

APPENDIX B: EXCERPTS FROM FTA CIRCULARS REGARDING LOCAL MATCH

FTA circulars provide guidance concerning what sources of revenue can be used as local match under the various FTA grant programs. The text excerpts below are taken directly from FTA circulars as of 2017 (some text from the circulars is omitted if it does not directly relate to coordinated transportation services).

EXCERPTS FROM FTA CIRCULAR 9030.1E: URBANIZED AREA FORMULA PROGRAM (SECTION 5307)

The local match may include:

- a. Cash from nongovernmental sources other than revenues from providing public transportation services;...
- b. Amounts received under a service agreement with a state or local social service agency or private social service organization;...
- c. Amounts appropriated or otherwise made available to a department or agency of the government (other than the Department of Transportation) that are eligible to be expended for transportation. (Chapter III.7)

In addition to funds from Section 403 of the Social Security Act, in a very limited number of situations, other federal funds may be eligible for inclusion in the local match. Such use is dependent upon agreement by the federal agency. (Chapter III.8.h)

EXCERPTS FROM FTA CIRCULAR 9040.1G: FORMULA GRANTS FOR RURAL AREAS (SECTION 5311)

Payments made directly to the transportation provider by human service agencies... would be considered “program income” and may be used to reduce the net operating cost of the service or may be used as local match on the existing grant. (Chapter III.3.c)

Income from contracts to provide human service transportation may be used either to reduce the net project cost (treated as revenue) or to provide local match for Section 5311 operating assistance (treated as program income). In either case, the cost of providing the contract service is included in the total project cost. Unlike other forms of program income, income from contracts to provide human service transportation may be used as the local match for the grant in which the income is generated. (Chapter III.4.c)

[Local match] may be provided from...a service agreement with a state or local social service agency or a private social service organization...[and] may be derived from amounts appropriated or otherwise made available to a department or agency of the government (other than DOT) that are eligible to be expended for transportation. (Chapter III.4.e)

Recipients may use funds from other federal agencies (non-DOT) for the entire local match if the other agency makes the funds available to the recipient for the purposes of the project... A state cannot use Section 5310 or other FTA funds as match for Section 5311 program funds. (Chapter III.4.h)

EXCERPTS FROM FTA CIRCULAR 9070.1G: ENHANCED MOBILITY FOR SENIORS AND INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES (SECTION 5310)

The local share may be provided from...a service agreement with a state or local service agency or private social service organization....

Income from contracts to provide human service transportation may be used either to reduce the net project cost (treated as revenue) or to provide local match for Section 5310 operating assistance. In either case, the cost of providing the contract service is included in the total project cost....

In addition, the local share may be derived from federal programs that are eligible to be expended for transportation, other than DOT programs... Examples of types of programs that are potential sources of local match include: employment, training, aging, medical, community services, and rehabilitation services. (Chapter III.16.a)