



Specialized Transportation Grant Program

Fact Sheet

Overview

Every two years, SANDAG distributes available Specialized Transportation Grant Program (STGP) funds to support regional transportation services to meet the mobility needs of older adults and individuals with disabilities, especially when conventional transit is unavailable, insufficient, or inappropriate. STGP seeks to address mobility needs in the San Diego region through two funding opportunities.

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310 program funds projects that enhance mobility for people aged 65 and older and individuals with disabilities in large, urbanized areas. The **Senior Mini-Grant** program uses TransNet local half-cent sales tax funds to provide specialized transportation services for individuals aged 60 and older. SANDAG facilitates a competitive grant application process to award funds to achieve the following goals and objectives.

Objectives

The goal of the STGP is to improve mobility for older adults and individuals with disabilities by delivering effective, equitable, environmentally responsible, and coordinated transportation solutions in the San Diego region. SANDAG supports this goal through the following program objectives:

- Implement cost-effective, innovative, and successful specialized transportation services.
- Ensure that specialized transportation projects benefit individuals most in need.
- Promote healthier air and reduce greenhouse gas emissions across the region.
- Encourage coordination among specialized transportation providers to reduce duplicative services, enhance efficient service, and expand ridership.

Program Impact

STGP funding has provided more than six million trips, serving more than 34,000 individuals annually, including 669,000 one-way passenger trips, and provided over 100 accessible vehicles to serve older adults and individuals with disabilities.

- Senior Mini-Grant funds have supported 93 grants totaling more than \$24 million.
- FTA Section 5310 funds have supported 81 grants totaling more than \$22 million.



Eligible Applicants

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

Grant Requirements

- Projects must be derived from the high or very high priority strategies identified in the **SANDAG Coordinated Plan**.
- At least 80% of the beneficiaries must be older adults or individuals with disabilities.
- Grant recipients must provide matching funds.

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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
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 Project Type

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

How to Apply

SANDAG allocates millions of dollars annually in local, state, and federal funds through several competitive grant programs. Grants awarded range from infrastructure projects to habitat management and monitoring efforts to specialized transportation services for senior and disabled populations.

To apply, visit the [SANDAG Grants Bid Opportunities and RFPs on BidNet Direct](#). Applications must be received by the deadline. Late submittals will not be accepted.

Ride Options

To learn about available specialized transportation options in the San Diego region, contact the Consolidated Transportation Services Agency, Facilitating Access to Coordinated Transportation (FACT), at [888.924.3228](tel:888.924.3228) or visit factsd.org.

More Information

- Visit SANDAG.org/stgp
- Learn more at SANDAG.org/grants



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