

## American Rescue Plan Act of 2021

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### **Section 7006. Federal Transit Administration Grants \$30.46 billion for Public Transportation to remain available until September 30, 2024**

#### **All funds:**

- Available at 100% federal share
- Available for payroll and operations, unless the recipient certifies that it has not furloughed any employees
- Available for:
  - Payroll for public transit providers, including private providers of public transportation
  - Operating costs of public transit during the public health emergency, including the purchase of personal protective equipment
  - Administrative leave for operations or contractor personnel due to reductions in service
- Must be obligated by September 30, 2024, and disbursed by September 30, 2029

#### **\$26.1 billion– Urbanized Area Formula (§ 5307)**

- [Apportioned](#) to provide urbanized areas amounts necessary to receive 132% of 2018 operating expenses when combined with CARES Act and CRRSAA funds previously received. Urbanized area already exceeding the 132% cap receive an additional 25 percent of the urbanized area's 2018 operating costs.
- \$1,467,770 for FTA oversight expenses.

#### **\$317.2 million - [Rural Formula Program \(§ 5311\)](#)**

- Includes \$30 million for [Tribal Formula Program](#)
- Includes \$5 million for Tribal Competitive Program
- \$6.35 million is available for the [Rural Transit Assistance Program](#)
- Funds are apportioned based on amounts received under CARES Act and CRRSAA with states that received 150% of their 2018 rural operating expenses receiving an additional 5%; states between 140-150% receiving an additional 10%, and states at less than 140% receiving an additional 20%.

#### **\$100 million - [Intercity Bus \(§ 5311\(f\)\)](#)**

- Funds are apportioned to states and territories using FY 2020 Rural Formula proportions.
- States/territories would provide grants to bus operators that partner with recipients and subrecipients of rural intercity bus services eligible for funding under [§ 5311\(f\)](#)

#### **\$50 million - [Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Formula \(§ 5310\)](#)**

- Funds apportioned using the [§ 5310](#) formula in the same ratio as allocated for FY20

#### **\$1.675 billion - [Capital Investment Grants \(§ 5309\)](#)**

- **\$1.425 billion for New Starts and Core Capacity**
  - **\$1.25 billion** to projects with existing Full funding Grant Agreements (FFGAs) that received allocations of FY19 or FY20 funds.
    - Recipients with projects open for revenue service are not eligible

- **\$175 million** to projects with existing FFGAs, not yet open for service, that received an allocation *only* prior to fiscal year 2019 Federal funds provided notwithstanding any calculated limits of federal assistance
- **\$250 million for Small Starts (§ 5309(h))**
  - Eligible recipients are any recipient with an allocation under § 5309(h) or with a project in the Small Starts project development phase
  - Federal funds provided notwithstanding any calculated limits of federal assistance

**\$2.2 billion – Competitive funding for § 5307 and § 5311 recipients and subrecipients that need additional assistance because of COVID**

- FTA will publish a Notice of Funding Opportunity
- Project selections will be announced on FTA’s website
- Funds under this program will be available *only* for operating expenses
- Recipients will be selected based on financial need. Eligible recipients will have expended at least 90% of their CARES Act funding.
- Amounts unobligated on September 30, 2023 will be available for obligation for any purpose eligible under §§ 5307/5311 until September 30, 2024

**\$25 million – Competitive Planning grants under § 5307**

- **FTA will publish a Notice of Funding Opportunity**
- Funds will be made available for planning of public transportation associated with the restoration of services as the coronavirus public health emergency concludes.