

Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG)

Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310 – Elderly and Disabled Program

Frequently Asked Questions for Santa Barbara Urbanized Area

Below are answers to some questions about the 5310 Call for Projects. If you have any additional questions, please contact Maya Kulkarni at SBCAG via email at mkulkarni@sbcag.org or by phone (949) 505-4064.

- 1. The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) typically provides statewide toll credits as the required local match for the statewide FTA 5310 Call for Projects for small urbanized areas. For the Santa Barbara Urbanized Call for Projects, are agencies now required to provide a match?**

Caltrans has indicated that they can make toll credits available for the Santa Barbara Urbanized Areas the required federal match for the 5310 program, so applicants are not required to provide the match. The availability and amount of funds is contingent upon annual approval from Caltrans.

- 2. In the past, Caltrans chose the type/make/model of the vehicles available to us and was responsible for procuring them. Will SBCAG be doing the same?**

SBCAG is in the process of assuming the role of procuring vehicles for subrecipients through CalAct. If you already have access, you can use the CalAct list for the vehicle dollar amount to provide in the application. The most recent pricing information from their website is also on the SBCAG website under Federal Transportation Administration Programs: [Federal Funding - SBCAG](#)

- 3. Is there an eligibility requirement for vehicles that are being replaced?**

SBCAG, as the designated recipient, has to comply with federal vehicle useful life and replacement requirements as stated below:

- 1. Buses:**

- a. Large, heavy-duty transit buses including over-the-road buses (approximately 35' – 40' or larger including articulated buses):** At least 12 years of service or an accumulation of at least 500,000 miles.
- b. Small size, heavy-duty transit buses:** At least 10 years or an accumulation of at least 350,000 miles.
- c. Medium-size, medium-duty transit buses:** At least seven years or an accumulation of at least 200,000 miles.

- d. Medium-size, light-duty transit buses: At least five years or an accumulation of at least 150,000 miles
2. Light Duty Vehicles:
- a. Other light-duty vehicles used as equipment and to transport passengers (revenue service), such as regular and specialized vans, sedans, and light-duty buses including all bus models exempt from testing in the current 49 CFR part 665: At least four years or an accumulation of at least 100,000 miles

Additional vehicle requirements, such as trains and ferries are included in the [FTA Circular 5010.1](#)

4. There is no budget page or information to be submitted with the 5310 application?

There is no budget page that needs to be submitted. Project cost and funding information should be provided as part of Section 3: Project Information.

5. Can we apply for an exemption from the audit as we are a small organization and do not meet the federal funds minimum?

FTA 5310 funds are subject to Federal Transit Administration conditions. As the Designated Recipient, SBCAG is audited but subrecipients are required to provide any information that proves they are meeting FTA requirements.

6. Under Section 3 Project Information: Project Scope? Do you have any additional instructions for this question?

SBCAG recommends being as specific as possible when providing the project scope.

7. Can we use volunteer service as a match?

Per Title 2 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), the value of donated services may be used to meet cost sharing (match) requirements so long as the provisions of 2 CFR section 200.306 are met. (2 CFR § 200.434.) We recommend applicants proposing to use volunteer services at match include the ability to meet the requirements of 2 CFR section 200.306 in its application.

8. We use volunteer vehicles. How do we fill out the Ability of Applicant questions 4 and 5 and the table in the Transportation Service Section?

For Section 4, please provide proof of inspection upon registration of volunteers, and answer questions to the best of your ability.

For the table in the Transportation Service Section, you should reflect the scope and scale of the transportation services you provide. Please fill out columns 5, 6, 10, and 11 for the volunteer vehicles. If this information is not tracked per vehicle, please provide estimates and include an attachment that provides proof of the total trips and hours.