

## 5307 Information

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**PROGRAM PURPOSE:** The Urbanized Area Formula Funding program (49 U.S.C. 5307) makes Federal resources available to urbanized areas and to Governors **for transit capital and operating assistance** and for **transportation related planning** in urbanized areas. An urbanized area is a Census-designated area with a population of 50,000 or more as determined by the U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census.

**GWRC BACKGROUND:** In 2013 GWRC entered into an agreement (MOU) with the Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission (PRTC) and the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC) to form the Vanpool Alliance. This alliance is dedicated to reporting the passenger and mileage data from Regional vanpools to the National Transit Data Base (NT). This reporting creates **a new revenue stream of Section 5307 funds** from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to the three alliance members.

As a result of this effort, the GWRC area will be able to draw down, through participating in a PRTC grant program, approximately **\$1.24 million per year**, beginning with FY 2019-20. Through previous GWRC board votes, the \$1.24 million for the current year has been committed to FRED. A match is required.

**ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES:** Eligible activities include:

- Transit related planning
- Engineering, design and evaluation of transit projects
- Other technical transportation-related studies
- Capital investments in bus and bus-related activities such as:
  - Replacement of buses
  - Overhaul of buses
  - Rebuilding of buses
  - Crime prevention and security equipment (for transit)
  - Construction of maintenance and passenger facilities
  - Capital investments in new and existing fixed guideway systems including rolling stock, overhaul and rebuilding of vehicles, track, signals, communications, and computer hardware and software.
  - All preventive maintenance and some Americans with Disabilities Act complementary paratransit service costs are considered capital costs.

**POSSIBLE GWRC RELATED USES:**

- New route planning software to develop better, interlocking transit for all our providers (FRED, Healthy Generations, RACSB, etc.)

- GWRideConnect Required five-year plan.
- Pilot programs (electric)
- Other transit related items listed in the existing FAMPO Bike-Ped Study
- Other bike-ped options
- Lime bike type capital
- Some capital sidewalks, etc. related to transit.