

Federal Transit Administration (FTA) 5310
Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities

Project Application

Fiscal Year (FY) 2017



General Information

Agency Information

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Project Information

Project Type

Type: Traditional

Eligibility: Rolling Stock and related activities for 5310-funded vehicles

Project Description

BACKGROUND:

The Austin Parks and Recreation Department offers a variety of programs and services for people 50 years of age and older. Activities include traveling, pursuing old hobbies and learning new ones, socializing with friends, meeting new people, increasing knowledge, becoming and staying physically fit, supplementing income, contributing to the community and much more! The Senior Transportation Unit supports our programs and services by providing transportation to per-qualified patrons. Our goal is to provide a special system of transportation to enhance the quality of life and promote independence for persons 60 years or older residing within Austin city limits.

The Senior Transportation Program operates in the following fashion. After the required intake forms are submitted and approved, services are provided Monday through Friday, 8:30am - 4:30pm. Clients may request a ride 30 days in advance with rides confirmed one (1) business day prior to request. Drivers provide curb to curb service. Physical assistance is provided to patrons as needed. All Austin residents residing within the Austin city limits age 60 and older are eligible for the program. Riders with cognitive impairments are advised to have a caregiver accompany them. Riders in a wheelchair must let the Senior Transportation staff know that they need a handicap accessible van/bus when scheduling a ride.

Three types of services are offered via the Senior Transportation Program.

1. Regular Routes / Lunch Program: Provides reliable service from the patrons door to nearest congregate meal lunch locations and back home again. (Pick up within 6 mile radius of location). This is a free program offered to our patrons. Although there is an optional \$1.00 donation per trip that is also accepted for the service.
2. Reserve-a-Ride: This is a door-to-door service to/from requested destination within the Austin city limits. The fee for this service is \$3.00 each destination (\$6.00 round trip). The service can be used for Errands (non-medical); Destinations include grocery store, shopping centers, bank, hair salon, etc.; & Medical Appointments (non-emergency/routine appointment).
3. Group Travel: We also offer Group excursion/field trip travel to destinations within the Austin city limits (Groups must have minimum of 7 riders). The fee for this service is \$6.00 round trip per rider.

GRANT PURPOSE:

The purpose of the grant is to provide partial funding for the Senior Transportation Unit through Fiscal Year 2020. Funds will be used to purchase three new replacement vehicles and partially fund staff personnel expenses as outlined below.

Ford E350 Vans with Wheelchair Lifts (3): \$168,000

Partial Contribution to Staff Wages (\$40,000 per year): \$80,000

Total FTA 5310 Funding Request: \$248,000

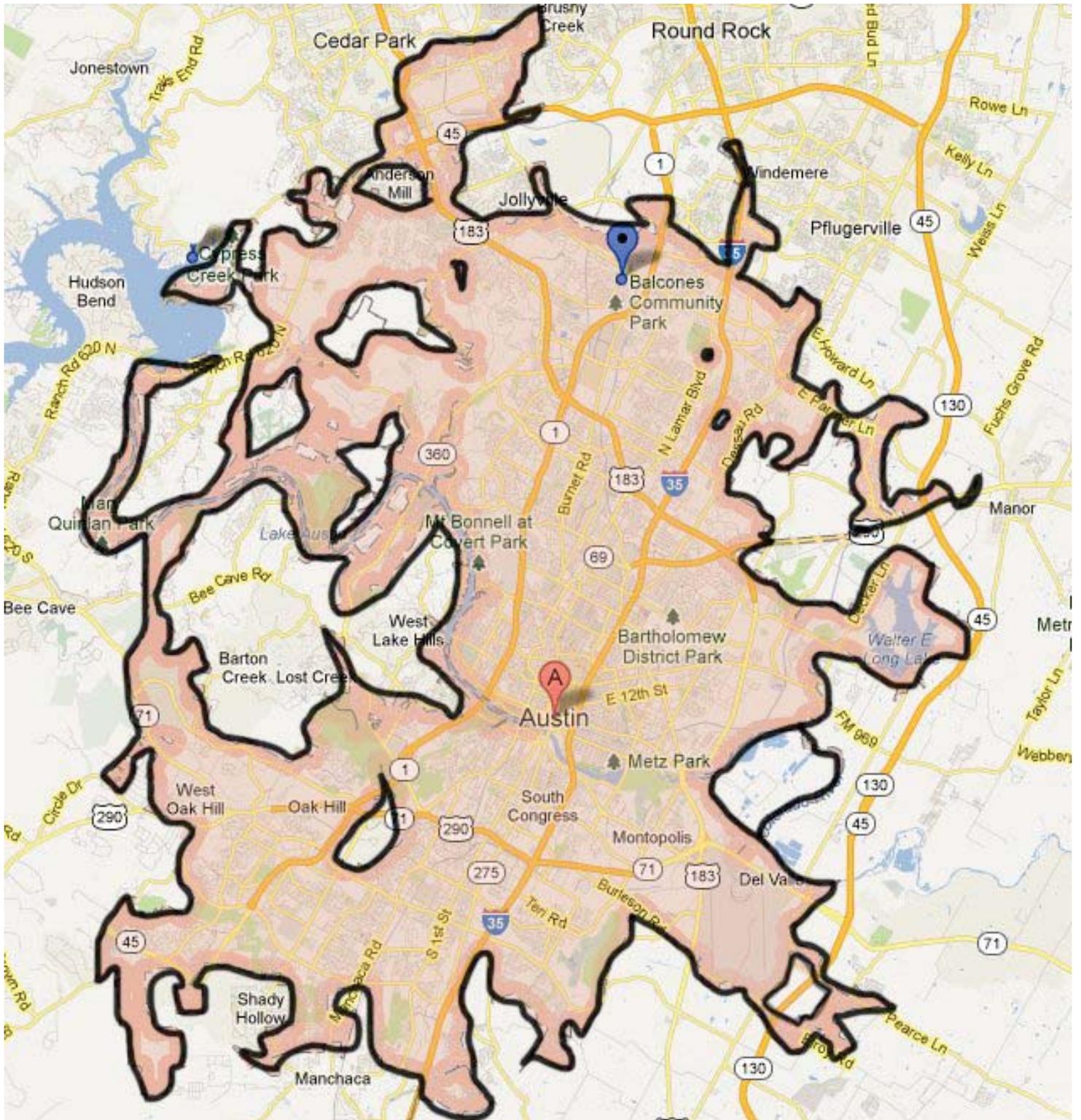
Service Population

All residents residing within the Austin city limits age 60 and older.

Service Area

Austin City Limits

Service Area Map



Financial Information

Capital Budget

Item	Quantity	Unit Cost	Total Cost	
FORD E 350 Vans with Wheelchair Lifts	3	\$56,000.00	\$168,000.00	
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Operations Budget

Item	Quantity	Unit Cost	Total Cost	
Annual Fleet Maintenance (per year)	2	\$17,000.00	\$34,000.00	
Personnel Wages (per year)	2	\$382,614.00	\$765,228.00	
Fuel (per year)	2	\$16,000.00	\$32,000.00	
Misc Operating Costs (per year)	2	\$5,500.00	\$11,000.00	
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Budget Summary

	Cost Summary
Total Capital Cost	\$168,000.00
Total Operations Cost	\$842,228.00
Total Project Cost	\$1,010,228.00

Funding Summary

Funding Source	Amount
FTA 5310 Funding Request	\$248,000.00
Required Agency Match	\$73,600.00
Other	\$688,628.00
Total Funding	\$1,010,228.00

Transportation Development Credits

Request

TDC Amount Requested: 0

Financial Need

Not Applicable

Policy Goals

Evaluation Criteria

Benefit

The City of Austin Parks and Recreation Department Senior Transportation program has existed for approximately 30 years. During the 2016 fiscal year we served 433 patrons by providing 14,191 rides throughout the year. As of July of the 2017 fiscal year we have increased our rider base to 617 individuals with a total projection of approximately 15,000 rides for this year. Through funding of this project, our senior transportation program will be sufficiently funded for the next two years while providing additional stability to the program in terms of reliable and dependable vehicles and personnel.

Financial Sustainability

The City of Austin Parks and Recreation Department is committed to continuing the services of the Senior Transportation Unit beyond the life of this grant. Services will continue to operate through the City's general fund appropriations as they have for the past 30 years.

Coordination and Partnerships

Our program is partially funded through US Health and Human Services funding administered through our partners at the Capital Area for Aging. The Capital Area for Aging partnership also enables our program to process our program registration while meeting the eligibility guidelines as set forth by the organization.

Interconnectivity

Due to a percentage of Austin senior residents who do not qualify for other transportation services in the area, the Senior Transportation program offers flexible standards in which enables us to provide transportation to participants to partake in healthy and social programs at the recreation centers or provide services to medical appointments or personal errands as needed.

Regional Transit Coordination Plan

The City of Austin Parks and Recreation Department Senior Transportation Program is a viable service that directly supports Goal 1.4 of the Capital Area Public Transportation Plan. The funding requested through this grant application will directly impact our patrons by providing viable resources that will preserve the integrity of the program beyond the two year life cycle of this grant.

Cost Effectiveness

Our biggest cost effective resource will be the advantage we have in purchasing new vehicles with a pre-determine contracted amount with our approved vendor. Our city's fleet division has successfully negotiated a master contract price point and we will be limited to purchasing specific vehicles through this contract. Additionally, since this project proposal is being managed to only fund the purchase of the replacement vehicles and a portion of the shuttle driver personnel and considering our minimum required agency match is \$73,600.00, one should note that the remaining operation expenditures of this program over a two year period exceeds that figure in the amount of \$688,628.00

(funded through general fund appropriations and a \$90,000 per year grant via the Capital Area for the Aging). Bottom line, is that our organization will be actually matching the requested grant amount of \$248,000 at a rate of 307 percent.

Budget and Project Implementation

With a 30 year history for operating this program, the City of Austin Parks and Recreation Department has a proven track record and history in managing a efficient and effective budget for this program service. Please see the provided attachment for a detailed line item of our projected budget for Fiscal year 2018 and 2019.

Certification and Submittal

Preparer Certification

By signing below, you certify that this document has been prepared in compliance with all applicable laws, regulations and procedures. You can attest to the document's quality, accuracy, and completeness, and that all source material has been compiled and included in the attachments and technical appendices.

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Document Preparer

Submittal

This application is due by **Friday, September 1st at 5:00 p.m.** You may submit the form using the email button. If you have any questions about the program or this application please contact Ryan Collins at ryan.collins@campotexas.org or call (512) 215-2541.

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