

Improving Coordinated Transportation Systems for Transportation Disadvantaged Populations, Especially People with Disabilities and Older Adults

Research and Demonstration Program to Improve Coordinated Transportation Systems for People with Disabilities and Older Adults

Could you briefly describe the ACL Transportation Coordination opportunity?

The Research and Demonstration Program to Improve Coordinated Transportation Systems for People with Disabilities and Older Adults grant is a five year competitive opportunity open to applicants demonstrating national capacity to improve coordinated transportation systems by empowering people with disabilities and older adults to actively participate in transportation planning, implementation, and on-going quality improvement process.

What is the total funding?

Research and Demonstration Program to Improve Coordinated Transportation Systems for People with Disabilities and Older Adults:

Total Amount:	Up to \$1 million
Eligibility:	National organization with demonstrated experience of improving coordinated transportation systems through empowering older adults and people with disabilities.
Length of grant:	Five Years
Number funded:	One

A budget should be prepared for the total five year period.

Is a teleconference scheduled to provide more information about the opportunity?

A conference to discuss the opportunity is not scheduled. Those with questions should contact the project officers of the announcement.

Are Letters of Intent required to apply?

A letter of intent is not required for this opportunity.

When are applications due?

The application is is due August 14, 2012 at 11:59 pm ET

Who is eligible to apply?

For purposes of this competition, national organizations are defined as those entities established with headquarters and administration for an organized group of bodies (local chapters, affiliates, faith- and community-based, and tribal organizations) dedicated to improving transportation services for a major, nationwide segment of the older adult and persons with disabilities population. Applicants must demonstrate that they have demonstrated experience and a proven track record in promoting coordinated transportation systems that respond to the needs of people with disabilities and older adults as well as demonstrated experience in partnering with key national stakeholder groups that are involved in the provision of services and information to the target populations. Only one application per agency/organization will be accepted.

Applications that do not meet the responsiveness criteria outlined below will be administratively eliminated and will not be reviewed. The successful applicant will be an organization, which may include contractors or sub-grantees, which meets the criteria listed below. Applicants **must** conform to the following elements:

- a. Applicants must meet the criteria for national organizations as defined above
- b. Applicants must have demonstrated experience in promoting the development of coordinated transportation systems that respond to the needs of people with disabilities and older adults.

The competition is open to domestic, public or private non-profit entities including state and local governments, Indian tribal governments and organizations (American Indian/Alaskan Native/Native American), faith-based organizations, and community-based organizations. Consideration will be given to national public and private non-profit agencies and organizations including faith- and community-based organizations (FBOs and CBOs), and national Indian tribal organizations.

How often is the environmental scan to be completed?

The environmental scan is to be completed once and must be completed during the first three months of the project.

Can my agency apply in conjunction with another organization?

HHS policy encourages the coordination of related programs at the Federal, state and local levels wherever possible. Applicants seeking funding under this announcement may find it helpful to subcontract out some of the activities undertaken to implement this project to one or more national organizations with a successful track record and demonstrated experience in empowering people with disabilities and older adults to improve systems, such as making transportation systems responsive to meet the needs of people with disabilities and older adults.