

Specialized Transportation Grant Program Fact Sheet

About the Specialized Transportation Grant Program

Every two years, SANDAG distributes available Specialized Transportation Grant Program (STGP) funds to provide regional transportation services for older adults and individuals with disabilities. The STGP is crucial in meeting the increasing mobility needs of older adults and individuals with disabilities, especially when conventional transit is unavailable, insufficient, or inappropriate. Using local and federal dollars, the STGP seeks to address these needs.

The STGP consists of two programs: the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310 and the TransNet Senior Mini-Grant programs. The FTA Section 5310 program funds projects that enhance mobility for people age 65 and older and individuals with disabilities within the large, urbanized areas of San Diego County. The Senior Mini-Grant program uses funding from the TransNet local half-cent sales tax to provide specialized transportation for people aged 60 and older within San Diego County. SANDAG facilitates a competitive grant application process to award these funds.

Accomplishments

- Approximately \$24 million in Senior Mini-Grant funds have supported 93 grants since 2009.
- Approximately \$22 million in FTA Section 5310 funds have supported 81 grants since 2015.
- Over 34,000 individuals are estimated to be served through STGP grants annually.
- STGP grants provided over 669,000 one-way passenger trips in 2023.



Eligible Applicants

- Local governmental agencies
- Nonprofit organizations
- Private and public operators of public transportation
- The Consolidated Transportation Services Agency
- Tribal governments

Grant Requirements

- Projects must be derived from the very high or high priority strategies in the SANDAG [Coordinated Plan](#).
- At least 80% of a grant's beneficiaries must be older adults or individuals with disabilities.
- Grantees must report on grant progress at least quarterly.
- Grantees must provide matching funds.

Eligible Grant Types by Funding Source

Funding Source	Capital	Mobility Management	Operating
FTA Section 5310	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vehicle and other equipment procurement Contracted transportation services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transportation brokerage services Transportation call centers Travel training instruction 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mileage reimbursement Volunteer driver programs
TransNet Senior Mini-Grant	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transportation brokerage services Transportation call centers Travel training instruction 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mileage reimbursement Volunteer driver programs Transit pass subsidies

Match Requirements by Funding Source and Grant Type

Project Type	FTA Section 5310	TransNet Senior Mini-Grant
Capital	15-20%	N/A
Mobility Management	20%	20%
Operating	50%	20%



Ride Options

Contact the Consolidated Transportation Services Agency, Facilitating Access to Coordinated Transportation (FACT), at (888) 924-3228 or visit factsd.org to learn about available specialized transportation options in San Diego County.

For More Information

- Please visit SANDAG.org/STGP
- Email grantsdistribution@sandag.org

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