

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Transit Administration (FTA), DOT

Fiscal Year 2022 Public Transportation on Indian Reservations Program (Tribal Transit Program) Project Selections

AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration

ACTION: Public Transportation on Indian Reservations Program (Tribal Transit Program) Announcement of Project Selections and Implementation Guidance

DATE OF APPROVAL: October 2022

SUMMARY: The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) announces the selection of projects funded under the Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 Public Transportation on Indian Reservations Program (Tribal Transit 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 Tribal Transit Liaisons at Regional Offices can be found at: <https://www.transit.dot.gov/funding/grants/federal-transit-administrations-regional-tribal-liaisons>. Unsuccessful applicants may contact Elan Flippin, Office of Program Management at (202) 366-3800, or email: TribalTransit@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: This program is authorized by Section 5311(c)(1)(A) of Title 49, United States Code. Federal public transportation law (49 U.S.C. 5338(a)(2)(F) and (49 U.S.C. 5311(c)(1)(A), as amended by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (Pub. L. 117–58, also known as the “Bipartisan Infrastructure

Law” or “BIL”) authorized \$8.75 million in FY 2022 for competitive allocations.

On February 22, 2022, FTA published a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) (Federal Register Vol. 87, No. 32) announcing the availability of \$8.75 million in competitive funding under the Tribal Transit Program. Eligible applicants included federally recognized Indian tribes or Alaska Native Tribes, villages, groups, or communities as identified by the U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI) Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA). These program funds will provide financial assistance for capital, operating, and planning projects to support existing public transportation service or establish new public transportation services in rural areas. In response to the NOFO, FTA received 47 eligible project proposals from 47 tribes requesting \$18 million. Project proposals were evaluated based on each applicant’s responsiveness to the program evaluation criteria outlined in the NOFO. FTA is funding 25 projects distributed amongst 25 Tribes, as shown in Table 1, for a total of \$8.6 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 may only include eligible activities included in the original project application. Funds must be used consistent with the competitive proposal and for the eligible purposes established in the NOFO and described in the FTA Circular 9040.1G. In some cases, the funding allocation amount is less than the proposer’s total requested amount. Planning projects were capped at \$25,000. For other allocations less than the requested amount, the recipient should work with the Regional Office to reduce the scope or scale the project such that a complete phase or project is accomplished.

Recipients are reminded that program requirements 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. Recipients with projects listed with multiple project identification numbers should contact their FTA Regional Office regarding grant application structure in TrAMS.

Selected projects are eligible to incur costs under pre-award authority no earlier than the date projects were publicly announced, **October 11, 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 Notice of FTA Transit Program Changes, Authorized Funding Levels and Implementation of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act; and FTA Fiscal Year 2022 Apportionments, Allocations, Program Information and Interim Guidance found in 87 FR 25362 (April 28, 2022) and available on the FTA website at <https://www.transit.dot.gov/regulations/federal-register-documents/2022-09143>. Post-award reporting requirements include submission of the Federal Financial Report and Milestone Progress Reports in TrAMS as appropriate (see FTA Circulars 5010.1E and 9040.1G). 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 guidance, as described in FTA Circular 4220.1F. Funds allocated in this announcement must be obligated in a grant by September 30, 2025.

Grant funding made available through this program may be included in a Tribal

Transportation Self-Governance funding agreement if there is an existing Self-Governance compact in place between the Tribe and the U.S. Department of Transportation. If funds are transferred to a Tribal Self-Governance funding agreement, the funds will be subject to the requirements and provisions of the Tribal Transportation Self-Governance Program regulation at 49 CFR part 29 and may be used only for the purpose for which they were awarded.

**TABLE 1
FY 2022 TRIBAL TRANSIT PROJECT SELECTIONS**

State	Recipient	Project ID	Project Description	Allocations
AK	Emmonak Village	D2023-TRTR-001	Emmonak Village New Tribal Transit Plan Development	\$25,000
AK	Native Village of Tununak	D2023-TRTR-002	Tununak Operations and Capital Project	\$187,168
AK	Nunakauyarmiut Tribe	D2023-TRTR-003	Nunakauyarmiut Tribe Capital and Operations Project	\$187,168
AK	Igiugig Village	D2023-TRTR-004	Igiugig Village ADA accessible vehicle and operating costs	\$187,168
AK	Metlakatla Indian Community	D2023-TRTR-005	Metlakatla Municipal Building-Operations for Annette Islands Ferry Terminal Battery Electric Bus Service	\$75,000
AK	Native Village of Unalakleet	D2023-TRTR-006	Bus Garage/Transit Vehicle Maintenance Facility	\$1,607,986
AZ	Hualapai Indian Tribe	D2023-TRTR-007	Purchasing two replacement buses for the Hualapai Transit system	\$360,000
CA	Yurok Tribe	D2023-TRTR-008	Yurok Operating, Capital, Planning for Service Expansion	\$294,841
ID	Coeur D' Alene Tribe	D2023-TRTR-009	Capital Replacement Bus Project	\$380,050
ID	Nez Perce Tribe	D2023-TRTR-010	Nez Perce Tribe Appaloosa Express Transit Continued Operations Public Rural Transportation	\$899,139

State	Recipient	Project ID	Project Description	Allocations
MI	Bay Mills Indian Community	D2023-TRTR-011	Bay Mills Operating Assistance Project	\$150,000
NE	Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska	D2023-TRTR-012	Winnebago Tribal Transit Capital Project	\$489,700
NM	Pueblo of Santa Clara	D2023-TRTR-013	Capital Improvements to Bus Stops in Santa Clara	\$140,000
NM	Pueblo of Tesuque	D2023-TRTR-014	Capital Improvements to Bus Stops in Tesuque	\$140,000
NM	Jicarilla Apache Nation	D2023-TRTR-015	Funding to Procure Two Replacement Buses	\$120,000
NV	Walker River Paiute Tribe	D2023-TRTR-016	Agai-Dicutta Tribal Transit Program operating assistance of new transit service	\$976,360
NY	Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe	D2023-TRTR-017	Office for the Aging Older Adult Transportation Program Operating and Capital Project	\$207,633
OK	Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma on behalf of Northeast Oklahoma Tribal Transit Consortium	D2023-TRTR-018	Northeast Oklahoma Tribal Transit Consortium (NTTC) On-Demand Transit Project Expansion and Operations	\$337,417
OR	Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation	D2023-TRTR-019	Needs Assessment and Feasibility Study for Kayak Public Transit Expansion	\$25,000

State	Recipient	Project ID	Project Description	Allocations
SD	Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe	D2023-TRTR-020	Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe (FSST) Regional Transit Planning Project	\$25,000
VA	Upper Mattaponi Indian Tribe	D2023-TRTR-021	Upper Mattaponi Tribal Transit- An Electric Demand Public Transit Service	\$757,152
WA	The Spokane Reservation	D2023-TRTR-022	Replacement Paratransit Vehicles and Expansion of Elder Services for The Moccasin Express	\$481,723
WI	Bad River Band of Lake Superior Tribe of Chippewa Indians	D2023-TRTR-023	Bad River Transit Planning Project	\$16,185
WI	Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin	D2023-TRTR-024	Purchase Replacement Buses	\$330,000
WI	Forest County Potawatomi Community	D2023-TRTR-025	FCPC 2022 Sustainable Tribal Transit Expansion Project	\$235,434
Total Funds: \$8,635,124				