



Section 5310 Grant Program

FY 2026 and FY 2027 Funding: Urban Areas

Baltimore Regional Transportation Board

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Section 5310 Program: Funding

- **Enhanced Mobility of Seniors & Individuals with Disabilities Program**
- **Two Types of Funding**
 - Capital (80/20 match)
 - Operating (50/50 match)
- **Review Process**
 - Large Urban
 - BRTB – Endorse/ Not endorse

Section 5310 Program: Regional Coordinating Body



Regional Strategies Identified in the Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan

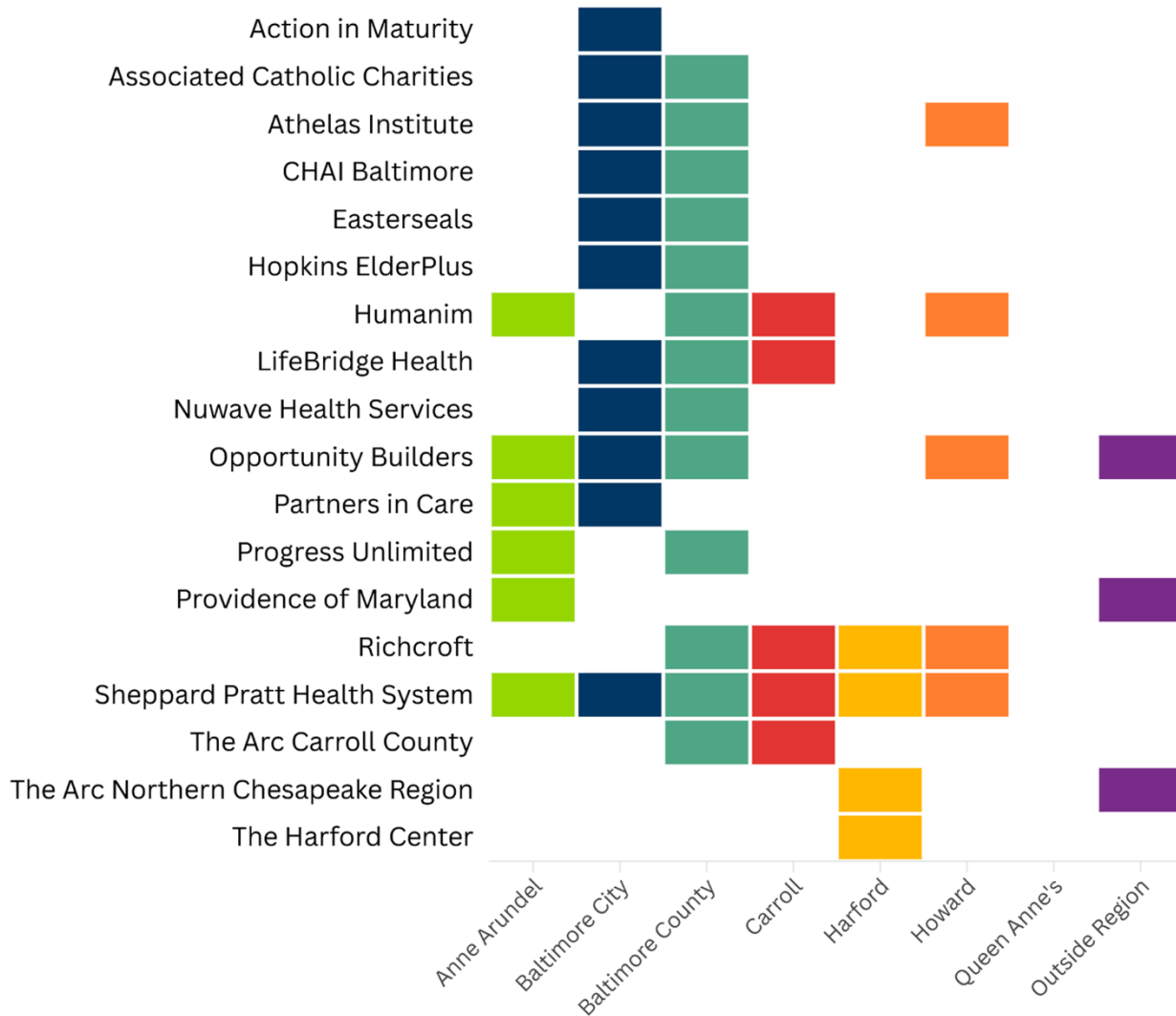
- Continue to support capital needs of coordinated human service/public transportation providers.
- Improve coordination among public transportation and human service transportation providers.
- Expand availability of demand-response and specialized transportation services to provide
 - additional trips to targeted populations.
- Provide flexible transportation options and more specialized and one-to-one transportation services through expanded use of volunteers.
- Provide “centralized points of access” that offer information on available aging and disability resources and/or offer travel training to the targeted populations.
- Expand availability of accessible transportation services.
- Expand access to taxi and other private transportation operators.
- Assess current transportation services.

FY 2026/2027 Applications



- **Baltimore Urban Area (18)**
- **Additional regions served:**
 - Upper Eastern Shore (1)
 - Southern Maryland (1)
 - Washington Region (1)

FY 2026/2027 Applications



List of Urban Area Section 5310 Grant Requests

Applicant	Project	Regional Strategy(s) Addressed	Staff Recommendation
Action in Maturity	Operational costs (including driver wages, admin staff time, fuel, insurance, and vehicle maintenance) for senior-friendly Transportation program in Baltimore City to access grocery stores, healthcare, and social opportunities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expand availability of demand-response and specialized transportation services to provide additional trips to targeted populations. 	<i>Endorse Application</i>
Associated Catholic Charities	Purchase three lift-accessible minivans and fund operations (salaries and preventative maintenance) to continue transportation services for medically compromised seniors and individuals with intellectual and physical disabilities in Baltimore City and County.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to support capital needs of coordinated human service/ public transportation providers. Expand availability of demand-response and specialized transportation services to provide additional trips to targeted populations. 	<i>Endorse Application</i>
Athelas Institute	Four replacement vehicles (two 5 seated minivans and two wheelchair vans), camera equipment, and preventative maintenance to provide transportation services for individuals with Intellectual and developmental disabilities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to support capital needs of coordinated human service/ public transportation providers. 	<i>Endorse Application</i>
CHAI Baltimore	Support operating expenses to sustain the Northwest Senior Shuttle program, continuing grocery loops, shopping trips, and more for residents of the Weinberg Senior Living buildings, support volunteer transportation through Northwest Neighbors Connecting, and expand CHAIway transportation program to contract with Uber/Lyft to coordinate rides for older adults in northwest Baltimore as a subsidized fee-for-service option.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expand availability of demand-response and specialized transportation services to provide additional trips to targeted populations. Expand access to taxi and other private transportation providers. Assess current transportation services 	<i>Endorse Application</i>

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Easterseals	Purchase of a replacement van, preventative maintenance, training on TripSpark transportation software, and operating funding (staff salaries) to maintain free transportation services that are reliable and accessible for our Baltimore Adult Day Service participants (seniors and adults with disabilities).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to support capital needs of coordinated human service/ public transportation providers. • Expand availability of demand-response and specialized transportation services to provide additional trips to targeted populations. 	<i>Endorse Application</i>
Hopkins ElderPlus	Two replacement buses and preventive maintenance funds to continue to meet existing and projected elderly-care needs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to support capital needs of coordinated human service/ public transportation providers. 	<i>Endorse Application</i>
Humanim, Inc.	Funding for two wheelchair accessible vans to accommodate expansion of community-based services for individuals with disabilities throughout central Maryland.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to support capital needs of coordinated human service/ public transportation providers. • Expand availability of demand-response and specialized transportation services to provide additional trips to targeted populations. 	<i>Endorse Application</i>
LifeBridge Health	Five buses and two vans vehicles to provide on-demand transportation services to elderly and disabled individuals to and from the Grace Medical Partial Hospitalization Program and individual medical appointments.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to support capital needs of coordinated human service/ public transportation providers. • Expand availability of demand-response and specialized transportation services to provide additional trips to targeted populations. 	<i>Endorse Application</i>

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Nuwave Health Services	Two minibuses to expand transportation services in Baltimore City and Baltimore County for adults with serious and persistent mental illness.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to support capital needs of coordinated human service/ public transportation providers. • Expand availability of demand-response and specialized transportation services to provide additional trips to targeted populations. 	<i>Endorse Application</i>
Opportunity Builders	Three replacement vehicles and eight expansion vehicles to provide transportation services to youth and adults with disabilities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to support capital needs of coordinated human service/ public transportation providers. • Expand availability of demand-response and specialized transportation services to provide additional trips to targeted populations. 	<i>Endorse Application</i>
Partners in Care	Funding to increase capacity to provide specialized transportation services to seniors including purchase of a new vehicle, transportation monitoring software, preventative maintenance, mobility management and coordination, and operating expenses.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to support capital needs of coordinated human service/ public transportation providers. • Expand availability of demand-response and specialized transportation services to provide additional trips to targeted populations. • Provide flexible transportation options and more specialized and one-to-one transportation services through expanded use of volunteers 	<i>Endorse Application</i>

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Progress Unlimited	Preventative maintenance, operating funds, and purchase of one vehicle to provide transportation and foster community integration and opportunities for the intellectually/developmentally disabled and elderly.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to support capital needs of coordinated human service/ public transportation providers. • Expand availability of demand-response and specialized transportation services to provide additional trips to targeted populations. 	<i>Endorse Application</i>
Providence of Maryland	Purchase ten minivans and provide support for operating expenses (driver's salaries) to meet the transportation needs of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities in Anne Arundel and Charles Counties.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to support capital needs of coordinated human service/ public transportation providers. • Expand availability of demand-response and specialized transportation services to provide additional trips to targeted populations. 	<i>Endorse Application</i>
Richcroft	Purchase three wheelchair accessible minivans to expand transportation services for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities in residential and community-based day programs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to support capital needs of coordinated human service/ public transportation providers. • Expand availability of accessible transportation services. 	<i>Endorse Application</i>
Sheppard Pratt Health System	Purchase five replacement vehicles, camera equipment and software, and fund preventative maintenance for thirty 5310 vehicles to support the transportation needs of people with serious mental illness.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to support capital needs of coordinated human service/ public transportation providers. 	<i>Endorse Application</i>

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The Arc Carroll County	One small bus and one minivan to supplement the Ride With Us program (providing transportation directly to and from jobsites) and provide personalized transportation to community services in Carroll County.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to support capital needs of coordinated human service/ public transportation providers. 	<i>Endorse Application</i>
The Arc Northern Chesapeake Region	Purchase four vehicles (two replacement, two expansion) to transport clients for employment development, community outings, and volunteering opportunities in Harford and Cecil Counties.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to support capital needs of coordinated human service/ public transportation providers. Expand availability of accessible transportation services. 	<i>Endorse Application</i>
The Harford Center	Replace two buses, fund preventative maintenance, and expand the fleet by one van to provide door-to-door transportation to more adults with disabilities in Harford County.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to support capital needs of coordinated human service/ public transportation providers. Expand availability of demand-response and specialized transportation services to provide additional trips to targeted populations. 	<i>Endorse Application</i>

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