligible project types, and matching funds requirements are available at <https://r1planning.org/planning/call-for-projects>.

#### Applications and questions can be submitted to:

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**ABOUT THE 5310 FUNDING PROGRAM:** The Section 5310 program aims to improve mobility for seniors and individuals with disabilities by removing barriers to transportation services and expanding transportation mobility options. This program supports transportation services planned, designed, and carried out to meet the special transportation needs of seniors and individuals with disabilities. Only agencies that originate transportation service within the Rockford Urbanized Area are able to apply for funds from the local apportionment.

**ABOUT R1:** The Region 1 Planning Council, in its capacity as the federally-designated MPO for the Rockford Region, programs various federal and state transportation funding programs. While Rockford Mass Transit District (RMTD) and Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) are the co-designated recipients of the allocated funds to the region, the MPO coordinates with RMTD to put out a Call for Projects that will guide the best use of the received Section 5310 funds. The MPO Transportation Alternatives Selection Committee will review and vote on completed applications.

For more information, visit [www.r1planning.org](http://www.r1planning.org).

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