

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Transit Administration (FTA), DOT

Fiscal Year 2021 Passenger Ferry Grant Program Project Selections

AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration

ACTION: Passenger Ferry Grant Program Announcement of Project Selections and Implementation Guidance

DATE OF APPROVAL: February 18, 2022

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 funding appropriations for the Passenger Ferry Grant Program (Ferry 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 Vanessa Williams, Office of Program Management at (202) 366-4818, email:

Vanessa.williams@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 Passenger Ferry Grant Program (49 U.S.C. § 5307(h)) authorizes FTA to make competitive grants for passenger ferry projects. Federal public transportation law (49 U.S.C. 5336(h)(1)) authorizes \$30 million in FY 2021 funds for competitive grants under the Ferry Program. The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (Pub. L. No. 116-260), appropriated an additional \$8 million for the Ferry Program. Of that amount, \$4

million is available only for low or zero-emission ferries or ferries using electric battery or fuel cell components and the infrastructure to support such ferries. On August 6, 2021, FTA published a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) (85 FR 43304) announcing the availability of \$38 million in competitive funding under the Ferry Program. These program funds will provide financial assistance for capital projects that support existing passenger ferry service, establish new ferry service, or repair and modernize ferry boats, terminals, and related facilities and equipment. Funds may not be used for operating expenses, planning, or preventive maintenance. In response to the NOFO, FTA received 24 project proposals in 11 states plus U.S. Virgin Islands totaling approximately \$114 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 11 projects as shown in Table 1 for a total allocation of \$45,251,197 from the \$38 million authorized for FY 2021 allocations and \$7,300,864 remaining from prior year authorizations.

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 the FTA Circular 9030.1E.

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 in 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.

One or more discretionary project identification numbers have 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 February 18, 2022. 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 FTA Fiscal Year 2021 Apportionments, Allocations, and Program Information (86 FR 38791, July 22, 2021). Post-award reporting requirements include submission of the Federal Financial Report and Milestone Progress Reports in TrAMS as appropriate (see FTA.C.5010.1E and FTA.C.9030.1E). 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. FTA emphasizes that 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). Funds are available for a period of 5 years. Accordingly, funds allocated in this announcement must be obligated in a grant by **September 30, 2027**.

TABLE 1
FY 2021 PASSENGER FERRY PROJECT SELECTIONS

State	Recipient	Discretionary ID	Project Description	Allocations
CA	San Francisco Bay Area Water Emergency Transportation Authority (WETA)	D2022-PFGP-001	WETA Zero Emission Ferry Vessel Expansion Service	\$822,651
CA	San Francisco Bay Area Water Emergency Transportation Authority (WETA)	D2022-PFGP-002	WETA Zero Emission Ferry Vessel Expansion Service	\$621,221
CA	San Francisco Bay Area Water Emergency Transportation Authority (WETA)	D2022-PFGP-003	WETA Zero Emission Ferry Vessel Expansion Service	\$1,996,128
FL	Hillsborough Transit Authority	D2022-PFGP-004	Tampa Bay Cross Bay Passenger Ferry Project (CBF)	\$3,860,864
FL	Hillsborough Transit Authority	D2022-PFGP-005	Tampa Bay Cross Bay Passenger Ferry Project (CBF)	\$1,002,416
IL	Rock Island County	D2022-PFGP-006	MetroLINK East Moline, IL Ferryboat Docking Terminal Expansion Project	\$1,850,000
LA	New Orleans Regional Transit Authority	D2022-PFGP-007	Algiers Point Ferry Landing Barge and 2022 Dry-Docking the Armiger Ferry Vessel Replacement Project	\$5,663,626
MA	Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority	D2022-PFGP-008	Massachusetts Bay Passenger Ferry Catamaran Overhaul	\$3,935,140

ME	Casco Bay Island Transit District	D2022-PFGP-009	Casco Bay Island Transit District Down Bay Ferry Low/No Emission Propulsion System Replacement Project	\$3,600,000
NJ	Borough of Carteret & Carteret Port Authority	D2022-PFGP-010	Carteret Ferry Service Terminal	\$6,000,000
NY	New York City Department of Transportation	D2022-PFGP-011	Hybrid Conversion of NYCDOT Staten Island Ferry Molinari Class Vessels	\$700,000
NY	New York City Department of Transportation	D2022-PFGP-012	Hybrid Conversion of NYCDOT Staten Island Ferry Molinari Class Vessels	\$300,000
VA	Department of Rail and Public Transportation	D2022-PFGP-013	Jamestown Scotland Ferry - Jamestown Transfer Bridge(s) Hydraulic Lift System	\$2,099,151
VI	Government of the U.S. Virgin Islands Department of Public Works	D2022-PFGP-014	US Virgin Islands Ferry Transportation - St. Thomas/St. John New Vessel Acquisition	\$5,100,000
WA	Kitsap County Public Transportation Benefit Area Authority (Kitsap Transit)	D2022-PFGP-015	Kitsap Transit Battery Electric Passenger-Only Ferry Vessel	\$7,700,000
				Total: \$45,251,197