



# ENHANCED TRANSIT SAFETY AND CRIME PREVENTION INITIATIVE



## AVAILABLE FUNDING

**Urbanized Area Formula Grants Program (Section 5307)**, the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA's) largest formula program, supports public transportation in urbanized areas. Section 5307 recipients may provide funding for the following types of safety and security projects:

- Planning efforts that address rider or employee safety.
- Capital projects, including the construction of new facilities or the rehabilitation of existing facilities to promote increased sightlines. The purchase of vehicles with unique security features, such as operator shields, are also eligible.
- Crime prevention and security projects, including but not limited to:
  - Increased lighting in or adjacent to a public transportation system;
  - Increased camera surveillance; and
  - Intelligent transportation systems designed to improve the safety of the transit system.
- Public transportation safety and security operating assistance projects (for urbanized areas with a population of less than 200,000) that include but are not limited to:
  - Staff salaries for personnel exclusively involved with security;
  - Contracts for security services, including those with police departments; and
  - Any other operating projects intended to increase the safety and security of an existing or planned public transportation system, such as funding contracts or salaries of crisis intervention specialists.

**Formula Grants for Rural Areas Program (Section 5311)** provides formula funding to States for areas with a population of less than 50,000. Section 5311 can fund a variety of planning, operating, and capital expenses, which can be used to support the prevention of operator assaults.

**State of Good Repair Grants Program (Section 5337)** can also assist with funding capital security projects, including security equipment and systems. These projects must be included in a Transit Asset Management Plan.

**Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Program (Section 5339)** provides capital funding for the purchase, rehabilitation, construction, or lease of buses, bus facilities and bus related equipment.

**COVID 19 supplemental funding** may be used for operating expenses and activities that improve the safety or security of the transit system, including those in large, urbanized areas. Capital expenses for safety and security projects are eligible if all applicable requirements pertaining to furloughs are met.

FTA supports research and technology projects to advance safety. Since 2015, FTA has awarded \$40 million dollars for 27 projects through its safety research programs.



FTA's grant programs:  
<http://bit.ly/3fOzc6R>

FTA's safety research programs:  
<http://bit.ly/3WMyxU0>





## AVAILABLE TRAINING

Training opportunities with the National Transit Institute (NTI) include Assault Awareness and Prevention for Transit Operators (direct delivery, video training, and train-the-trainer courses available) and Violence in the Transit Workplace (video training and train-the-trainer courses available).



NTI's training opportunities:  
<https://bit.ly/3hobUoM>

## FOR MORE INFORMATION



FTA's Enhanced Transit Safety  
and Crime Prevention Initiative:  
<https://bit.ly/3A2inMz>