



FTA Authorization Fact Sheet
Formula Program for Elderly Persons and Persons with Disabilities



(In \$ Millions)

Year	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	Total
Mass Transit Account	\$82.7	\$112.0	\$117.0	\$127.0	\$133.5	\$572.2
General Fund	\$11.8					\$11.8
Total Formula Program for Elderly Persons and Persons with Disabilities	\$94.5	\$112.0	\$117.0	\$127.0	\$133.5	\$584.0

Purpose

Provides funding through a formula program to increase mobility for the elderly and persons with disabilities.

Statutory References

49 U.S.C. Section 5310

Features

- Funds allocated by formula to the States for capital costs of providing services to elderly persons and persons with disabilities.
- As in the past, States may sub-allocate funds to private non-profit organizations and to public agencies if they are designated to provide coordinated service.
- A new seven-state pilot program is established for fiscal years 2006 through 2009 to determine whether expanding eligibility to operating assistance would improve services to elderly individuals and individuals with disabilities. States are Wisconsin, Alaska, Minnesota, Oregon, and 3 other States to be selected by the Secretary. Up to 33 percent of each participating State's apportioned 5310 funds may be used for operating expenses. Secretary will require participants to collect data, and use Section 5310 operating funds to do so, for a report to Congress. Operating funds may not exceed 50 percent of operating costs less fares.
- Allows non-federal share to include amounts available for transportation from other federal agencies including Federal Lands Highway Program (section 204 of title 23).
- Increases coordination requirements by requiring that, beginning in FY 2007, projects be on a locally-developed human service transportation coordination plan. That planning process includes representatives of public, private, and nonprofit transportation and human services providers and the public.
- Allows up to 10% of funding to be used by State or local government authority for administrative expenses (including planning and technical assistance).
- Applies grant requirements of Section 5307 to the extent the Secretary determines appropriate.
- Allocation is made on the basis of the number of elderly and persons with disabilities in each state.