

MoDOT Transit Section Grant Programs

Missouri Elderly and Handicapped Transportation Assistance Program

The Missouri Elderly and Handicapped Transportation Assistance Program (MEHTAP) provides state funds to approximately 200 non-profit organizations statewide who offer transportation services to seniors and/or persons with disabilities at below-cost rates. State general revenue funds are divided among grantees taking into account ridership, costs, and alternative services available (208.250 RSMo). Trips weighted by type (medical, essential services, recreation) determine total ridership. Costs are estimated by total vehicle miles operated by each recipient. Weighted trips and vehicle miles are given equal weights in computing a preliminary formula division of funds.

The preliminary formula division is adjusted for alternative services available, local resources, and special client needs. Some discretion is exercised to adjust for inequities stemming from variances between past actual and projected future usage.

Each year, project funding is contingent upon receipt of applications from eligible providers and an appropriation from the state legislature. Federal, local and private matching funds of over \$24,000,000 do not flow through this department.

Section 5305 of Chapter 53, Title 49, U.S.C. Federal Transit Administration

The department administers Federal Transit Administration Section 5305 (formerly Section 5303) metropolitan planning grants for transit planning activities of the seven metropolitan planning areas of East-West Gateway Coordinating Council (St. Louis area), Mid-America Regional Council (Kansas City area), Ozark Transportation Organization (Springfield area) and the cities of Joplin, St. Joseph, Columbia and Jefferson City.

Funds are distributed to Metropolitan Planning Organizations on the basis of population from 2000 urbanized area Census data within the State of Missouri.

Section 5305 of Chapter 53, Title 49, U.S.C. Federal Transit Administration

The department administers Federal Transit Administration (FTA) state-wide transit planning (formerly Section 5313) and other technical assistance activities grants which can be used for planning support for non-urbanized areas, research, development and demonstration projects, fellowships for training in the public transportation field, university research and human resource development.

Funds are allocated to the department by FTA on the basis of the latest census information and the state's urbanized area as compared to the urbanized area of all states. For these planning and technical assistance activities, the maximum Federal share is 80 percent and the minimum local non-federal share is 20 percent.

