



Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities

2026 Call for Projects Program Development

Background

- The Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities (EMSD) Grant Program offers grant opportunities to:
 - Non-profit organizations, and
 - Local public agencies.
- The Program helps OCTA meet transportation needs for seniors and individuals with disabilities.
 - EMSD augments OC Access and the Senior Mobility Program in OC.
- OCTA is responsible for conducting a Call for Projects and allocating EMSD funds.
 - Local funds are utilized to provide streamlining project implementation.

2026 Call

- The 2026 Call is currently under development.
 - ~\$4 million available
- Includes updates to:
 - Guidelines, and
 - Application templates (Capital and Operating).



Projects

- Typically, eligible projects* include:

Capital

- Vehicle acquisitions
 - Buses/vans for purposes of EMSD
 - Purchased or leased**
 - New or used**
- Equipment acquisitions
 - Service-related equipment
 - Wheelchair lifts, ramps, securement devices
- Small capital purchases
 - Computer hardware/software

Operating

- Mobility management
 - Coordinating transportation services
 - Call centers
 - Driver/travel training
 - Communication/dispatching systems
- Operating assistance
 - Labor (staffing)
 - Materials (fuel, office supplies)
 - Continuation of services
 - Contracted services
 - First/last-mile trips

* Subject to change

**Must meet certain criteria

Schedule

Milestone	Timeframe
Guidelines Workshop	Quarter 2 2026
Call Release	Quarter 2/3 2026
Projects Awarded	Quarter 4 2026/Quarter 1 2027



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