

An Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Colorado Springs and the Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments

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Background

- Section 5310 is a federal program designed to fund transportation for older adults and people with disabilities.
 - Formula funding based on population of seniors and people with disabilities in a geographic area.
 - Rural and small urban areas – the program is administered by the State DOT
 - Large urban areas – a designated recipient is appointed by the Governor
 - The City of Colorado Springs has been the designated recipient since 2013
 - PPACG was designated as of October 1, 2020

5310 Eligible Activities

➤ Traditional Project Examples:

- Capital for vehicles and equipment, information technology systems related to transit
- Mobility management programs
- Acquisition of transportation services under a contract, lease, or other agreement

➤ Non-Traditional Project Examples:

- Travel training
- Volunteer driver programs
- Building accessible paths to bus stops
- Improving signage or way-finding
- Incremental costs of providing same-day service or door-to-door service
- Vehicles for new accessible taxi, ride-sharing, or vanpooling programs

Specialized Transportation

- In the past, the City has provided both capital and operating funding to specialized transportation providers
- Operating funds have been used to provide trips to eligible clients outside the City's ADA-mandated $\frac{3}{4}$ -mile service area or inside the area if the client requires a higher level of service (door-through-door, etc.)
- Currently, the City has contracted with four (4) private non-profit agencies to provide these trips

Specialized Transportation

- PPACG is home to the Area Agency on Aging (AAA), which administers federal funding to support seniors
- Housing both the 5310 program and the AAA program under one agency to leverage funds and create efficiency

The Role of the IGA

- The City of Colorado Springs is committed to ensuring a smooth transition of the specialized transit program to PPACG
 - Chief goal is to ensure there is no gap in service to current clients
- PPRTA Funds
 - \$124,968 in PPRTA funds in 2021, calculated based on 20% of the estimated Federal Fiscal Year 2021 5310 funding apportionment
- Agreement may be extended beyond 2021
 - Amount to be based on HSP trips reported to the National Transit Database (NTD)

Questions?



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