



# Town of Colchester, Connecticut

95 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, Connecticut 06415

Patricia A. Watts, Director of Senior Services/Municipal Agent

## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Board of Finance  
**From:** Patricia A. Watts, Director of Senior Services  
**Date:** 03/08/2024  
**Re:** Section 5310 Program Grant Application

Section 5310 funding is used to fund the acquisition of vehicles equipped with wheel chair lifts to serve seniors over the age of 60 and individuals with disabilities over the age of 18. Pending the approval from the Board of Finance and the Board of Selectmen, the grant application for the Section 5310 Program will be submitted to CTDOT by April 2, 2024. Should funding be awarded, it will be approved for up to \$66,744.00 of funding provided by CTDOT. This funding will be utilized for the procurement of a new passenger van to be used for Medical Transportation Services through the operations of the Colchester Senior Center in the Department of Senior Services. This vehicle would accommodate up to 4 walk-on passengers and an additional 2 passengers in wheelchairs. The cost of the van will be approximately \$83,430, with \$66,744 (80%) of the funding provided through the DOT and \$16,686 (20%) required as local matching funds. I've been notified by Steve Sharpe that we have money to cover the Town cost share through the Vehicle Reserve Fund. Anticipated delivery date November 2025 (FY 2026).

### Recommended Motion

Authorize the expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$16,686 from the Vehicle Reserve Fund (FY 2026) for the local match requirement for the acquisition of wheel chair lift passenger van for Medical Transportation Services through Senior Services.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia A. Watts