

Low or No Emission Vehicle & Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Competitive Program Webinar

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Agenda

Objective

Provide information on how to apply and participate in the Low or No Emission Vehicle as well as the Buses and Bus Facilities Competitive Programs

Agenda

1. Funding & Program Overview
2. Eligibility Information
3. Evaluation Criteria
4. Additional Selection Considerations
5. Application Requirements & Documents
6. Questions



DOT Program Priorities



Renew Our Transit Systems



Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions from Public Transportation



Advance Racial Equity



Maintain and Create Good-paying Jobs with a Free and Fair Choice to Join a Union; and



Connect Communities



Authorized Funding: Buses and Bus Facilities Formula, Competitive, and Low-No Program (Section 5339)

Program Component	FY 2022 (in millions)	FY 2023 (in millions)	FY 2024 (in millions)	FY 2025 (in millions)	FY 2026 (in millions)
Formula	\$603.99	\$616.61	\$632.71	\$645.78	\$662.20
Buses and Bus Facilities Competitive	\$375.70	\$383.54	\$393.56	\$401.69	\$411.90
Low or No Emissions Competitive	\$1,121.56	\$1,123.06	\$1,124.96	\$1,126.51	\$1,128.46
5339 Program TOTAL	\$2,101.25	\$2,123.21	\$2,151.23	\$2,173.98	\$2,202.56

Please Note: Funding amounts before subtracting administrative and oversight takedown.

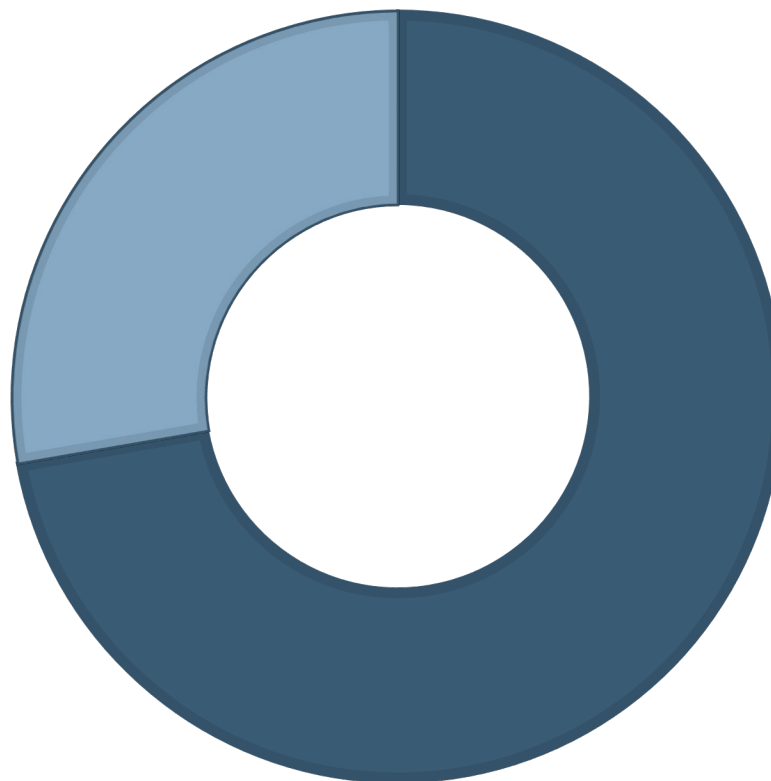


FY2023 Total Funding

FY23 TOTAL AVAILABILITY
***AFTER OVERSIGHT TAKEDOWN, ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS, AND**
PRIOR YEAR'S FUNDS

■ Low-No ■ Bus

Bus \$469M



Low-No \$1.2B



Competitive Program Descriptions

Low-No Program

“The **Low-No Program (5339(c))** provides funding for the purchase or lease of zero-emission and low-emission transit buses, as well as for the acquisition, construction, or leasing of supporting facilities and equipment.”

Buses and Bus Facilities Competitive Program

“The **Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Program (5339(b))** authorizes FTA to award grants to assist in the financing of buses and bus facilities capital projects including:

- 1) Replacing, rehabilitating, purchasing, or leasing buses or related equipment
- 2) Rehabilitating, purchasing, constructing, or leasing bus-related facilities”



Previous Year FY 2022 Competitions

FTA received **530** eligible project proposals (approximately 380 unique projects) in 51 States / territories and the District of Columbia, requesting approximately **\$7.71 billion**.

Low-No Program

215 Projects rated Highly Recommended

100 projects funded for a total of

**\$1.11
Billion**

Buses and Bus Facilities Competitive Program

245 Projects rated Highly Recommended

50 projects funded for a total of

**\$551
Million**

List of funded projects can be found at: www.transit.dot.gov/funding/grants/fy22-fta-bus-and-low-and-no-emission-grant-awards



2023 Low-No & Buses and Bus Facilities Competition

Available Funding: Approximately **\$1.7 billion**

- Buses and Bus Facilities Competitive: Approximately \$469 million
- Low or No Emissions: \$1.22 billion (**\$357 million for low emission projects***)

Important Dates	
Notice of Funding Opportunity	January 27, 2023
Applications Due	11:59pm EST April 13, 2023
Project Evaluations	April – May 2023
Award Announcement	No Later than June 28, 2023
Pre-Award Authority	Starts on date of project announcement
Available for Obligation	The year of award plus 3 years – September 30, 2026

****Please note:** Due to less funding being requested than was available for low-emission projects in 2022, this amount includes approximately \$69 million in FY22 funds reserved for low-emission projects as required by statute.*



Low Emission Set Aside – 25 Percent

- As required by Federal public transportation law ([49 U.S.C. 5339\(c\)\(5\)](#)), a minimum of 25 percent of the amount awarded under the Low-No Program will be awarded to **low-emission projects** other than zero-emission vehicles and related facilities.
- \$69,192,987 of FY 2022 funding for low-emission projects remains available, in addition to the \$287,920,295 available for FY 2023 – totaling **\$357,113,282** total in available funds for low emission projects in 2023.
- Eligible projects include (but not limited to):
 - Hybrid Electric / Gas or Hybrid Electric /Diesel Buses
 - Compressed Natural Gas or Liquified Natural Gas Buses
 - Ethanol, Propane, and Other Alternative Fuel Buses
 - Constructing or Leasing Facilities Specifically for Low Emission Buses
 - Rehabilitating / Improving Existing Public Facilities to Accommodate Low Emission Buses



Why a Joint Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)?



Joint NOFO – IMPORTANT Application Information

1

An applicant may submit a low or no emissions project to **both** the Buses and Bus Facilities Competitive Program and the Low-No Program.

- If a project submitted for consideration under both programs is selected for funding, FTA will exercise its discretion to determine under which program the project will receive funding.

————— **OR** —————

2

May choose to submit to only one of the two programs.

***Please note** if submitting to both programs, the same application package must be submitted to both Bus and Low-No **Opportunity IDs** in Grants.Gov.*



Low-No/Bus Competitive Statutory Requirements in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)

Applies to Buses and Bus Facilities Competitive (5339(b)) and Low-No (5339(c)):

- Zero-Emission Fleet Transition Plan (for **any** zero-emission project)
- 5% for Workforce Development for Zero-Emission Projects
- Continuation of the Partnership Provision

Low-No only:

- A minimum of 25% of the amount awarded will be awarded to low emission projects other than zero emission vehicles and related facilities



President Biden signing the BIL. Photo Credit: [NPR](#)

Eligibility Information



Eligible Applicants (Section C.1)

Recipients

Designated recipients, states, local governmental authorities or federally recognized Indian Tribes are eligible.

- **Buses and Bus Facilities Competitive:** Recipients listed above must allocate funds to or operate fixed route service.

Rural areas must submit as part of a consolidated state application, unless the applicant is a tribe.



Subrecipients

Same as recipients above, with these exceptions for Buses and Bus Facilities only:

- Private nonprofit organizations engaged in public transportation are eligible.
- The fixed route requirement does **NOT** apply to subrecipients.



Partnership Provision (Section C.1)

An applicant proposing a low or no emission project under both the Buses and Bus Facilities Competitive Program and the Low-No Program or under just the Low-No Program, may include partnerships with other entities that intend to participate in the implementation of the project.

- 1 The competitive selection process satisfies the requirements for a competitive procurement for the partners named in the application.
- 2 Examples of partnerships include, but are not limited to, specific vehicle manufacturers, equipment vendors, owners or operators of related facilities, or project consultants.
- 3 If proposing a low or no emission project for only the Buses and Bus Facilities program, the partnership provision does not apply.



Cost Sharing or Matching (Section C.2)

Federal
Match
Max
85%

Vehicles compliant with the Clean Air Act (CAA) or Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)

Federal
Match
Max
90%

Equipment or facilities that are compliant with the Clean Air Act (CAA) or Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)

- Costs associated with related equipment and facilities must be itemized in application to receive maximum federal share

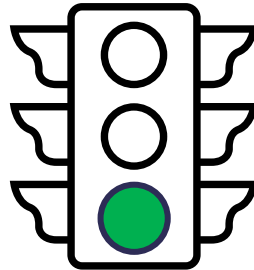
Federal
Match
Max
80%

All other projects, including workforce development/NTI training



Eligible Projects (Section C.3)

- Replace, rehabilitate, purchase, or lease buses, vans and related equipment
 - This includes leasing power sources (i.e., batteries)
- Rehabilitate, purchase, construct, or lease bus-related facilities
- Rehabilitating or improving existing facilities to accommodate low or no emission buses and vehicles
- Costs incidental to the acquisition of buses or construction of a facility
 - Including activities such as functional landscaping (green space)



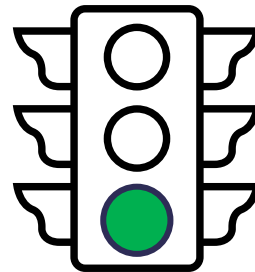
Please Note: Projects to the **Low-No Program** must be for low or no emission projects only.



Eligible Projects: Workforce Development

Workforce Development (Non-Zero Emission Projects):

- Recipients are permitted to use up to 0.5% of the requested grant award for workforce development activities.
- An additional 0.5% can be used training at the National Transit Institute.
- NEW: Supportive services, such as dependent care and transportation assistance for participants, may be an eligible use of program funds under 49 U.S.C. 5314(b). **Please see new FAQ's posted at:**
www.transit.dot.gov/funding/grants/federal-transit-administration-faqs-supportive-services



See 49 U.S.C. 5314(b)

Examples Include:

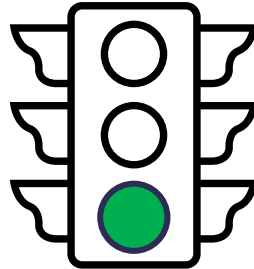
- On-the-job training
- Apprenticeships
- Research for training programs
- Employment outreach programs



Eligible Projects: Workforce Development (cont.)

Workforce Development for Zero-Emission Projects:

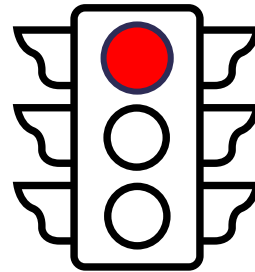
- 5% of the requested Federal award must be used for workforce development, unless the applicant explains in the application why less funding is needed.
 - » **Example:** If the total capital costs of vehicles and equipment = \$95,000, an additional \$5,000 should be included in the budget for these expenses for a total project cost of \$100,000.
- NEW: Supportive services, such as dependent care and transportation assistance for participants, may be an eligible use of program funds within this 5%. **Please see new FAQ's posted at:** www.transit.dot.gov/funding/grants/federal-transit-administration-faqs-supportive-services
- These amounts are additional, not a take-down, from other eligible project expenses.



Ineligible Projects

Projects not eligible for funding:

- Non-public transportation projects (e.g., *school buses, prisoner transport, intra-facility shuttles, services not open to the general public, see: 49 U.S.C. § 5302(14)*)
- Operating expenses
- Preventive maintenance
- Development or deployment of prototype/demonstration vehicles
- Previous project expenses
- Mobility management
- Planning and design studies



Evaluation Criteria



Evaluation Criteria (Section E.1)

Demonstration of Need

- **How** will the proposed project address an unmet need for capital investment?
- **What** substantiating evidence can be provided to support these statements?

Demonstration of Benefits*

- Low-No: **How** will the proposed project support the program objectives to reduce energy consumption and harmful emissions?
- Buses and Bus Facilities Competitive: **How** will the proposed project improve safety? The condition of the transit system? Reliability of transit service? Enhance access and mobility?

Please note that this is the only criteria where the requested information is different for each program. In order to apply for **both an applicant must respond to both Demonstration of Benefits sections with responses applicable to the request in the NOFO for that program.*



Evaluation Criteria (Section E.1)

Planning and Local/Regional Prioritization

- **How** is the proposed project consistent with local and regional long range planning documents?
- **How** is the proposed project consistent with local government priorities?
 - Applicants are encouraged to also consult DOT's *Promising Practices for Meaningful Public Involvement in Transportation Decision-Making* at: <https://www.transportation.gov/priorities/equity/promising-practices-meaningful-public-involvement-transportation-decision-making>
- **Zero-Emission applicants:**
 - Did the applicant include a zero-emission fleet transition plan that includes all 6 required elements?

Evaluation Criteria (Section E.1)

Local Financial Commitment

- **When** will the funds be fully secured?
- **What** is the source of the local share?

Project Implementation Strategy

- **How** soon can the proposed project be obligated (within 12 months)?
- **How** will the project be implemented?

Technical, Legal, & Financial Capacity

- Does the applicant have the **know-how** to carry out the proposed project?
- **What** technical, legal, or financial capacity issues exist, if any?

Review and Selection (Section E.2)



Additional Selection Considerations (Section E.2)

FTA could consider in conjunction with the criteria rating:

- Geographic diversity
- Diversity in size of the population of the service area
- Small Urban, Rural or Tribal
- For Zero-Emission projects, prioritize projects with a plan for full fleet transition.
- Receipt of other competitive awards
- Administration Priorities
 - Climate Change
 - Workforce Development/Good Paying Jobs
 - Procurement methods that reduce customization
 - Workforce Development Component of Zero-Emission Transition Plan
 - Justice 40



Administration Priority: Climate Change

For Buses and Bus Facilities Competitive Projects Only

FTA will give priority consideration to applications that are expected to create significant community benefits relating to the environment.

For Both Programs

NEW

For vehicle applications that include **at least twenty zero-emission 40-foot buses**, FTA will give priority consideration to applications that identify greater emission reductions.

To be considered for priority consideration, vehicle applications for at least twenty zero-emission 40-foot buses must use the FTA FY 2023 Bus and Low-No Emission Reduction Calculator which can be found [here](#), attach the file, and include the amount of reductions per vehicle in the supplemental form.



Administration Priority: Creating Good-Paying Jobs

Facility Projects (UPDATED)

1

Identify whether the applicant will commit to registered apprenticeship positions and use apprentices on the funded project (e.g., requiring that a certain percent of all labor hours will be performed by registered apprentices)

————— AND —————




2

Detail partnerships with high-quality workforce development programs with supportive services to help train, place, and retain underrepresented communities in jobs and registered apprenticeships on the project



Administration Priority: Procurement Methods to Reduce Customization

NEW

-  FTA will provide priority consideration to applicants that identify their intent to use a procurement method that reduces customization, such as a joint procurement or procurement using an existing schedule
-  The applicant should identify the proposed approach, other partners if applicable, and how the procurement approach reduces vehicle customization
-  FTA will evaluate each project on its own merits and selection of one participant indicating their intent to pursue a joint procurement will be independent of selection of other potential participants



Administration Priority: Justice40 Initiative

NEW – As a Consideration for Selection

1

FTA will also give priority consideration to projects that support the Justice40 initiative.

————— AND —————

2

Applicants should identify how they considered the benefits and potential burdens a project may create, who would experience them and how they may be measured over time, with a specific focus on how the benefits and potential burdens will impact underserved/disadvantaged communities

————— AND —————

3

Identify how the applicant used a meaningful public involvement process, inclusive of disadvantaged populations, throughout the lifecycle of a project.



Administration Priority: Zero-Emission Fleet Transition Plan Development

Zero Emission Projects (UPDATED)

1

Among zero-emission applications, FTA will give priority consideration to zero-emission applicants that are able to demonstrate that they have consulted with workforce representatives on all aspects of the workforce section of the fleet transition plan

— AND —

2

Include steps to provide or connect workers to supportive services (such as childcare and transportation assistance)

— AND —

3

Identify the use of at least one of the following in their plan:

1. Use of labor-management partnerships for training;
2. Use of registered apprenticeship training to support skilling of incumbent and entry-level workers with focus on using registered apprenticeship to advance Black, Hispanic, Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islanders, tribal, women, and other groups facing systemic barriers to employment that may be underrepresented in the current workforce, especially in higher-paying jobs.



Zero-Emission Fleet Transition Plan Required Components



Zero-Emission Fleet Transition Plan

All applications related to zero-emission are required by law to submit a Zero-Emission Fleet Transition Plan. This includes vehicle and equipment procurements as well as facility projects that support zero-emission vehicles.

This plan must include the following six elements identified in law:

Demonstrate Long Term Fleet
Management Plan

Evaluation of Existing and Future
Facilities

Address Availability of Current and
Future Resources

Describe Partnership with Fuel
Provider

Consider Policy and Legislation
Impacts on Technologies

Examine Impact on Applicant's
Workforce



Zero-Emission Fleet Transition Plan: Element 1

Element 1: Demonstrate a long-term fleet management plan with a strategy for how the applicant intends to use the current application and future acquisitions.

Examples of how applicants may address this element (not exhaustive):

- Include excerpt or describe how long-term fleet management plan aligns with the zero-emission application.
- Describe how the procurement plan aligns with the zero-emission application.

Zero-Emission Fleet Transition Plan: Element 2

Element 2: Address the availability of current and future resources to meet costs for the transition and implementation.

Examples of how applicants may address this element (not exhaustive):

- Provide an overview of current funding levels and sources and how that will support/impact the transition.
- Describe planning or other efforts underway to secure additional resources.

Zero-Emission Fleet Transition Plan: Element 3

Element 3: Consider policy and legislation impacting relevant technologies.

Examples of how applicants may address this element (not exhaustive):

- Listing of any state or local policies or legislation that support or hinder the implementation of relevant technology the applicant is looking to implement.
- Analysis of future policy or legislation that the agency is considering that will support the implementation.

***Please Note:** A brief description of the research performed leading to a finding that the applicant does not believe policy or legislation impacts the relevant technologies is acceptable, if applicable.*



Zero-Emission Fleet Transition Plan: Element 4

Element 4: Include an evaluation of existing and future facilities and their relationship to the technology transition.

Examples of how applicants may address this element (not exhaustive):

- Capital inventory relevant to fleet transition that includes information on the state of existing facilities and the scope and timing for future upgrades and/or expansion.
- Analysis of existing facilities relevant to fleet transition and their ability to integrate relevant technology for both current and future acquisitions.

Zero-Emission Fleet Transition Plan: Element 5

Element 5: Describe the partnership of the applicant with the utility or alternative fuel provider.

Examples of how applicants may address this element (not exhaustive):

- Letters of support, contract information, communications, etc. with the fuel/energy provider.
- Analysis of ongoing coordination with providers and plans for integration/cooperation.
- Identification that based on the size of the vehicle fleet that no partnership is needed.

Zero-Emission Fleet Transition Plan: Element 6

Element 6: Examine the impact of the transition on the applicant's current workforce by identifying skill gaps, training needs, and retraining needs of the existing workers of the applicant to operate and maintain zero-emission vehicles and related infrastructure and avoid the displacement of the existing workforce.

Examples of how applicants may address this element (not exhaustive):

- Usage of the Workforce Evaluation Tool.
- Coordination efforts with existing employee representation and/or members.
- Employee retention and agency workforce planning strategies.
- Identification of type of training and training provider.



Zero-Emission Fleet Transition Plan (cont.)

- For agencies with smaller fleets, a Zero-Emission Fleet Transition Plan need not be complex and should be tailored as applicable but must address all six elements.
 - It could be 1-2 pages for example.
- For applications from State Departments of Transportation, the state may provide a Zero-Emission Fleet Transition Plan that covers some or all of the subrecipients, attach individual plans developed by the subrecipients, or a combination of both.
- FTA will rate a zero-emission project higher if the applicant is able to demonstrate how the proposed project and Zero-Emission Fleet Transition Plan support the conversion of the agency's overall fleet to zero emissions.
- Applicants must ensure that the plan contains the six distinct elements, and they are labeled appropriately.
- **Applicants may use an existing plan with a cover letter or addendum identifying the location of the six elements and/or adding any missing elements.**



FY23 Bus & Low-No Emission Reduction Calculator

- For applications including **at least 20 zero-emission 40-foot buses**, FTA will give priority consideration to applicants that identify greater emission reductions. Applicants for at least 20, 40-foot vehicles *must* complete the calculator to receive priority consideration. The calculator is linked in the NOFO and available on FTA's website.: [FY 2023 Bus and Low-No Emission Reduction Calculator | FTA \(dot.gov\)](#)
- Applicants should attach the completed file and include the amount of reductions per vehicle in the supplemental form.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	
1	FY 2023 FTA's Low-No/Bus Competitive Emissions Reduction Calculator for at least twenty 40' Zero Emission Buses						Directions					
2	Fuel Type of Vehicles to be Replaced	Number of Buses Requested	Average Annual VMT Per 40' Bus	Total Direct Emissions Per Year	Avg Direct CO2 Emissions per Year per Vehicle to be replaced							
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Please attach the
Completed Form to the
Attachment Form
when submitting in
Grants.gov.

Applicants requesting twenty or more 40' zero emission buses to replace existing vehicles should complete the following to be considered as part of the Climate Change and Sustainability priority consideration.

Step 1 Applicant should populate Column A (Fuel Type of Vehicle to be Replaced), from dropdown list of fuels provided. Click on the individual cell in Column A for a full listing of fuels.

Step 2 Applicant should populate Column B (Number of Buses Requested) with the exact number of 40' buses being requested as part of the FY23 application.

Step 3 Applicant should populate Column C (Average Annual VMT Per 40' Bus) with the average for the total number of buses listed in Column B.

FY23 Low-No.Bus Emissions Tool Data Set



Useful Zero-Emission Fleet Transition Plan Resources

- FTA's website includes resources for applicants developing Zero Emission Fleet Transition Plans: [FTA Zero-Emission Fleet Transition Plan Resources](#)
- The Transit Workforce Center offers an initial set of building blocks for creating a comprehensive workforce development plan for ZEB transition, a plan that should cover all affected transit frontline workers: [Transit Workforce Center Resources and Best Practices for a Zero Emission-Workforce Fleet Transition Plan](#)
- The Joint Office of Energy and Transportation connects stakeholders with a suite of data and tools for transit agencies and offers new technical assistance to transit agencies shifting their fleets to low- and no-emission vehicles: [Technical Assistance and Resources for Transit Agencies · Joint Office of Energy and Transportation \(driveelectric.gov\)](#)



Transit Vehicle Technical Assistance

Direct technical assistance for eligible transit agencies to plan for and deploy clean transit buses



Transition Transit Buses to Low- or No-Emission Models

The Federal Transit Administration's [Low or No Emission \(Low-No\) Vehicle Program](#) provides \$5.6 billion over 5 years (2022 – 2026) to help modernize bus fleets and bus facilities across the country, focused on helping transit agencies purchase or lease low- or no-emission vehicles and necessary charging or fueling infrastructure. Entities currently receiving Low-No funds, planning to apply for Low-No funds, or using other FTA program funds for clean buses can contact the Joint Office for [technical assistance](#) to plan for and deploy clean transit buses.

driveelectric.gov/transit



❑ Request assistance via online form

❑ Initial response within 48 hours

❑ General questions and feedback welcome!

Contact Us

Use this contact form to submit a media inquiry, ask a general question about Joint Office of Energy and Transportation resources and activities, or request technical assistance for states, tribal nations, or clean school buses or transit buses.

Required fields are marked with an asterisk (*).

Inquiry type *

Low-No Emissions Transit Vehicle Technical Assistance

[Transit vehicle technical assistance](#) is only available for eligible entities currently receiving Low-No funds, planning to apply for Low-No funds, or using other Federal Transit Administration (FTA) program funds for clean transit buses.

Transit funding *

- ☐ Currently receiving Low-No funds
- ☐ Planning to apply for Low-No funds
- ☐ Using other FTA program funds for clean transit buses
- ☐ None of the above

Name *

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Subject *

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Send

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Examples of How the Joint Office Can Help

Coordinating with
electric utilities

Identifying
available funding
and incentives

Analyzing charging
infrastructure
needs

Conducting route
analysis and
planning

Conducting training
and workforce
development

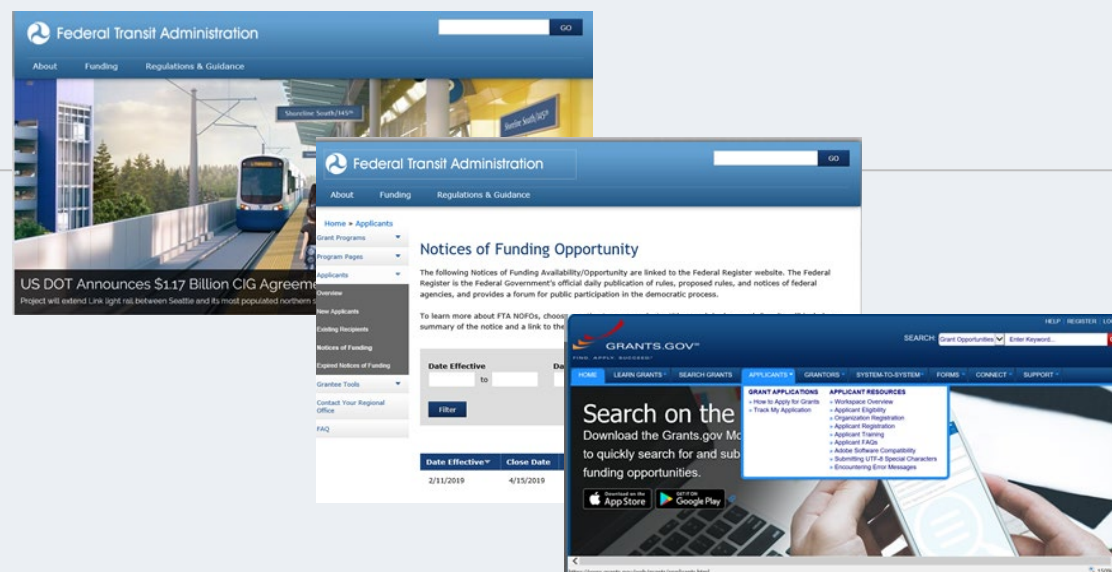
Resiliency (V2X)

Analyzing energy
needs and grid
impact

Identifying solar
and battery storage
opportunities



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To learn more about FTA NOFOs, choose a notice type or conduct a title search by keyword. Results will include a summary of the notice and a link to the PDF of the appropriate Federal Register page.

From To

Keywords

Apply

Date Effective	Close Date	Opportunity ID	Grant Program
01/27/2023	04/13/2023	FTA-2023-002-TPM-LWNO, FTA-2023-003-TPM-BUS	

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Low or No Emission and Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Competitive Programs FY2023 Notice of Funding Opportunity

Date Posted: January 27, 2023

Date Closed: April 13, 2023

Opportunity ID: FTA-2023-002-TPM-LWNO, FTA-2023-003-TPM-BUS

Grant Program:

[Low or No Emission Grant Program](#)

[Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Program](#)

Opportunity Announcement PDF:

<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2023-01-27/pdf/2023-01654.pdf>

Opportunity Announcement TXT:

<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2023-01-27/html/2023-01654.htm>

Details: 01/27/2023. Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO): Solicitation of Project Proposals for the 5339(c) Low or No Emission Grant Program and 5339(b) Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Competitive Program. The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) announces the opportunity to apply for \$1,221,350,117 in competitive grants under the Low or No Emission Grant Program (Low-No Program) and \$469,445,424 under the Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Competitive Program (Buses and Bus Facilities Program). FTA is joining these two grant opportunities in one NOFO, and applicants are welcome to apply to either program or both (see instructions below). Synopses and full announcement are posted on Grants.Gov as opportunity [FTA-2023-002-TPM-LWNO](#) for Low-No applications and [FTA-2023-003-TPM-BUS](#) for Buses and Bus Facilities applications. Proposals must be submitted electronically through Grants.Gov website by **11:59 PM Eastern Time 04/13/2023**.

Related Links

- [Low or No Emission Vehicle Program - 5339\(c\)](#)
- [Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Program](#)

Related Documents

- [Low or No Emission and Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Competitive Programs FY2023 Notice of Funding Supplemental Form](#)



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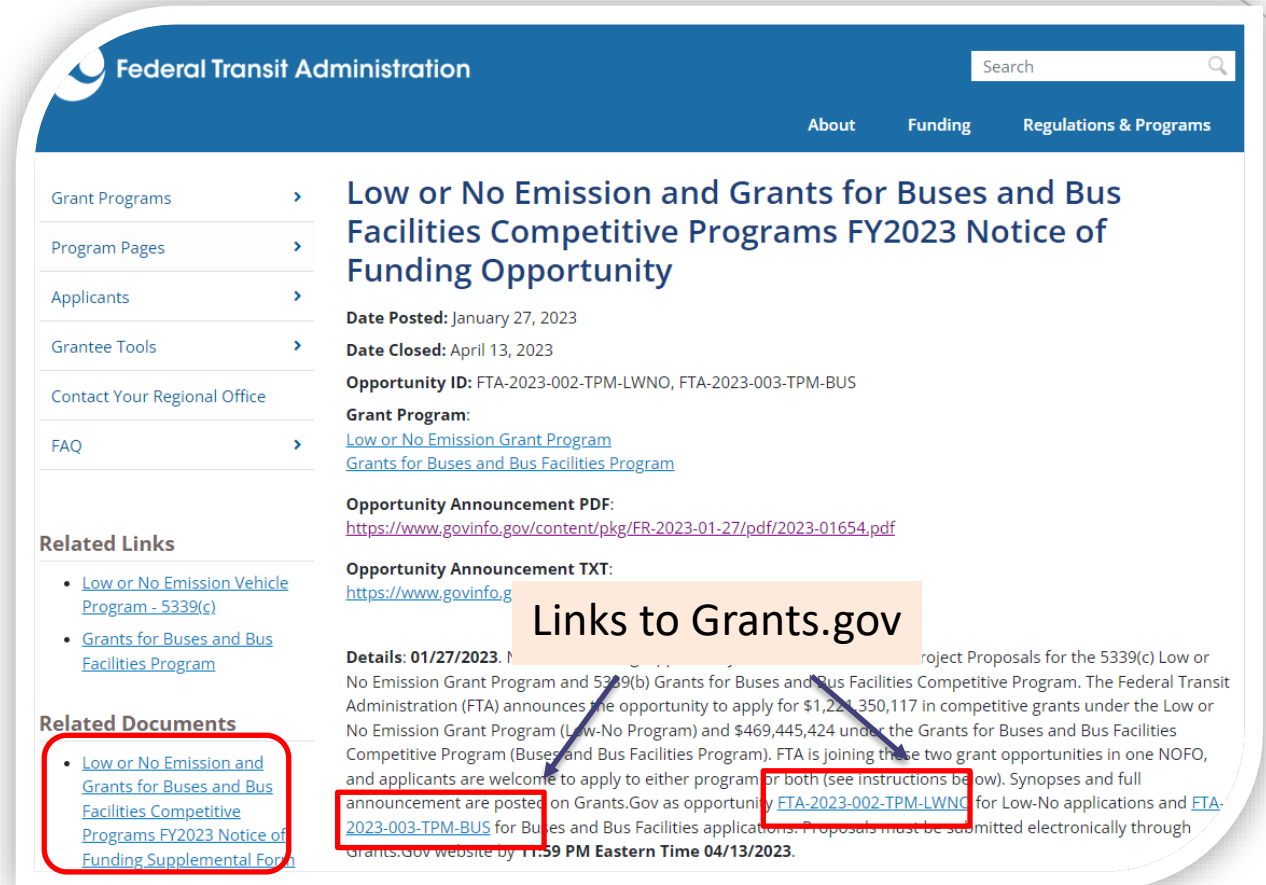
FTA Notice of Funding Opportunity

FTA NOFO Page contains:

- Summary Description
 - Application requirements
 - Eligibility
- Supplemental Form
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Link and Instructions for attaching the supplemental form to the SF-424: All applicants must complete the attached [supplemental form](#) and attach it to their submission in GRANTS.GOV.

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Low or No Emission and Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Competitive Programs FY2023 Notice of Funding Opportunity

Date Posted: January 27, 2023

Date Closed: April 13, 2023

Opportunity ID: FTA-2023-002-TPM-LWNO, FTA-2023-003-TPM-BUS

Grant Program:

[Low or No Emission Grant Program](#)

[Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Program](#)

Opportunity Announcement PDF:

<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2023-01-27/pdf/2023-01654.pdf>

Opportunity Announcement TXT:

<https://www.govinfo.gov>

Links to Grants.gov

Details: 01/27/2023. The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) announces the opportunity to apply for \$1,221,350,117 in competitive grants under the Low or No Emission Grant Program and 5339(b) Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Competitive Program. The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) announces the opportunity to apply for \$1,221,350,117 in competitive grants under the Low or No Emission Grant Program (Low-No Program) and \$469,445,424 under the Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Competitive Program (Buses and Bus Facilities Program). FTA is joining these two grant opportunities in one NOFO, and applicants are welcome to apply to either program or both (see instructions below). Synopses and full announcement are posted on Grants.Gov as opportunity [FTA-2023-002-TPM-LWNO](#) for Low-No applications and [FTA-2023-003-TPM-BUS](#) for Buses and Bus Facilities applications. Proposals must be submitted electronically through Grants.Gov website by **11:59 PM Eastern Time 04/13/2023**.

Related Links

- [Low or No Emission Vehicle Program - 5339\(c\)](#)
- [Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Program](#)

Related Documents

- [Low or No Emission and Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Competitive Programs FY2023 Notice of Funding Supplemental Form](#)

FTA NOFO provides hyperlinks to Grants.gov opportunity notice, related documents, and application package.



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General Information

Document Type: Grants Notice

Version: Synopsis 2

Funding Opportunity Number: FTA-2023-003-TPM-BUS

Posted Date: Jan 27, 2023

Funding Opportunity Title: FY 2023 Competitive Funding Opportunity; Buses and Bus Facilities Program

Last Updated Date: Jan 27, 2023

Opportunity Category: Discretionary

Original Closing Date for Applications: Apr 13, 2023

Opportunity Category Explanation:

Current Closing Date for Applications: Apr 13, 2023

Funding Instrument Type: Grant

Archive Date: May 13, 2023

Category of Funding Activity: Transportation

Estimated Total Program Funding: \$469,445,424

Category Explanation:

Award Ceiling: \$46,944,542

Expected Number of Awards: 50

Award Floor: \$0

CFDA Number(s): 20.526 -- Buses and Bus Facilities Formula, Competitive, and Low or No Emissions Programs

Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement: Yes

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Print Related Documents List ?

Click on the following file link(s) to download the related document(s):

File Description	File Name	Last Updated Date/Time	File Size
Folder: Full Announcement - FTA-2023-003-TPM-BUS	FTA-2023-003-TPM-BUS-Full Announcement - FTA-2023-003-TPM-BUS.zip	Jan 27, 2023 08:31:55 AM EST	401.9 KB
Federal Register Notice	2023-01654.pdf	Jan 27, 2023 08:31:26 AM EST	269.3 KB
Supplemental Form	FY23-LowNo-and-Buses-and-Bus-Facilities-Supplemental-Form.pdf	Jan 27, 2023 08:31:55 AM EST	226.6 KB

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CFDA	Competition ID	Competition Title	Opportunity Package ID	Opening Date	Closing Date	Actions
20.526	FTA-2023-003-TPM-BUS	FY 2023 Competitive Funding Opportunity; Buses and Bus Facilities Program	PKG00279485	01/27/2023	04/13/2023	Preview Apply



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20.526	FTA-2023-003-TPM-BUS	FY 2023 Competitive Funding Opportunity; Buses and Bus Facilities Program	PKG00279485	01/27/2023	04/13/2023	Preview Apply

Preview Opportunity Package Details

Opportunity Package Details:

Agency Contact Information:

Margaretta Veltri
FTA Office of Program Management
E-mail: Margaretta.Veltri@dot.gov
Phone: (202) 368-5094

Who Can Apply: Organization Applicants

PACKAGE FORMS:

Mandatory Forms
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» SF424 Mandatory Form [V3.0]

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Expiration Date: 01/31/2019

APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL ASSISTANCE SF-424 - MANDATORY

1.a. Type of Submission:
☒ Application
☐ Plan
☐ Funding Request
☐ Other
Other (specify):

1.b. Frequency:
☒ Annual
☐ Quarterly
☐ Other
Other (specify):

1.d. Version:
☒ Initial
☐ Resubmission
☐ Revision
☐ Update

2. Date Received:
STATE USE ONLY:

3. Applicant Identifier:
5. Date Received by State:

4a. Federal Entity Identifier:
6. State Application Identifier:

4b. Federal Award Identifier:

1.c. Consolidated Application/Plan/Funding Request?
Yes ☐ No ☒ Explanation:

7. APPLICANT INFORMATION:
a. Legal Name:
b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN):
c. Organizational DUNS:
d. Address:
Street1:
City:
State:
Country:
USA: UNITED STATES
e. Organizational Unit:

Street2:
County / Parish:
Province:
Zip / Postal Code:

Please fill out the following form.

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Applicant and Proposal Profile

Is this a resubmission due to an invalid/error message from FTA? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Is this application for:
(If applying to both programs, please check both boxes)

☐ Low-No (FTA-2023-002-TPM-LWNO)
☐ Buses and Bus Facilities (FTA-2023-003-TPM-BUS)

Note: If applying to both programs, applicants should enter information for both programs on this form but **Must** submit the application package including the Supplemental Form and attachments, to **Each** respective Opportunity ID on Grants.gov for each program. That is, complete one form, but submit it to both programs in Grants.gov.

Section I. Applicant Information (NOFO Section C.1)

Organization Legal Name:

FTA Recipient ID Number:

Organization Chief Executive Officer:
(name and direct phone number)

Applicant Eligibility: ☐ Direct or Designated Recipient

CAUTION: Do not use “Supplemental Form” from prior years or create your own form. Please use the file provided on the FTA website.

The “Attachment Form” shown below is included in the SF-424 Grant Application Package in Grants.gov.

Please attach the **FTA Supplemental Form** to the **Attachment Form** shown below when submitting in Grants.gov.

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6) Please attach Attachment 6	<input type="text"/>	Add Attachment	Delete Attachment	View Attachment
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CAUTION: Please review and complete all relevant pages of the **Supplemental Form**



Hispanic, Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islanders, tribal women, and other groups facing systemic barriers to employment that may be underrepresented in the current workforce, especially in higher-paying jobs?

Please describe:

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Justice40

Does the project support the Justice40 Initiative? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Describe how the project supports the Justice40 Initiative and the benefits provided:



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Are you or your organization eligible for a grant? Learn how to check your eligibility here.
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Access training materials, tips and other resources that will help you successfully navigate Grants.gov.
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The screenshot shows the "ORGANIZATION REGISTRATION" page on Grants.gov. The page has a blue header with the same navigation bar as the homepage. Below the header, there's a sidebar with links for "GRANT APPLICATIONS" and "APPLICANT RESOURCES". The main content area is titled "ORGANIZATION REGISTRATION" and includes a section "Registering an Organization" with instructions for new organizations. Below this, there are three numbered steps: "1. Obtain a DUNS Number", "2. Register with SAM", and "3. Register with Grants.gov". Each step includes a brief description and a link to the relevant page. The page also includes a "How long does this step usually take?" section with a timeline for each step.

Organizations must register in Grants.gov in order to submit applications

Workspace in Grants.gov

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Get Started on Your Workspace Application

Workspace is the standard way for organizations or individuals to apply for federal grants in Grants.gov. Workspace allows a grant team to simultaneously access and edit different forms within an application. Plus, the forms can be filled out online or offline—your choice.

Grants.gov Workspace also allows applicants and organizations to tailor their application workflow. Here are three approaches that applicants can take when completing a Workspace application:

Basic

- + Best for organizations with 1-2 registered Grants.gov users
- + Application forms are downloaded and emailed to collaborators before being uploaded back to the workspace

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Intermediate

- + Best for organizations with 3-5 registered Grants.gov users
- + Applicant teams are typically comprised of an AOR who submits, as well as a Workspace Owner who oversees form completion

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Advanced

- + Best for organizations with external Grants.gov users such as consultants
- + Workspace Owner manages form access
- + Workspace Owner manages subforms

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Using Custom Roles in Workspace

Organizations are also able to create custom roles and assign these roles to the users affiliated with the organization.

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Grants.gov Roles & Privileges

When an applicant organization user registers with Grants.gov, the organization E-Business Point of Contact (EBiz POC) -- or a user with the Expanded AOR role -- can assign the user a core role, a custom role, or no role.

Administrator
E-Business
Point of Contact
(EBiz POC)

Core Role
Expanded AOR

Core Role
Standard AOR

Core Role
Workspace
Manager

Custom Role

No Role

E-Business Point of Contact

The E-Business Point of Contact (EBiz POC) works primarily at the administrative level to (among other tasks) assign roles to organization users once they register with Grants.gov.

Web Addresses

FTA Funding Opportunities:



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Application must include:

- SF-424 Application for Federal Assistance
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- Lobbying Form
- Supporting Documentation

Application package found at: www.grants.gov

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<https://www.transit.dot.gov/notices-funding/low-or-no-emission-and-grants-buses-and-bus-facilities-competitive-programs-fy2023>

Application Information: <https://www.grants.gov/> (search for “Low-No” or “Buses and Bus Facilities”)

Low-No Program Webpage: <https://www.transit.dot.gov/funding/grants/lowno>

Buses and Bus Facilities Program Webpage: <https://www.transit.dot.gov/bus-program>

FAQs: <https://www.transit.dot.gov/funding/grants/low-no-and-buses-and-bus-facilities-faqs>



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