

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Transit Administration (FTA)

Announcement of Fiscal Year 2021 American Rescue Plan Additional Assistance Funding Project Selections

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SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) Federal Transit Administration (FTA) announces the allocation of \$2,207,561,294 to applicants for Fiscal Year 2021 American Rescue Plan (ARP) Additional Assistance Funding 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 www.transit.dot.gov/. Applicants interested in debriefs may contact Sarah Clements, Office of Program Management at (202) 366-3062, email: FTAarpassistance@dot.gov within 30 days of this announcement to arrange a proposal debriefing. A TDD is available at 1-800-877-8339 (TDD/FIRS).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The American Rescue Plan Act (ARP), Pub. L. 117-2 (March 11, 2021), apportioned \$2,207,561,294 in FY 2021 funds to award grants for additional assistance to transit agencies in response to coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) through a discretionary process.

On September 7, 2021, FTA published a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) (86 FR 50590) announcing the availability of \$2,207,561,294 in ARP Additional Assistance Funding. These funds are awarded to eligible recipients or eligible subrecipients of Urbanized Area Formula funds or Rural Area Formula funds that, as a result of COVID-19, need additional assistance for costs related to operations, personnel, cleaning, and sanitization combating the spread of pathogens on transit systems, and debt service payments incurred to maintain operations and avoid layoffs and furloughs. In response to the NOFO, FTA received 46 eligible applications from applicants in 24 states totaling approximately \$5.93 billion in requests for the period of January 20, 2020 through September 30, 2029. Project proposals were evaluated based on the evaluation criteria in the NOFO.

Based on the criteria in the NOFO, FTA is making 35 allocations, as shown in Table 1, for a total of \$2,207,561,294. Recipients selected for ARP Additional Assistance Funding are required to 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. All allocations shown in Table 1 are for operating expenses only, including preventive maintenance, and may be applied towards any eligible expenses incurred by the recipient between January 20, 2020 and September 30, 2029. As applications were based on estimates of need, funds may be used for expenses in years other than those initially identified. ARP Additional Assistance funding may not be used to support new initiatives to reduce or eliminate fares, except for temporary fare policy changes implemented to improve safety in response to COVID-19.

A discretionary project identification number has been assigned to each allocation for tracking purposes and must be used in the TrAMS application. These funds must be awarded in a stand-alone grant, consisting only of ARP Additional Assistance funding.

Pre-award authority for the announced allocations is provided beginning on January 20, 2020. Pre-award authority does not guarantee that expenses incurred prior to the award of a grant will be eligible for reimbursement, as eligibility for reimbursement is contingent upon other 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 Federal Financial Reports and Milestone Progress Reports in TrAMS (see FTA.C.5010.1E). 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 unless waived via FTA's publicly posted COVID-19 [Frequently Asked Questions](#) (FAQs). Funds allocated in this announcement must be obligated in a grant by September 30, 2024. However, per ARP Section 3401(b)(7)(D), funds not obligated by September 30, 2023 may be reallocated by FTA for any eligible purpose under Section 5307 or 5311.

TECHNICAL REVIEW AND EVALUATION SUMMARY: The FTA evaluated all applications for FY 2021 ARP Additional Assistance funding according to the following evaluation criteria. The specific metrics for each criterion were described in the September 7, 2021, NOFO.

1. Reduction in Farebox or Other Sources of Revenue
2. Estimate of Financial Need
3. Demonstration of Expenditure of CARES Act Funding
4. Project Spend Plan

For each project, a technical review panel assigned a rating of Recommended or Ineligible for each of the four criteria. The technical review panel then assigned to the application an overall rating of Recommended if it received a Recommended rating on all four criteria or Ineligible if it received a rating of Ineligible on one or more criteria.

As outlined in the NOFO, FTA made the final selections based on the technical evaluations and the applicants' demonstration of need, prioritizing the most immediate needs. As further outlined in the NOFO, in some cases, due to funding limitations, applicants that were selected for funding received less than the amount originally requested.

TABLE 1
FY 2021 AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE FUNDING
PROJECT SELECTIONS

<u>State</u>	<u>Recipient</u>	<u>Project ID</u>	<u>Allocation</u>
CA	Access Services	D2022-RPAU-001	\$5,000,000
CA	Fairfield, City of	D2022-RPAU-002	\$2,369,577
CA	Foothill Transit	D2022-RPAU-003	\$50,000,000
CA	Golden Gate Bridge, Highway & Transportation District	D2022-RPAU-004	\$75,029,220
CA	Omnitrans	D2022-RPAU-005	\$13,391,560
CA	Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board	D2022-RPAU-006	\$38,831,570
CA	Riverside Transit Agency	D2022-RPAU-007	\$15,569,198
CA	San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District (BART)	D2022-RPAU-008	\$270,789,500
CA	San Francisco Bay Area Water Emergency Transportation Auth.	D2022-RPAU-009	\$26,144,693
CA	San Francisco, City of	D2022-RPAU-010	\$115,075,572
CA	San Luis Obispo, City of	D2022-RPAU-011	\$12,385,551
CA	Sonoma-Marin Area Rail Transit District (SMART)	D2022-RPAU-012	\$7,471,416

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CA	SunLine Transit Agency	D2022-RPAU-013	\$525,000
CO	Regional Transportation District	D2022-RPAU-014	\$53,240,645
DC	Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA)	D2022-RPAU-015	\$120,145,016
DE	Delaware River and Bay Authority	D2022-RPAU-016	\$11,953,358
HI	Honolulu	D2022-RPAU-017	\$21,000,000
IL	Chicago Transit Authority (CTA)	D2022-RPAU-018	\$118,409,985
IN	Indianapolis Public Transportation Corporation	D2022-RPAU-019	\$51,029,180
ME	Androscoggin Valley Council of Governments	D2022-RPAU-020	\$367,832
MN	Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians	D2022-RPAR-001	\$540,000
NC	Fayetteville, City of	D2022-RPAU-021	\$2,895,734
ND	Bismarck, City of	D2022-RPAU-022	\$1,057,582
NM	Las Cruces, City of	D2022-RPAU-023	\$6,413,734
NY	Broome County Department of Public Transportation	D2022-RPAU-024	\$1,819,219
NY	Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA)	D2022-RPAU-025	\$769,197,264

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OH	Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority	D2022-RPAU-026	\$62,300,000
OH	Toledo Area Regional Transit Authority	D2022-RPAU-027	\$13,833,483
PA	Lehigh and Northampton Transportation Authority (LANTA)	D2022-RPAU-028	\$12,544,967
PA	Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (SEPTA)	D2022-RPAU-029	\$96,017,640
TX	Fort Worth Transportation Authority	D2022-RPAU-030	\$33,800,000
TX	Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County (METRO)	D2022-RPAU-031	\$137,370,703
VA	Tidewater District Commission of Hampton Roads	D2022-RPAU-032	\$52,738,308
WI	Milwaukee, City of	D2022-RPAU-033	\$6,832,955
WI	Oneida Nation	D2022-RPAR-002	\$1,470,832