

THE KDOT PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM - 5311

The Kansas Department of Transportation's (KDOT) Office of Public Transportation manages the two main programs for transportation service grants in Kansas, the Section 5311 (general public transportation) and Section 5310 (specialized transportation for the elderly or disabled) programs. These programs are funded through the Federal Transit Administration and the State of Kansas.

Mandatory Coordinated Transit District Membership: KSA 75-5057 states that any recipient of Federal or State grants (including Section 5311 grants) to provide rural public transportation services in Kansas shall be required to be a member of a Coordinated Transit District (CTD). An applicant must be an active member of their CTD prior to the submission of their grant application to be eligible to receive Federal and/or State public transportation program funding.

In order to make the best use of existing resources, all applicants for Section 5311 funding are required to carefully explore the possibilities of coordinating their operations with other transportation service providers in the area, who may be able to provide the needed transportation services.

More information on the KDOT Office of Public Transportation's programs and the Coordinated Transit Districts can be obtained at our website

<http://www.ksdot.org/burTransPlan/pubtrans/index.asp>.

Section 5311 (General Public Transportation) Program Overview

The Section 5311 program provides funding to support rural and small urban (under 50,000 population) transportation projects that serve the general public. Funds are available for both capital and operating assistance. A focus of the Section 5311 program is to coordinate transportation funding sources and systems, in order to alleviate wastefulness created by duplication.

Eligible Applicants: County governments, nonurban (under 50,000 pop.) city governments, Native American Indian reservations, and private nonprofit corporations registered in Kansas.

Eligible Capital Expenses: Transit vehicles and associated equipment including wheelchair lifts, ramps, restraints, etc.

Eligible Operating Expenses: Drivers, dispatchers, fuel, oil, tires, repairs, vehicle license tags, insurance, marketing, etc.

Capital (Vehicle) Purchase Matching Requirement: KDOT share 80%, local share 20%.

Operating Expense Matching Requirement: KDOT share 50%, local share 50%, The state currently contributes up to 20% to assist with the local match, but these funds are subject to availability.