



U.S. Department of Transportation  
Federal Transit Administration

**BIPARTISAN  
INFRASTRUCTURE  
LAW**

**BIPARTISAN INFRASTRUCTURE LAW FACT SHEET:**  
**FERRY SERVICE FOR RURAL COMMUNITIES**

| Fiscal Year                         | 2022<br>(in millions) | 2023<br>(in millions) | 2024<br>(in millions) | 2025<br>(in millions) | 2026<br>(in millions) |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Ferry Service for Rural Communities | \$200                 | \$200                 | \$200                 | \$200                 | \$200                 |

Note: In addition to \$200 million provided in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, the law authorizes an additional \$200 million per year in funding subject to annual appropriations.

**Program Purpose:** The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, enacted as the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, establishes a Ferry Service for Rural Communities Program that makes federal resources available to states to ensure basic essential ferry service is provided to rural areas.

**Statutory References:** IIJA § 71103, IIJA Division J

**Eligible Recipients:** States

**Program Requirements:**

- Funding is allocated to projects on a competitive basis, from proposals submitted to FTA in response to Notices of Funding Opportunities.
- An eligible service that receives funds from a state under this program shall not be attributed to an urbanized area for purposes of apportioning funds under chapter 53 of Title 49, U.S. Code.
- An eligible service that receives funds from a State under this program shall not receive funds apportioned under section 5336 or 5337 of Title 49, United States Code, in the same fiscal year.

**Eligible Activities:**

Capital and operating assistance for a ferry service that operated a regular schedule at any time during the five-year period ending March 1, 2020 and served not less than two rural areas located more than 50 sailing miles apart.