

ENHANCED MOBILITY

2025 Grant Selection and Approval Process

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Purpose

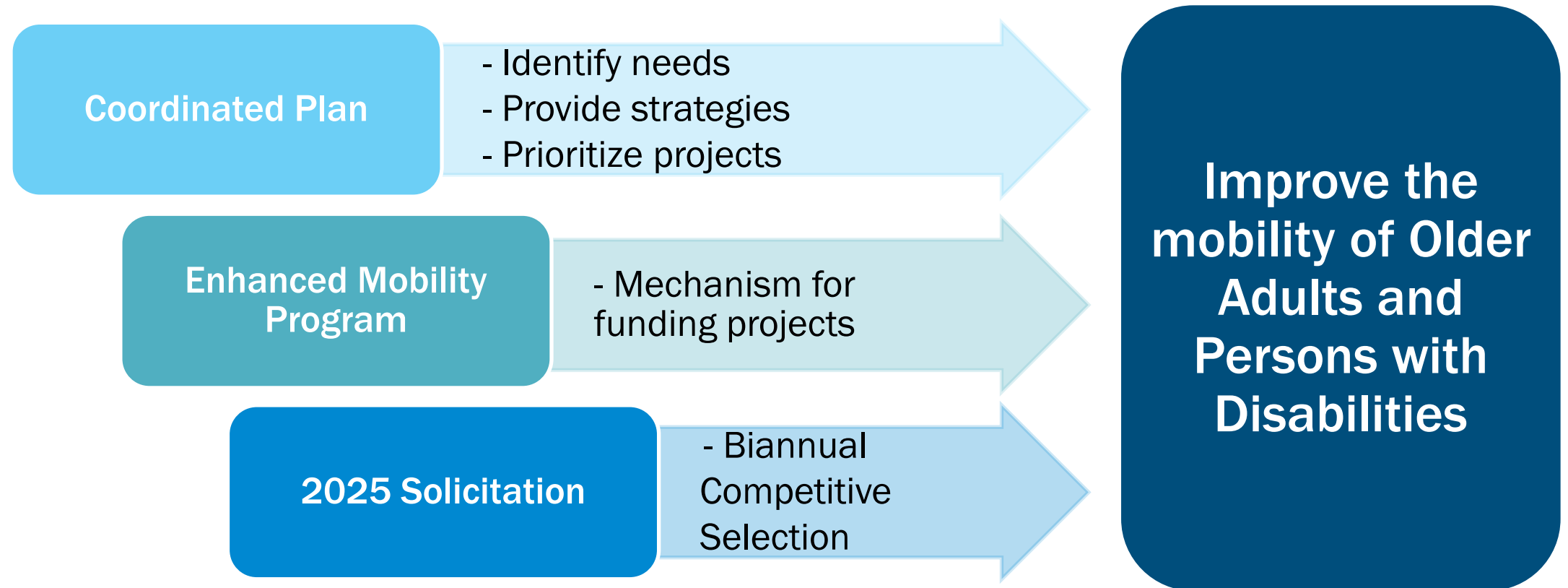
- Enhanced Mobility is a program that administers federal grant funding to support the transportation of older adults and people with disabilities throughout the region.
 - Projects have included: Volunteer driver programs, travel training, mobility management, sidewalk/bus stop construction, and acquisition of wheelchair accessible vans and buses.



“Improve mobility for seniors and individuals with disabilities...by removing barriers to transportation services and expanding the transportation mobility options available.”



Process and Goal



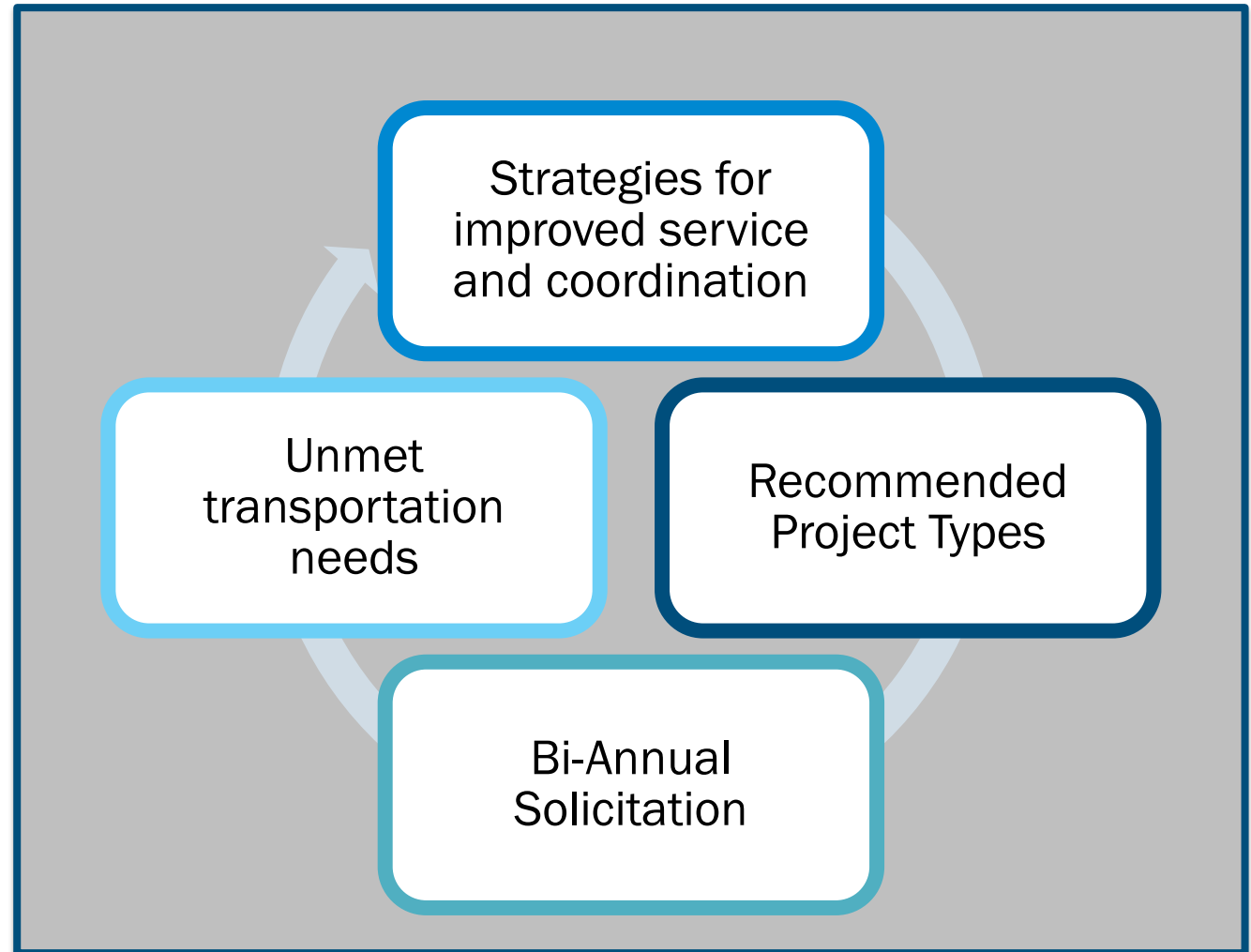
Regional Coordination on Project Priorities

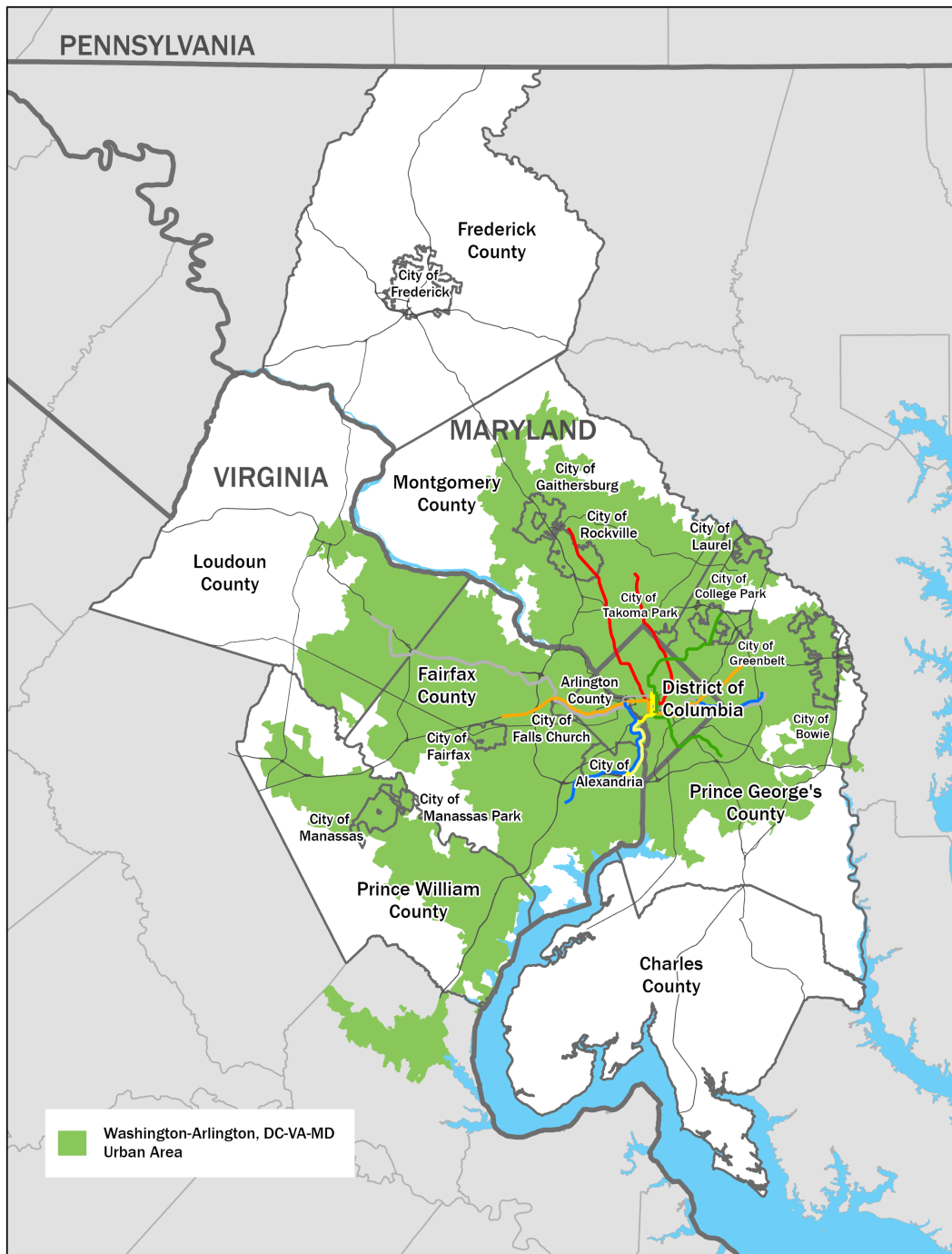
- Project selection is guided by the [Coordinated Human Service Transportation Plan](#)
 - Last approved by TPB in May 2023 ([R11-2023](#))
 - Identifies strategies that help meet targeted transportation needs and priorities:
 - Door-through-door or Escorted Transportation Service
 - Increase Wheelchair-Accessible Options in Taxi and Ride-Hailing Services
 - Tailored Transportation Service for Clients of Human Service Agencies (Vehicle Acquisition)
 - Increase Access to Transit Stations
 - Volunteer Driver Programs
 - Mobility Management
 - Travel Training
 - Coordinated Planning Efforts



Tackling Unmet Needs

- I. Expand availability and coordination of transportation options
- II. Increase awareness of existing transportation services
- III. Improve accessibility of transportation options
- IV. Make transportation options more affordable and sustainable





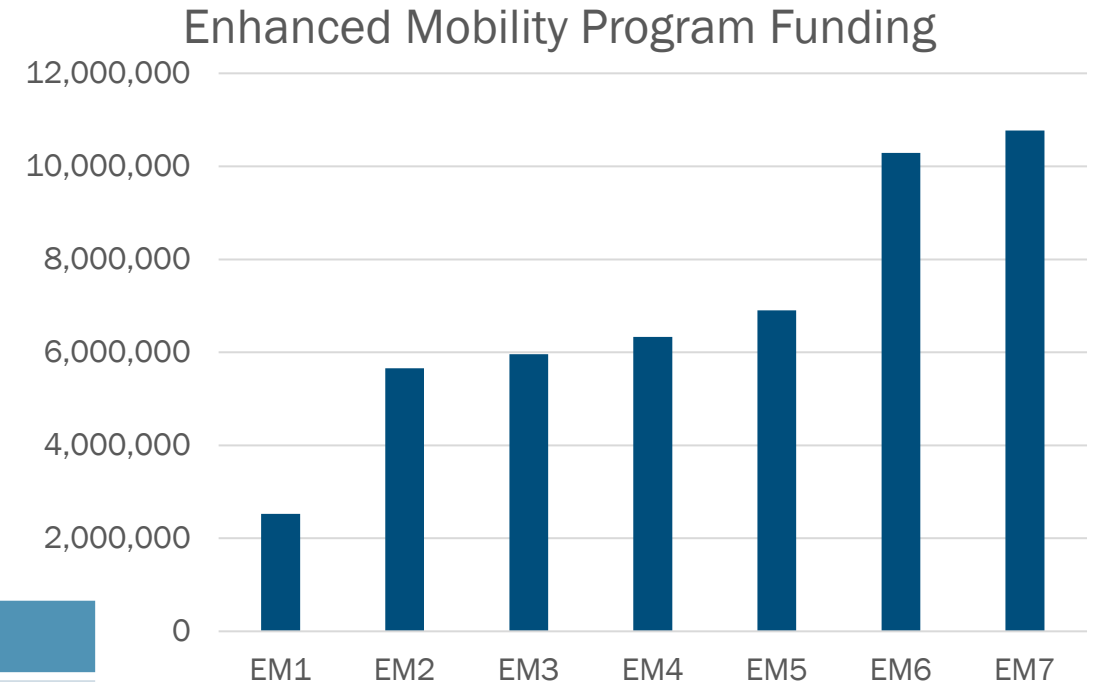
2025 Grant Solicitation

- **Pre-Application Conferences:** Three conferences held in July 2025 in DC, MD, and VA
- **Application Window:** August – September 2025
- **Eligible Service Area:** Projects must benefit populations within the Washington, DC-VA-MD Urbanized Area
- **What type of projects?** Capital and operating grants that improve transportation for people with disabilities and older adults
- **Other Requirements** Matching funds must be identified in application
 - Operating: **50%**
 - Capital and Mobility Management: **20%**
- **Anticipated funding available:** ~10 million

2025 Solicitation

31 Applications submitted
\$20.7 M Requested in federal dollars
\$10.8 M In federal funding available
\$1.92 Requested for every **\$1** available
138 Wheelchair accessible vehicles

DC	MD	VA
5	17	9



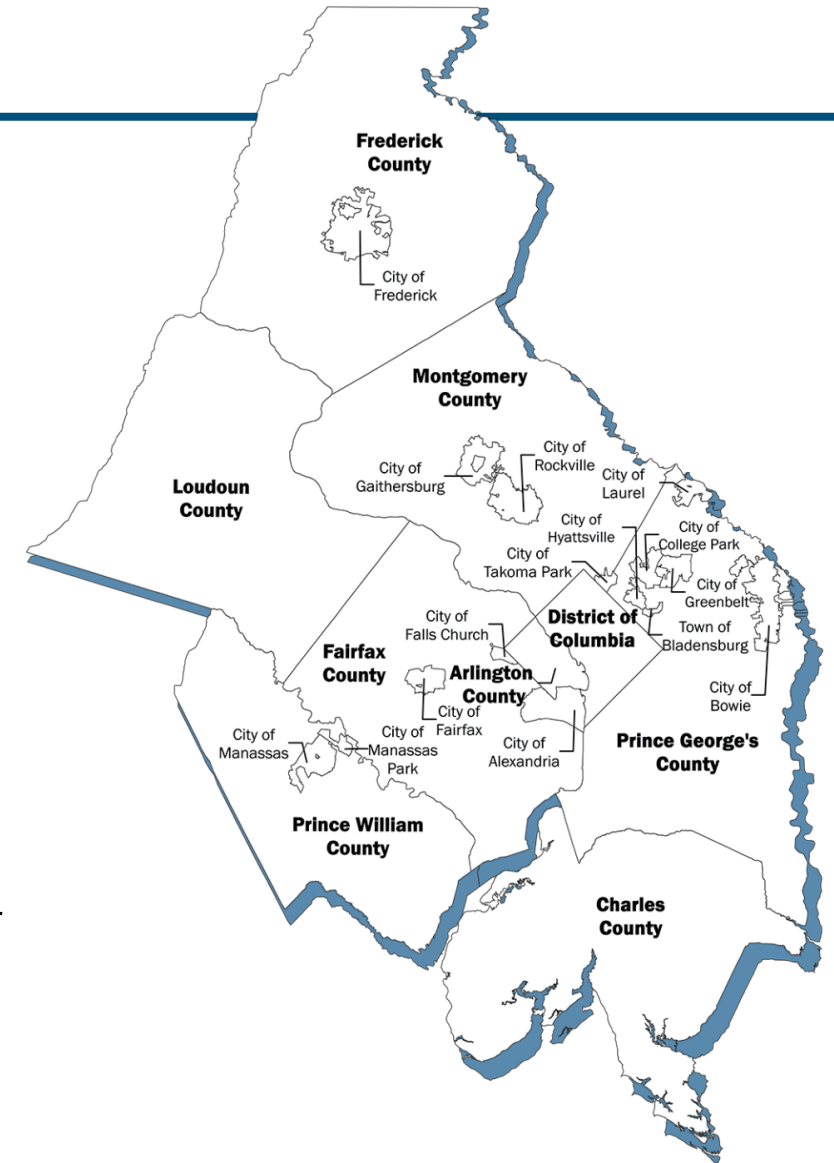
Source: FTA



2025 Selection Committee

COG staff have selected members from each jurisdiction of the Washington Urbanized Area, a Subject Matter National Expert, and a Committee Chair to form the 2025 Selection Committee:

- Committee Chair, **Councilmember Canek Aguirre**
- District of Columbia Representative, **Kaelem Mohabir**, *DC District Department of Transportation*
- Maryland Representative: **Cydney Dickens**, *Maryland Department of Transportation*
- Virginia Representative: **Jess Maffey**, *Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation*
- National Expert: **David Somers**, *USAging*



Timeline

- Selection Committee Kickoff Meeting (October 15, 2025)
- Selection Committee sends scores to COG (November 14, 2025)
- Selection Committee finalizes recommendations (November 24, 2025; TBD)
- TPB Action Item and Approval (December 17, 2025)
- Successful applicants are given 30 days to complete FTA required paperwork (January 2026)
- Approval by FTA (can take 6 months)
- Subgrant agreements signed and grantee projects begin (Fall 2026)
- Anticipated initial vehicle deliveries (Early 2027)
- Next Solicitation (Summer 2027)



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