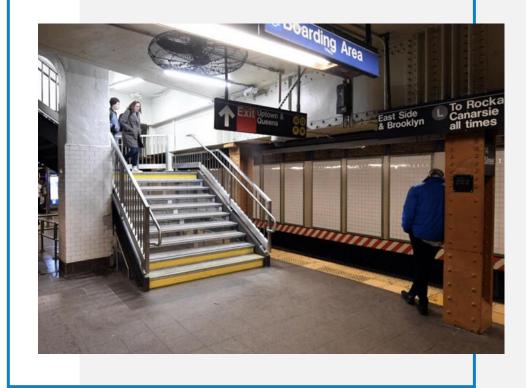
All Stations Accessibility Program (ASAP)

FTA, Office of Program Management and the Office of Civil Rights

Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Webinar

12/19/2023





Agenda

- ASAP and the ADA
- Program Overview
- Eligibility Information
- Evaluation Criteria
- Review and Selection
- Grants.gov
- Questions



Civil Rights and ASAP

Over 900 inaccessible stations in the U.S. today

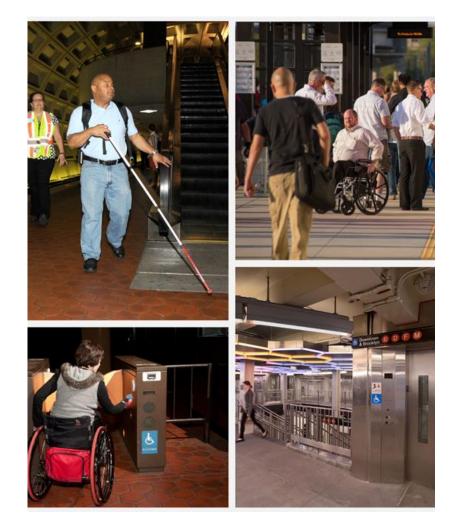
- Located in our oldest, densest and most transitoriented – urban areas
- Off-limits to people with disabilities for >30 years

Under the ADA, new, altered and "key" stations are to be accessible

• Limited investment made to upgrade remaining legacy stations

ASAP can make a meaningful reduction in the backlog of inaccessible stations

• Dedicated funds to help transit agencies make those stations accessible





ASAP Raising the Bar

ADA

- Minimum accessibility requirements often = minimal accessibility
- Doesn't address legacy stations unless altered
- Allows altered stations to remain inaccessible if "technically infeasible" to make them accessible (e.g., piercing a load-bearing wall)

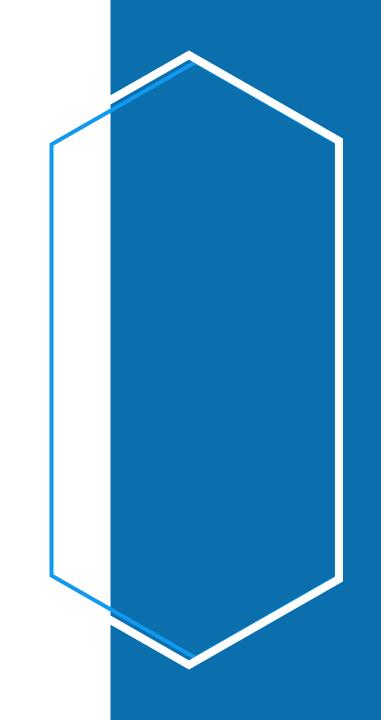
ASAP

- Goes beyond ADA minimums
- Overcomes technical infeasibility
- May include secondary elevators and technologies for people with sensory or cognitive disabilities
- Improves systemwide access for people with disabilities



Program Overview





Authorized Funding: All Stations Accessibility Program (Division J)

Program	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026
Component	(in millions)				
ASAP	\$350	\$350	\$350	\$350	\$350

Note: Funding amounts before subtracting administrative and oversight takedown.

FY 2023 ASAP Project Selections

- FTA received 18 eligible applications with a total Federal request of **\$905** million
- \$686 million was available (\$343 million in FY22 and FY23 respectively)
- Total funding awarded: \$686 million to 15 projects in 9 states.
- Awards will help make 28 legacy rail stations fully accessible.
- List of funded projects: <u>https://www.transit.dot.gov/funding/grants/grantprograms/</u> <u>all-stations-accessibility-program-fy22-23-projects</u>



Program Description

- Competitive funding to assist in the financing of capital projects to upgrade the accessibility of legacy rail fixed guideway public transportation systems for persons with disabilities, including those who use wheelchairs.
- Increase the number of existing (as of November 15, 2021) stations or facilities for passenger use that meet or exceed the standards for new construction under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12131 et seq.), as incorporated into Appendix A of 49 CFR Part 37.



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Important Dates

Notice of Funding Opportunity	November 30, 2023
Applications Due	January 30, 2024
Project Evaluations	February 2024
Award Announcement	Estimated by April 2024
Pre-Award Authority	Starts on date of project announcement
Available for Obligation	The year of award plus 3 years – September 30, 2025

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DOT/FTA Program Priorities

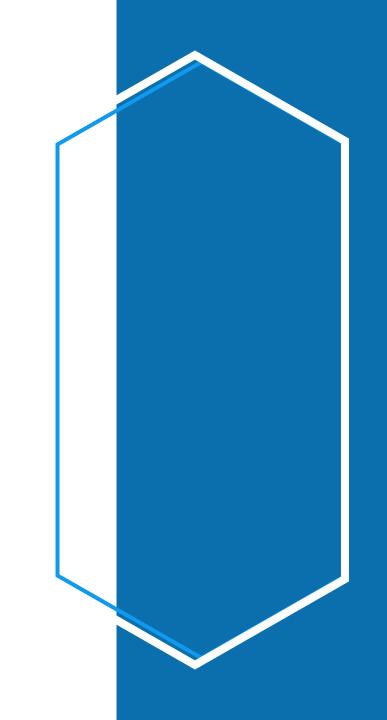
ASAP supports DOT and FTA's priorities and objectives through investments that

- renew our transit systems; 1)
- advance racial equity; 2)
- 3) maintain and create good-paying, jobs with a free and fair choice to join a union;
- 4) remove barriers to transit access for underserved communities; and
- 5) connect communities.



Eligibility Information





Eligible Applicants (Section C.1)

Recipients

- Designated recipients that operate or allocate funds to inaccessible pre-ADA—or "legacy" — rail fixed guideway public transportation systems
- States (including territories and Washington, D.C.)
- Local governmental entities that operate or financially support legacy rail fixed guideway public transportation systems.

The law limits ASAP to legacy rail fixed guideway public transportation systems with stations or facilities for passenger use that are not already accessible to and usable by persons with disabilities, including wheelchair users.



Cost Sharing or Matching (Section C.2)

• The maximum Federal share as identified in the law for an eligible project shall not exceed **80** percent of the net project cost.



Eligible Projects (Section C.3)

Eligible projects under ASAP include:

(1) capital projects to repair, improve, modify, retrofit, or relocate infrastructure of stations or facilities for passenger use, including load-bearing members that are an essential part of the structural frame; or

(2) for planning projects to develop or modify a plan for pursuing public transportation accessibility projects, assessments of accessibility, or assessments of planned modifications to stations or facilities for passenger use projects or programs of projects in an eligible area.



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Ineligible Projects

- A station or facility project that is already accessible is not eligible.
- Any project of station upgrades or passenger facility that does not result in full accessibility consistent with Title II of the ADA and usability by persons with disabilities, including wheelchair users, is not eligible under this program.
- Maintenance or repair activities for elements of existing • accessible stations or passenger facilities that are otherwise subject to the ongoing maintenance requirements under 49 CFR 37.161(a) are not eligible under this program.



Evaluation Criteria



Demonstration of Need – Station or Facility Accessibility Improvement Projects **How** is the need for the investment supported?

Does the application indicate whether the proposed station(s) or facility(s) meet one or more of the following criteria?

- Does it address an overall lack of accessible stations in a particular geographic area?
- Is at a major interchange point with other transportation modes?
- Does it serve major activity centers?
- Is a transfer station(s) on a rail line, between rail lines, or is an end of the line station?
- Is it a station where passenger boarding's exceed average station or facility passenger boarding's on the rail system?



Demonstration of Need – Planning Projects

• How – has the applicant demonstrated that the proposed planning project will develop or modify a plan for pursuing public transportation accessibility projects, assessments of accessibility, or assessments of planned modifications to stations or facilities for passenger use.



Demonstration of Benefits – Station or Facility Accessibility Improvement Projects

• How - has the applicant demonstrated the projects will increase the accessibility of legacy rail fixed guideway public transportation systems for persons with disabilities, including those who use wheelchairs, by increasing the number of existing stations or passenger facilities for passenger use that meet or exceed the standards for new construction under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12131 et seq.) as incorporated into Appendix A of 49 CFR Part 37.



Demonstration of Benefits – Planning Projects

 How – has the applicant detailed how the resulting planning project will advance accessibility and result in a future capital project that will meet or exceed the new construction standards of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Applicants should address, the timeline and steps remaining after the project would be completed, before a construction project could commence to repair, improve, modify, retrofit, or relocation of infrastructure of stations or facilities for passenger use.



Planning and Local/Regional Prioritization

- Is the proposed project consistent with local and regional long-range planning documents and local government priorities?
- Does the application include letters of support from local government officials, public agencies, and/or non-profit or private sector partners, explain how the project reflects local/regional priorities?
- **Does** the applicant expressly identify engagement with local disability community not only tangential organizations?
- Were letters of support submitted to demonstrate that each station proposed for investment is supported by stakeholders in the surrounding disability community?



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 Considerations (Section E.2)

After applying the evaluation criteria, and in support of Executive Order 14052 Implementation of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, FTA will give priority to additional considerations.

- Justice40
- Workforce Development, Job quality and Wealth Creation





- The goal of the <u>Justice40 Initiative</u> is to deliver 40 percent of the overall benefits of relevant federal investments to disadvantaged communities.
- If a project supports the Justice40 Initiative, FTA is asking applicants to:
 - Identify how you 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
 - Identify how you used a meaningful public involvement process, inclusive of disadvantaged populations, throughout the lifecycle of a project.
- Applicants should use CEJST as the primary tool to identify disadvantaged communities (Justice40 communities)



Workforce Development, Job quality and Wealth Creation

Facility Projects

- Identify whether you will commit to registered apprenticeship positions, partnerships with highquality workforce development programs with supportive services, to help train, place, and retain underrepresented communities in jobs and registered apprenticeships on the project.
- Identify if you will use a Project Labor/ Community Workforce Agreement for facility projects over \$35 million in total project cost and whether they commit to participate in the U.S. Department of Labor's Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs (OFCCP) Mega Construction Project Program.



Other Selection Criteria

- Geographic diversity
- Receipt of other competitive funding allocations



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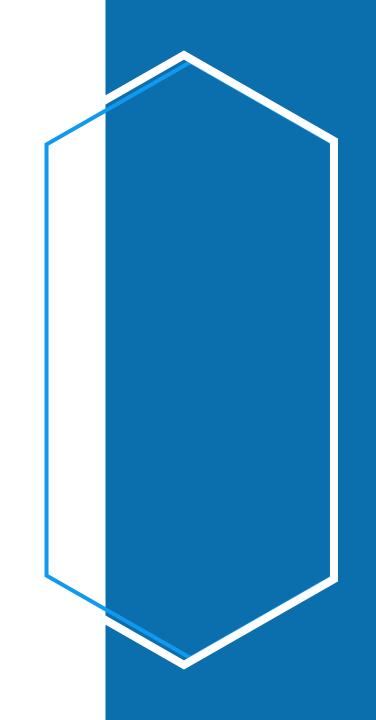
- There is no award maximum or cap for ASAP grants. Grants.gov has been updated with this information.
- Intercity passenger rail (Amtrak) stand alone stations or facilities are not eligible for ASAP since they have their own designated funding.
- Commuter stations used by Amtrak and other "legacy" rail fixed guideway public transportation systems may be eligible.



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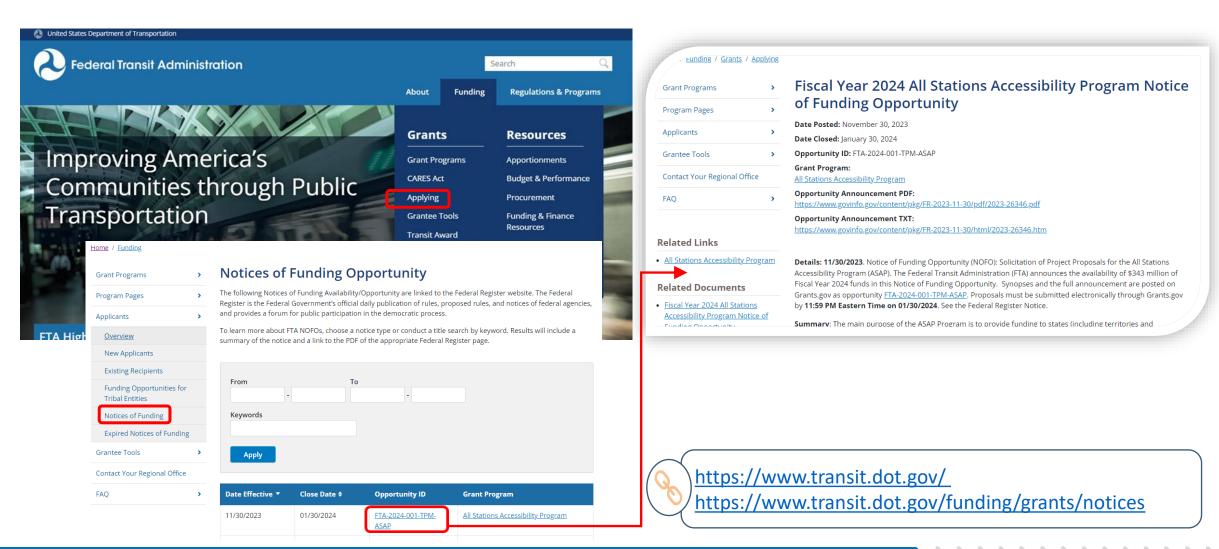
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- Summary Description
 - \circ Application requirements
 - o Eligibility
- Supplemental Form
 - Applicants should complete and attach this to their submission
- Links to Grants.gov
- Links to Program Information
- Other references and links

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Related Links	https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2023-11 Grants.gov
All Stations Accessibility Program	Details: 11/30/2023. Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO): Solicitation of Project Proposals for the All Stations Accessibility Program (ASAP). The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) announces the availability of \$343 million of
Related Documents	Fiscal Year 2024 funds in this Notice of Funding Opportunity. Synopses and the full announcement are posted on Grants.gov as opportunity FTA-2024-001-TPM-ASAP. P oposals must be submitted electronically through Grants.gov
<u>Fiscal Year 2024 All Stations</u> <u>Accessibility Program Notice of</u>	by 11:59 PM Eastern Time on 01/30/2024. See the Federal Register Notice.
Funding Opportunity Supplemental Form	Summary : The main purpose of the ASAP Program is to provide funding to states (including territories and Washington, D.C.) and local governmental authorities to help finance capital projects to upgrade the accessibility of

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



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Section I. Applicant Information

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Organization Legal Name:	
FTA Recipient ID Number: (if applicable)	
Organization Chief Executive Officer: (Name and Direct Phone Number)	
Applicant Eligibility:	Designated Recipient that operates or allocates funds to inaccessible pre-ADA or "legacy" - rail fixed guideway public transportation systems
	States that operate legacy rail fixed guideway public transportation systems
	 Local Governmental Entity that operates legacy rail fixed guideway public transportation systems
Project Location:	Large Urbanized Area (200,000+ people)

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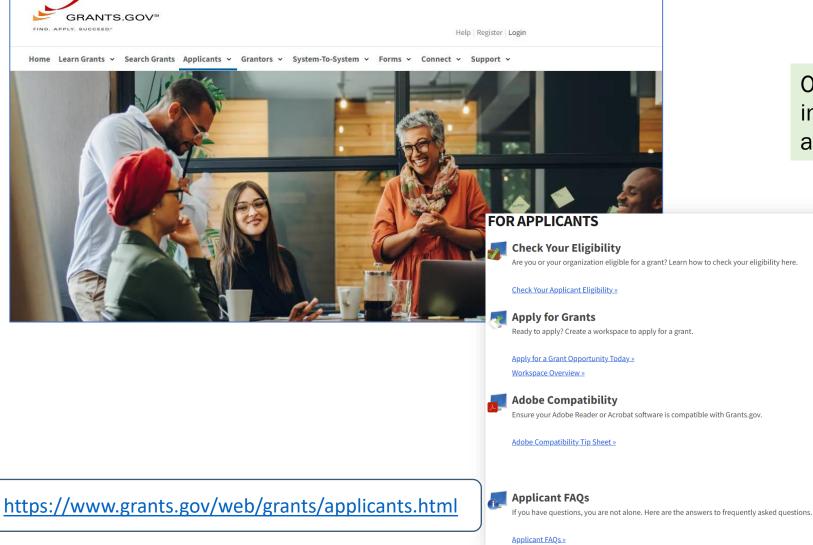
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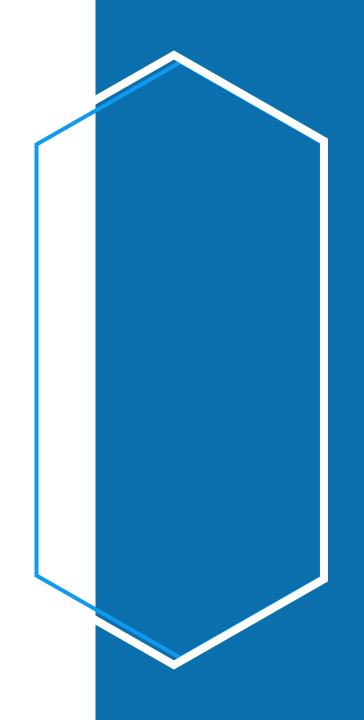
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Equity	Remove barriers for systemically underserved communities to access all aspects of economic, social, and civic life



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