



Far West Texas El Paso Regional Transportation Coordination Committee (WTEP)

The El Paso Metropolitan Planning Organization (EPMPO) has announced the availability of funds to provide services to elderly and persons with disabilities through Section 5310 (Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities for the El Paso Urbanized Area). Proposals will be evaluated and ranked in priority according to their technical merit, evaluation, and group discussion of each proposal.

EPMPO will be the sole judge deciding which proposals have the greatest technical merit when setting priorities for project selection and has the right to accept or reject any or any part of a proposal or modify any proposal to select the proposals that at its sole discretion best serve citizens in the El Paso region.

EPMPO has the right to limit the total amount awarded. Projects will be selected based as much as possible on the needs, goals and strategies indicated in the **Far West Texas/El Paso (WTEP) Regional Transportation Coordination Plan** and the EPMPO Congestion Management Process, with the criterion of maximizing the obligation of available funding.

Review by WTEP: A three-page summary of the proposal must be presented to the WTEP Membership meeting on August 8, 2024, at Amistad – 3210 Dyer St. at 3:00pm. The deadline to submit the requested information is August 1, 2024, by 5:00pm. For information about this meeting, contact cgarcia@projectamistad.org.

On Friday, August 2, 2024, at 9:00am we will have a drawing to determine the order of presentations at the WTEP Meeting on Thursday, August 8, 2024. A representative from an agency that is not a WTEP member will draw the names of the agencies to determine the order. A Zoom invite will be sent to agencies that responded to the RFP and to WTEP member agencies so that they become aware of the order of presentations. Presentations will be done in person at the WTEP Meeting scheduled for August 8, 2024, at 3:00pm. The finalized list of presenters will be included in the agenda.

A requirement of the RFP is to *Assure that proposals selected for funding are responsive to **one or more** of the objectives identified in Chapter VI of the WTEP Regional Coordinated Transportation Plan*. This refers to the 2022 through 2026 WTEP Regional Health and Human Services Transportation Coordination Plan (AKA WTEP Regional Plan). While meeting one of the 27 objectives is acceptable, meeting more than one objective enhances the ability to receive a favorable rating.

A printed copy of the WTEP Regional Plan is available at 3210 Dyer, headquarters of Amistad, WTEP's Lead Agency. It is also available through the Amistad website at (<https://projectamistad.org>). Click on the WTEP link.

For detailed information regarding EPMPO's RFP, go to <https://www.elpasompo.org/FTASection5310Program>).

Please follow the below instructions for the Three-page summary:

1. Introduction about the entity responding to the RFP.
2. Highlights regarding services provided to elderly and persons with disabilities (number of persons served, geographic area to be served, etc.).
3. Refer specifically to the Goal(s) and Operating Objective(s) that the program / project will address. See the 2022 – 2026 WTEP Regional Plan. A copy of the Regional Plan can be obtained by contacting Celia Garcia at cgarcia@projectamistad.org.
4. Are funds to be used for operations (implement a new program or expand an existing program or services). Explain.
5. Are funds to be used for capital purchases? Explain.
6. Is the agency partnering with other entities? Explain.
7. Provide a brief summary of the 'match' to be provided as required in the RFP.
8. Include a summary of the proposed budget explaining how the funds are to be used.
9. The budget summary should be on a separate page and describes how the funds will be used.
10. Use Times New Roman, 11 or 12 size print.

Presentations, including Q&A, should not exceed ten minutes.

At the completion of the presentations, WTEP will submit a letter to the MPO verifying that the proposal is, or is not, within the scope of the 2022 – 2026 WTEP Regional Plan. Agencies that are not within the scope of the regional plan will be notified by August 15, 2024, and informed that they can revise their proposal and resubmit it to WTEP by the end of business day August 22, 2024.

The WTEP Steering Committee will review the revised proposal and notify the MPO whether the revision is within the scope of the regional plan.