



## **FACT SHEET**

### **TDOT Critical Trips (CRIT) Program Demand Response in Urban Areas**

#### **Program Purpose**

This program provides operating assistance to support demand response service in urban areas of Tennessee not served by the primary urban transit system operating in the urban core.

#### **Eligible Applicants**

Public transit providers currently receiving FTA 5307 or 5311 program funds are eligible. Designated recipients of FTA 5310 program funds for large urban areas are eligible IF the recipient does not receive funds from the TDOT Urban Operating Program.

#### **Eligible Projects**

Operating (i.e. fuel, salaries, wages, fringe benefits)

#### **Project Selection**

Annual program funds are approved by the State Legislature. A portion of the funds are allocated to pre-determined eligible public transportation providers by formula. The formula is based on population reported in the 2010 Census.

Designated recipients of 5310 funds in large urbanized areas must provide a copy of the approved Federal grant award when requesting funding. Critical Trips funds are set aside for state match on eligible recipient federal grants.

A provider seeking to become a new recipient of Critical Trips funds should contact the TDOT Multimodal Division Office of Public Transportation for consideration.

#### **Minimum Local Match Requirements**

First \$1,000,000 in total expenses – 80% state, 20% local  
After first \$1,000,000 in total expenses – 50% state, 50% local

#### **Program Requirements**

Agencies are required to comply with all state rules and requirements. Monthly, quarterly, and annual submission of information and reports to document compliance and measure project performance is required. Public transit agencies operating demand response service in urbanized areas must be direct reporters to the National Transit Database, if applicable. Designated recipients of 5310 Large Urban funds must ensure that no more than 45% of their federal award project is dedicated to “non-traditional” activities.