

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Transit Administration (FTA), DOT.

Fiscal Year 2020 Low or No Emission Grant Program Project Selections

AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration

ACTION: Low or No Emission Grants Program Announcement of Project Selections and Implementation Guidance

DATE OF APPROVAL June 1, 2020

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) Federal Transit Administration (FTA) announces the selection of projects with Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 appropriations for the Low or No Emission Grants Program (Low-No Program) and provides administrative guidance on project implementation.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Successful applicants should contact the appropriate FTA Regional Office for information regarding applying for the funds or program-specific information. A list of Regional Offices can be found at

<https://www.transit.dot.gov/about/regional-offices/regional-offices>. Unsuccessful applicants may contact Victor Waldron, Office of Program Management at (202) 366-5183, email: victor.waldron@dot.gov, to arrange a proposal debriefing within 30 days of this

announcement. A TDD is available at 1-800-877-8339 (TDD/FIRS).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Low or No Emissions Grant Program (49 U.S.C. § 5339(c)) authorizes FTA to make competitive grants for low or no emissions buses and bus facilities. Federal public transportation law (49 U.S.C. § 5338) authorizes \$55 million for allocations in FY 2020. The Further Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2020 (P.L. 116-94) appropriated an additional \$75 million for the Low-No Program for FY 2020 for a

total appropriation of \$130 million. On January 17, 2020, FTA published a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) (85 FR 4348) announcing the availability of \$130 million in competitive funding under the Low-No Program. These program funds will provide financial assistance to purchase or lease low or no emission vehicles that use advanced technologies, including related equipment or facilities, for transit revenue operations. In response to the NOFO, FTA received 147 eligible proposals from 41 states and the District of Columbia requesting \$513 million in Federal funds. Project proposals were evaluated based on each applicant's responsiveness to the program evaluation criteria outlined in the NOFO. FTA is funding 41 projects as shown in Table 1 for a total of \$130 million.

Recipients selected for competitive funding should work with their FTA Regional Office to submit a grant application in FTA's Transit Award Management System (TrAMS) for the projects identified in the attached table to quickly obligate funds. Grant applications must only include eligible activities applied for in the original project proposal. Funds must be used consistent with the competitive proposal and for the eligible capital purposes established in the NOFO and described in FTA Circular 5100.1.

In cases where the allocation amount is less than the proposer's total requested amount, recipients are required to fund the scalable project option as described the application. If the award amount does not correspond to the scalable option, for example due to a cap on the award amount, the recipient should work with the Regional Office to reduce scope or scale the project such that a complete phase or project is accomplished. Recipients are reminded that program requirements such as cost sharing or local match can be found in the NOFO.

A discretionary project identification number has been assigned to each project for tracking purposes and must be used in the TrAMS application. Selected projects are eligible to incur costs under pre-award authority no earlier than the date projects were publicly announced on June 1, 2020. Pre-award authority does not guarantee that project expenses incurred prior to the award of a grant will be eligible for reimbursement, as eligibility for reimbursement is contingent upon other requirements, such as planning and environmental requirements, having been met. For more about FTA's policy on pre-award authority, please see the current FTA Apportionments, Allocations, and Program Information and Interim Guidance at <https://www.transit.dot.gov/funding/apportionments>. Post-award reporting requirements include submission of the Federal Financial Report and Milestone Progress Reports in TrAMS as appropriate (see FTA Circular 5010.1). Recipients must comply with all applicable Federal statutes, regulations, executive orders, FTA circulars, and other Federal requirements in carrying out the project supported by the FTA grant.

Selected projects that include partnerships have satisfied the competitive procurement requirement through the competitive selection process. FTA emphasizes that all other recipients must follow all third-party procurement requirements as authorized by Federal public transportation law (49 U.S.C. § 5325(a)) and described in the FTA Third Party Contracting Guidance Circular (FTA Circular 4220.1). All recipients, including those with projects that included a partnership in the project proposal thus satisfying competitive procurement requirements, must satisfy the requirements of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA). The NDAA prohibits the use of FTA funding for procurements of rolling stock from any manufacturer that is "owned or controlled by, is a subsidiary of, or is otherwise related legally or financially to a corporation based in" certain foreign countries.

Additional information on the NDAA can be found at

<https://www.transit.dot.gov/funding/procurement/frequently-asked-questions-regarding-section-7613-national-defense>.

Funds are available for a period of 3 years. Accordingly, funds allocated in this announcement must be obligated in a grant by **September 30, 2023**.

**TABLE 1
FY 20 LOW OR NO EMISSION PROJECT SELECTIONS**

State	Recipient	Project ID	Project Description	Allocation
AK	City and Borough of Juneau, Capital Transit	D2020-LWNO-001	Purchase battery-electric buses, associated charging infrastructure.	\$5,014,400
AL	Alabama A&M University	D2020-LWNO-002	Purchase battery-electric buses.	\$2,229,189
AZ	City of Tucson	D2020-LWNO-003	Purchase battery-electric buses and associated charging infrastructure.	\$3,757,100
CA	Antelope Valley Transit Authority	D2020-LWNO-004	Purchase battery-electric buses.	\$6,253,255
CO	Colorado Department of Transportation	D2020-LWNO-005	Purchase battery-electric buses.	\$1,600,000
CT	Connecticut Department of Transportation	D2020-LWNO-006	Purchase battery-electric buses.	\$1,931,452
DC	Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority	D2020-LWNO-007	Purchase battery-electric buses and supporting infrastructure.	\$4,162,472
FL	Gainesville Regional Transit System	D2020-LWNO-008	Purchase battery-electric buses and supporting infrastructure.	\$1,205,620

GA	Chatham Area Transit	D2020-LWNO-009	Purchase battery-electric buses and charging stations.	\$1,871,240
HI	Honolulu Department of Transportation Services	D2020-LWNO-010	Purchase battery-electric buses and associated charging infrastructure.	\$5,940,005
IA	City of Iowa City	D2020-LWNO-011	Purchase battery-electric buses.	\$3,017,280
ID	Idaho Transportation Department	D2020-LWNO-012	Purchase battery-electric buses and charging infrastructure.	\$2,445,000
IL	Rock Island County Metrop. Mass Transit District	D2020-LWNO-013	Purchase a battery-electric buses.	\$2,965,851
KS	City of Lawrence, Lawrence Transit	D2020-LWNO-014	Purchase battery-electric buses.	\$3,756,000
KY	City of Owensboro	D2020-LWNO-015	Purchase battery-electric buses and a charging station.	\$927,629
LA	Capital Area Transit System	D2020-LWNO-016	Purchase battery-electric buses.	\$3,872,089
MA	Massachusetts Department of Transportation	D2020-LWNO-017	Purchase battery-electric buses and charging infrastructure.	\$1,100,000
MD	MDOT Maryland Transit Administration	D2020-LWNO-018	Purchase battery-electric buses and charging infrastructure.	\$2,949,750

MI	Michigan Department of Transportation	D2020-LWNO-019	Purchase battery-electric buses and charging infrastructure.	\$6,393,031
MN	City of Rochester	D2020-LWNO-020	Purchase battery-electric buses and charging infrastructure.	\$3,156,746
MO	Bi-State Development Agency	D2020-LWNO-021	Purchase battery-electric buses and charging infrastructure.	\$2,380,000
MS	City of Jackson	D2020-LWNO-022	Purchase diesel-electric hybrid buses.	\$5,500,000
MT	Missoula Urban Transportation District	D2020-LWNO-023	Purchase battery-electric buses and charging infrastructure.	\$3,649,000
NC	City of Charlotte - Charlotte Area Transit System	D2020-LWNO-024	Purchase battery-electric buses and charging stations.	\$3,723,712
NE	The Transit Authority of the City of Omaha d/b/a/ METRO	D2020-LWNO-025	Purchase battery-electric buses and charging infrastructure.	\$2,369,500
NH	City of Nashua	D2020-LWNO-026	Purchase hybrid electric vans.	\$356,046
NJ	New Jersey Transit Corporation	D2020-LWNO-027	Purchase battery-electric buses.	\$7,074,310

NM	New Mexico Department of Transportation	D2020-LWNO-028	Purchase battery-electric buses and charging stations.	\$2,920,000
NV	Regional Transportation Commission of Southern NV	D2020-LWNO-029	Purchase hydrogen fuel cell buses and support infrastructure.	\$3,853,200
NY	Westchester County	D2020-LWNO-030	Purchase battery-electric buses supporting infrastructure.	\$1,501,444
OH	Laketran	D2020-LWNO-031	Purchase battery-electric buses, supporting infrastructure.	\$1,900,000
OK	Central Oklahoma Transportation Parking Authority	D2020-LWNO-032	Purchase one battery-electric bus.	\$711,255
OR	Salem Area Mass Transit District	D2020-LWNO-033	Purchase battery-electric buses.	\$3,573,581
PA	Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority	D2020-LWNO-034	Purchase and install infrastructure upgrades to support battery-electric buses.	\$4,300,000
RI	Rhode Island Public Transit Authority	D2020-LWNO-035	Purchase battery-electric buses.	\$5,076,000
SC	Greenville Transit Authority d.b.a. Greenlink	D2020-LWNO-036	Purchase battery-electric buses and charging stations.	\$5,277,325
TX	Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority	D2020-LWNO-037	Purchase battery-electric buses.	\$2,266,000

UT	Park City Municipal Corporation	D2020-LWNO-038	Purchase electric buses and charging infrastructure.	\$1,080,000
VT	Vermont Agency of Transportation	D2020-LWNO-039	Purchase and install equipment upgrades to support battery- electric buses	\$793,420
WA	Kitsap Transit	D2020-LWNO-040	Purchase battery- electric buses.	\$3,920,000
WI	City of Racine	D2020-LWNO-041	Purchase electric buses and charging infrastructure.	\$1,299,606
WI	City of Racine	D2020-LWNO-042	Purchase electric buses and charging infrastructure.	\$1,884,117

Total:
\$129,956,625