

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Transit Administration

Fiscal Year 2020 Competitive Funding Opportunity: Mobility for All Pilot Program (M4A)

AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration (FTA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Mobility for All Pilot Program Grant Announcement of Project Selection and Implementation Guidance

DATE OF APPROVAL: June 5, 2020

SUMMARY: The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) announces the selection of projects with Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 Mobility for All Pilot Program Grant funds, as authorized in Section 3006(b) of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act; 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>. In the event the contact information provided by your organization in the application has changed, please contact your FTA Regional office with the current information to expedite the grant award process.

Unsuccessful applicants may contact Amy Fong, Office of Program Management at 202-366-0876; email: Amy.Fong@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 Mobility for All Pilot Program is authorized under Section 3006(b) of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act (Pub. L. 114-94, Dec. 4, 2015).

On November 1, 2019, FTA published a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) announcing the availability of Federal funding for the Mobility for All (M4A) Pilot Program. Section 3006(b) of the FAST Act authorizes \$3,500,000 in FY 2020. The funding that FTA is now making available also includes \$2,820 in FY 2019 funds that remain available.

The M4A Pilot Program grants will support capital projects that address the challenges the transportation disadvantaged face when accessing healthcare such as travelling to or from the doctor, hospital, pharmacy, or rehabilitation, behavioral health, and free health screening services. These projects will implement coordinated public transportation projects that offer innovative solutions to improve local coordination or access to coordinated transportation services for targeted populations. The goals of the M4A Pilot Program are to support transit agencies, human service agencies, and local communities as they:

- integrate new mobility tools like smart phone apps or demand-responsive bus and van services;
- aim to improve multi-modal connectivity for seniors, people with disabilities, and low-income individuals;
- address accessibility issues through innovative technologies and practices;
- improve the quality of the traveler experience and the transit product; and
- identify new mobility-enhancing practices and technologies.

Funds under the M4A Pilot Program may be used for capital expenditures only. Project expenditures for M4A must be consistent with the specific eligibility and priorities established in the November 1, 2020 NOFO. Pre-award authority must be coordinated with the appropriate FTA regional office, which will provide guidance regarding compliance with FTA's pre-award authority requirements.

On June 5, 2020, FTA announced on the FTA website the selection of 17 projects in 16 states, totaling \$3,502,820. Project proposals were evaluated based on each applicant's responsiveness to the program evaluation criteria outlined in the NOFO. Funds must be used only for the specific purposes identified in Table 1. Allocations may be less than what the applicant requested. Applicants selected for competitive funding should work with their FTA regional office to finalize the grant application in FTA's Transit Award Management System (TrAMS) for the projects identified in the attached table to expeditiously obligate funds. In cases where the allocation amount is less than the proposer's requested amount, applicants should work with the FTA regional office to ensure the funds are obligated for eligible aspects of the projects, and for the specific purpose intended as reflected in Table 1. A competitive project identification number has been assigned to each project for tracking purposes, and must be used in the TrAMS application. For more information about TrAMS, please visit FTA's webpage at <https://www.transit.dot.gov/>. The post award reporting requirements include submission of the Federal Financial Report (FFR), Milestone Progress Report in TrAMS, and FTA's National Transit Database (NTD) reporting as appropriate (see the current version of FTA Circular 9070.1G).

An independent evaluation of the pilot program may occur at various points in the deployment process and at the end of the pilot project. In addition, FTA is responsible for producing an annual report to Congress that compiles evaluations of selected projects, including an evaluation of the performance measures identified by the applicants. All applicants must develop an evaluation plan to measure the success or failure of their projects and describe any plans for broad-based implementation of successful projects. FTA may request data and reports to support the independent evaluation and annual report.

FTA has designated the National Aging and Disability Transportation Center (NADTC) to support grantees with project performance evaluations and provide technical assistance. NADTC will also develop and host a Learning Collaborative available to all Mobility for All Pilot Program grantees. Grantees will be contacted by NADTC regarding participation in the Learning Collaborative.

All M4A grantees 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.

Funds allocated in this announcement must be obligated in a grant by September 30, 2022 or the funds will no longer be available. As previously mentioned, applicants selected for competitive funding should work with their FTA regional offices to finalize the grant application in FTA's TrAMS.

Table 1
FY 2020 Mobility for All Pilot Program Project Selections

State	Recipient	Project Description	Project ID	Allocation
CA	Access Services	Accessible Traveler Mobile App (ATMA) with a focus primarily on ADA transportation services that is fully compliant with the ADA Section 508 Accessibility and Web Content	D2020-MFAP-001	\$330,000
DC	Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (MWCOG)	Development of a technology platform to integrate and synchronize transportation services to/from dialysis centers for underserved populations	D2020-MFAP-002	\$151,200
GA	Georgia Department of Transportation	Rural Transit and Human Services Transportation (RHST) Regional Program and a trip scheduling app and website, with a pilot in Coastal Georgia	D2020-MFAP-003	\$120,000
IA	Iowa Department of Transportation	Travel training program designed to make a powerful impact, through education, marketing and partnerships on the benefits of keeping people mobile	D2020-MFAP-004	\$70,720
LA	Regional Transit Authority	Mobility On-Demand Vehicle Express pilot to provide better connectivity for people with low income, older adults, and people with disabilities	D2020-MFAP-005	\$300,000
MA	MetroWest Regional Transit Authority (MWRTA)	New accessibility model with complimentary technology for our demand response services	D2020-MFAP-006	\$300,000

MD	Maryland Transit Administration on Behalf of Bayside Community Network, Inc.	Mobility Manager to increase community coordination of transportation efforts to serve the disabled community in Cecil County	D2020-MFAP-007	\$40,000
ME	Maine Department of Transportation	Flex route bus system pilot program with emphasis on technology, safety, inclusion for disadvantaged, enhanced mobility for seniors & individuals with disabilities	D2020-MFAP-008	\$187,855
MI	Flint Mass Transportation Authority	Pilot project to improve coordination and increase access to highly responsive, on-demand NEMT focusing on Veterans and individuals with substance use disorders	D220-MFAP-009	\$545,696
MO	Missouri Rural Health Association	Statewide Rural Mobility Manager and Statewide Transportation Manager to form a statewide technical assistance platform for rural mobility management and transportation coordination	D2020-MFAP-010	\$391,709
NC	North Carolina Department of Transportation	Acquisition and implementation of scheduling software to connect underserved populations with transportation	D2020-MFAP-011	\$280,000
NV	Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada	Mobile learning lab to train and educate transportation disadvantaged individuals on technology and resources to improve mobility access to services in our community	D2020-MFAP-012	\$128,624
OR	Lane Transit District	Technology innovation project to eliminate barriers to transportation to improve health outcomes and decrease health disparities experienced by disadvantaged communities	D2020-MFAP-013	\$76,000

OR	Oregon Department of Transportation	Extension of existing transit data standards (GTFS, GTFS-flex) that will build open source transit discovery and analysis tools	D2020-MFAP-014	\$40,000
SC	Greenville Pickens Area Transportation Study (GPATS)	Demand response software to implement a coordinated system for older adults, persons with a disability, and low-income citizens	D2020-MFAP-015	\$326,000
VA	Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT)	One-click directory of public, human service, and specialized transportation mobility management travel training and transportation-supportive programs and services	D2020-MFAP-016	\$79,016
WA	Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians of Washington	Scheduling/dispatching software, an ADA accessible mini-bus, and camera systems to expand service, increase efficiency, and promote safety	D2020-MFAP-017 D2020-MFAP-018	\$136,000
			TOTAL	\$3,502,820