

5307 Funding and Vanpool Alliance

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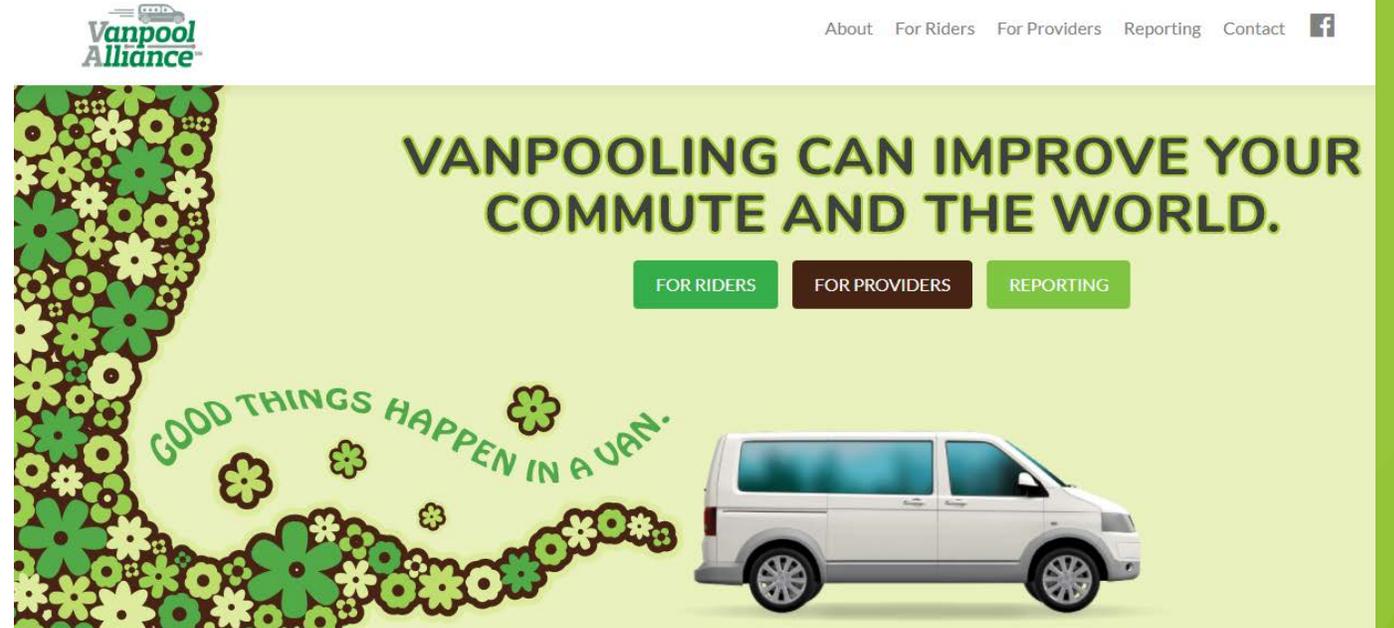
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It all starts with a van ...

A public-private partnership that includes:

- Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission (PRTC)
- Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC)
- George Washington Regional Commission (GWRC)
- Vanpool operators
- Federal Transit Administration



Our mission is to promote and support vanpooling and serve as a resource for riders and providers. Our goal is to create a better commuting experience for riders while reducing traffic congestion and air pollution in our community.

How the funds are generated



- ▶ Vanpools run individuals from areas near their home (often commuter lots) to areas near their place of employment.
- ▶ In the GWRC region that generally includes trips to Northern Virginia and Washington DC. (Trips to Richmond and Dahlgren do not generate 5307 funds).



- ▶ Drivers report their route, miles, and number of passengers, to the Vanpool Alliance
 - ▶ The Alliance compiles and reports the data to the National Transit Database



Federal Government and PRTC magic (explained later)



- ▶ PRTC
 - ▶ Vanpool Alliance participants
 - ▶ NVTC
 - ▶ PRTC
 - ▶ GWRC

Now more of the details

- ▶ Federal Transit Administration dollars flow to PRTC
 - ▶ Amount is based on the total passenger miles reported to the National Transit Database for the larger region that includes the footprints of NVTTC, PRTC, and GWRC.
 - ▶ PRTC is the federal “recipient”
 - ▶ While they qualify for a total dollar amount, they must submit an application to draw down the funds.
 - ▶ The application must include the projects to be funded
 - ▶ The projects must be eligible for funding under 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53, Sections 5307
 - ▶ PRTC is subject to significant oversight, including a triennial review and audit, related to these funds
 - ▶ PRTC can have other organizations develop and implement projects as long as they are eligible activities. These other organizations become “sub-recipients”.



Sub-recipients

How GWRC fits in

- ▶ In July 2012, GWRC entered into a MOU with PRTC and NVTC to create the Vanpool Alliance
- ▶ The MOU lists organizational requirements
 - ▶ Determines how the funds generated are to be used:
 - ▶ Fund the program (PRTC staff and marketing)
 - ▶ Make payments to vanpool operators for entering data into the system
 - ▶ Division of the remainder between PRTC, GWRC, and NVTC
 - ▶ Based on passenger miles driven in each region as reported to the national database
 - ▶ Includes provision for an administrative fee to PRTC
- ▶ The GWRC Board decides how the funds generated for our region are used
 - ▶ Done by resolution
 - ▶ In alignment with 5307 requirements
 - ▶ As “approved” by PRTC (as the lead recipient)

Funds available for use in GWRC region

Budget FY	Total Federal Earnings	Program Budget	NVTC Earnings	PRTC Earnings	GWRC Earnings
FY17	\$1,805,767	\$1,400,000			
FY18	\$4,726,278	\$1,636,500	\$1,354,472	\$637,422	\$571,592
FY19	\$6,211,383	\$1,630,791	\$2,483,435	\$1,123,629	\$987,172
FY20	\$7,116,863	\$1,837,500	\$2,950,017	\$1,334,734	\$1,172,640
			\$225,235	\$103,734	\$91,996
FY21	\$6,688,960	\$1,994,800	\$3,605,795	\$1,622,767	\$1,460,397

So how can the funding be used?

- ▶ Related to Public Transportation
- ▶ Includes the Urbanized Area (TMA)
- ▶ Aligns with Jurisdictional and Regional Priorities



Note: PRTC has to be comfortable with eligibility as they are the recipient.

- ▶ **Always eligible:**
 - ▶ Transit capital (FRED, VRE)
 - ▶ Maintenance of transit related capital (FRED, VRE)
 - ▶ Transit related shelters and sidewalks
- ▶ **It depends on details:**
 - ▶ Mobility management (Healthy Generations)
 - ▶ Mobility management coordination activities/improvements/software
 - ▶ Park and ride lots (if transit serves the lot)
 - ▶ Job access and reverse commute projects (if traveling to the TMA)
- ▶ **Always ineligible:**
 - ▶ Staff time
 - ▶ Public Service Announcements/Advertising



▶ Questions?