

## **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Federal Transit Administration (FTA), DOT.**

**Fiscal Year 2021 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**

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**DATE OF APPROVAL:** June 25, 2021

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) Federal Transit Administration (FTA) announces the selection of projects with Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 and prior year 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 Amy Volz, Office of Program Management at (202) 366-7484, email: [Amy.Volz@dot.gov](mailto:Amy.Volz@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:** Federal public transportation law (49 U.S.C. § 5339(c)) authorizes FTA to make competitive grants for low or no emissions buses and bus facilities through the Low-No Program. Federal public transportation law (49 U.S.C. § 5338), as extended for FY 2021 by division B of Continuing Appropriations Act, 2021

and Other Extensions Act, authorizes \$55 million for allocations in FY 2021. The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (Pub. L. No. 116-20) appropriated an additional \$125 million for the Low-No Program for FY 2021 for a total appropriation of \$180 million. On February 11, 2021, FTA published a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) (86 FR 10061) announcing the availability of \$180 million in competitive funding under the Low-No Program. As identified in the NOFO, FTA may award additional funding that is made available to the program prior to the announcement of project selections. As such, FTA is also making available an additional \$2,156,692 of unallocated prior year Low-No Program funding. The total amount available for award is \$182,156,692. 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 187 eligible proposals from 45 states plus the District of Columbia, the Northern Mariana Islands, and Puerto Rico requesting \$917 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 49 projects as shown in Table 1 for a total of \$182 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 application. 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 25, 2021. 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, 2024**.

**TABLE 1**  
**FY 2021 LOW OR NO EMISSION PROJECT SELECTIONS**

State	Recipient	Project ID	Project Description	Allocation
AL	Alabama A&M University	D2021-LWNO-001/ D2021-LWNO-002	Purchase battery-electric buses and supporting infrastructure.	\$4,275,820
AR	Rock Region METRO	D2021-LWNO-003	Purchase battery-electric buses and supporting infrastructure.	\$4,900,000
AZ	Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community	D2021-LWNO-004	Purchase battery-electric buses, supporting infrastructure, and workforce development.	\$611,840
CA	City of Anaheim	D2021-LWNO-005	Purchase battery-electric buses.	\$2,010,000
CA	City of Fresno	D2021-LWNO-006	Purchase hydrogen fuel cell electric buses, supporting infrastructure, and workforce development.	\$2,054,875
CA	Golden Empire Transit District	D2021-LWNO-007	Construct a hydrogen fueling station.	\$3,048,000
CO	City of Fort Collins	D2021-LWNO-008	Purchase battery-electric buses and supporting infrastructure.	\$3,523,210
CT	Connecticut Department of Transportation	D2021-LWNO-009	Purchase battery-electric buses, and facility upgrades.	\$7,404,210
DC	District of Columbia Department of Transportation	D2021-LWNO-010	Purchase battery-electric buses and charging infrastructure.	\$5,150,000

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DE	Delaware Transit Corporation	D2021-LWNO-011	Purchase battery-electric buses and supporting infrastructure.	\$3,539,640
FL	Miami Dade County	D2021-LWNO-012	Purchase battery-electric buses.	\$4,750,000
GA	Atlanta-Region Transit Link Authority	D2021-LWNO-013	Purchase battery-electric buses and charging infrastructure.	\$5,473,485
HI	Hawaii Department of Transportation	D2021-LWNO-014	Purchase battery-electric buses and charging infrastructure.	\$5,150,000
IA	Iowa Department of Transportation	D2021-LWNO-015	Purchase battery-electric buses, charging infrastructure, and facility upgrades.	\$2,784,940
ID	Idaho Department of Transportation	D2021-LWNO-016/ D2021-LWNO-017	Purchase battery-electric buses and charging infrastructure.	\$2,549,000
IL	Chicago Transit Authority (CTA)	D2021-LWNO-018	Purchase battery-electric buses, charging equipment, facility upgrades, and workforce development.	\$6,988,646
IN	Bloomington Public Transportation Corporation	D2021-LWNO-019	Purchase battery-electric buses, charging infrastructure, and workforce development.	\$2,496,000
KS	City of Lawrence, KS - Lawrence Transit	D2021-LWNO-020	Purchase battery-electric buses and charging infrastructure.	\$1,815,676

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KY	Transit Authority of River City (TARC)	D2021-LWNO-021	Purchase battery-electric buses.	\$3,422,659
LA	New Orleans Regional Transit Authority	D2021-LWNO-022	Purchase battery-electric buses, charging infrastructure, supporting equipment, and workforce development.	\$5,150,000
MA	Pioneer Valley Transit Authority	D2021-LWNO-023	Purchase battery-electric buses.	\$7,210,000
MD	Prince George's County Government	D2021-LWNO-024	Purchase battery-electric buses and charging infrastructure.	\$5,150,000
ME	Biddeford Saco Old Orchard Beach Transit Committee	D2021-LWNO-025	Purchase charging infrastructure to support electric buses.	\$1,224,531
MI	Michigan Department of Transportation	D2021-LWNO-026	Construct a transit facility with charging infrastructure to support battery-electric buses.	\$5,150,000
MN	Metro Transit	D2021-LWNO-0027	Purchase electric buses.	\$4,190,839
MO	Kansas City Area Transportation Authority	D2021-LWNO-028	Purchase battery-electric buses, charging infrastructure, and workforce development.	\$3,279,828
MP	Commonwealth Office of Transit Authority (COTA)	D2021-LWNO-029	Purchase battery-electric buses, charging infrastructure, and	\$2,373,675

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MS	City of Jackson-JTRAN	D2021-LWNO-030	Purchase diesel electric hybrid buses.	\$2,900,000
MT	Missoula Urban Transportation District	D2021-LWNO-031	Purchase battery-electric buses and charging infrastructure.	\$3,666,500
NC	City of Fayetteville	D2021-LWNO-032	Purchase battery-electric buses, charging infrastructure, and workforce development.	\$2,458,675
NE	City of Lincoln	D2021-LWNO-033	Purchase battery-electric buses, charging infrastructure, and workforce development.	\$2,697,820
NJ	New Jersey Transit Corporation	D2021-LWNO-034	Purchase battery-electric buses.	\$5,150,000
NM	New Mexico Department of Transportation	D2021-LWNO-035	Purchase battery-electric buses.	\$4,998,580
NV	Regional Transportation Commission of Washoe County	D2021-LWNO-036	Purchase battery fuel cell buses and fueling infrastructure.	\$6,488,000
NY	Broome County	D2021-LWNO-037	Purchase electric buses and supporting infrastructure.	\$3,255,276
OH	METRO Regional Transit Authority	D2021-LWNO-038	Purchase battery-electric buses.	\$616,000



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OK	City of Norman	D2021-LWNO-039	Purchase a battery-electric bus and associated charging infrastructure.	\$679,700
OR	Salem Area Mass Transit District	D2021-LWNO-040	Purchase battery-electric buses.	\$6,305,422
PA	Port Authority of Allegheny County	D2021-LWNO-041	Purchase chargers and associated infrastructure improvements.	\$5,150,000
RI	Rhode Island Public Transit Authority (RIPTA)	D2021-LWNO-042	Purchase battery-electric buses.	\$5,150,000
SC	Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority (The COMET)	D2021-LWNO-043	Purchase battery-electric buses, fuel cell buses, charging equipment, and supporting infrastructure.	\$2,935,190
TN	City of Knoxville	D2021-LWNO-044	Purchase battery-electric buses and charging infrastructure.	\$4,800,000
TX	Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority	D2021-LWNO-045	Purchase battery-electric buses and workforce development.	\$2,885,000
UT	Utah Transit Authority	D2021-LWNO-046	Purchase battery-electric vehicles.	\$1,378,896
VA	Town of Blacksburg /Blacksburg Transit	D2021-LWNO-047	Purchase battery-electric buses and charging infrastructure.	\$5,150,000
VT	Vermont Agency of Transportation	D2021-LWNO-048	Purchase battery-electric buses, charging infrastructure, and workforce development.	\$1,026,659

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WA	City of Everett	D2021-LWNO-049	Purchase battery-electric buses.	\$1,300,000
WA	Spokane Transit Authority	D2021-LWNO-050	Purchase battery-electric buses.	\$6,380,100
WY	Wyoming Department of Transportation (WYDOT)	D2021-LWNO-051	Purchase battery-electric buses.	\$1,108,000

Total:  
\$182,156,692