
The Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act - Transit

Commonwealth Transportation Board – February 17, 2021

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CRRSAA for Transit

- Signed into law on December 27, 2020
- Included \$14B in relief for transit agencies nationwide
 - \$13.2B for urban transit agencies
 - \$648M for rural transit agencies
 - \$30M for tribal transit
 - \$50M for human service transportation (seniors/disabilities)

Urban Transit – Section 5307

- Included a provision that limited relief funding if an agency/region had received an amount equal to or exceeding 75% of their FY18 operating expenses.
- Urbanized areas receiving funding under CRRSAA:
 - Washington DC/MD/VA - \$830,710,573
 - Hampton Roads - \$10,063,388
 - Split between Hampton Roads Transit and Suffolk Transit
 - Richmond - \$3,661,142
 - Split between GRTC and City of Petersburg
 - Blacksburg - \$136,151
 - Split between Blacksburg Transit and City of Radford
- The remaining urbanized areas received funding exceeding 75% under the CARES Act and received no additional funding under CRRSAA
- DRPT is closely monitoring and working with transit agencies as they prepare their FY22 budgets

WMATA and Northern Virginia Agencies

Amount	Allocation
\$830M	Urbanized Area Allocation
(\$112M)	Allocated to VRE, PRTC, and MTA
(\$108M)	Allocated to Local Bus Operators (DC, MD, VA)
\$610M	Remaining Allocation for WMATA

- \$610M will help offset projected deficit in FY21 and into FY22, delaying significant service cuts and employee layoffs
- \$210M budget gap remains in FY22 and will require additional funding or service cuts and layoffs would be required in early 2022
- Draft FY22 WMATA Budget leaves local subsidies flat in FY22

Rural Transit – Section 5311

- Included a provision that limited relief funding if an agency/region had received an amount equal to or exceeding 125% of their FY18 operating expenses.
- Commonwealth received \$51M in CARES act funding, more than double statewide rural transit expenditures in FY18
- CARES Act funding supported Virginia’s rural transit agencies by supporting operating expenses and capital requests, at 100% federal share
- Only 22 states received rural transit allocations in CRRSAA
- DRPT is closely monitoring and working with agencies as they prepare their FY22 budgets

Statewide Funds for Mobility of Seniors and People with Disabilities – Section 5310

- Human Service agencies received no relief funding under CARES Act
- DRPT is receiving the following apportionments under CRRSAA:
 - Richmond Urbanized Area: \$155,786
 - Roanoke Urbanized Area: \$40,018
 - Hampton Roads Urbanized Area: \$210,858
 - Small Urban Areas: \$219,733
 - Rural: \$264,488
- Apportionments for Northern Virginia are distributed by the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments
- DRPT provided information on the availability of CRRSAA funding to Section 5310 funding recipients in January, while the application period was still open
- DRPT is evaluating applications and anticipates making funding recommendations to the CTB in March.
- Funding can be utilized at 100% federal share.

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