

Buses and Bus Facilities Competitive Program and Low- or No- Emission Program Webinar

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Agenda

Objective

Provide information on how to apply and participate in the Buses and Bus Facilities Competitive Program and the Low- or No-Emission Program

Agenda

1. Funding and Program Overview
2. Eligibility Information
3. Evaluation Criteria
4. Additional Selection Considerations
5. Applying for FTA Opportunities on Grants.Gov
6. Questions

1. Funding and Program Overview



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Program Overviews



Buses and Bus Facilities Competitive Program – 5339(b)

Supports the financing of buses and bus facilities capital projects, including the:

- Replacement, rehabilitation, purchase or lease of buses or related equipment; and
- Rehabilitation, purchase, construction or lease of bus-related facilities.



Low- or No-Emission Program – 5339(c)

Supports the transition of the nation's transit fleet to the lowest polluting and most energy efficient transit vehicles by supporting the:

- Purchase or lease of zero-emission and low-emission transit buses; and
- Acquisition, construction, and leasing of required supporting facilities.

Low-No-eligible propulsion types include (but are not limited to):

- **Zero Emission:** Battery-electric and hydrogen fuel cell
- **Low Emission:** Hybrid electric/gas, hybrid electric/diesel, compressed natural gas (CNG), liquified natural gas (LNG), ethanol, propane

Authorized Funding

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	\$2173.98	\$2,202.56

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

FY 2024 Authorized Funding

FY 2024 authorized funding: ~\$1.5 billion



Buses and Bus Facilities Competitive Program: ~\$390 million

- Minimum of 15% of the amount awarded must be to projects in rural areas (~\$58.5 million)



Low- or No-Emission Program: ~\$1.1 billion

- Minimum of 25% of the amount awarded must be to low-emission (other than zero emission) projects (~\$276 million)

Please note: Additional funds made available prior to project selection may be allocated to eligible projects

Previous Year FY 2023 Competition

FTA received **475** eligible applications requesting approximately **\$8.7 billion**. Approximately 150 of these applications were under both programs, resulting in approximately 325 unique applications.



Buses and Bus Facilities Competitive Program – 5339(b)

- **265** eligible applications, requesting **\$4.5 billion**
 - 184 of which were rated Highly Recommended
- **47** projects funded for a total of **\$473 million**



Low- or No-Emission Program – 5339(c)

- **210** eligible applications, requesting **\$4.2 billion**
 - 158 of which were rated Highly Recommended
- **83** projects funded for a total of **\$1.2 billion**

List of funded projects can be found at:

<https://www.transit.dot.gov/funding/grants/fy23-fta-bus-and-low-and-no-emission-grant-awards>

Current Year FY 2024 Competition

Important Dates	
Notice of Funding Opportunity Publication	February 8, 2024
Applications Due	11:59 pm ET April 25, 2024
Project Evaluations	May 2024
Project Selections Announcement	No later than July 9, 2024
Pre-Award Authority	Starts on date of project selections
Available for Obligation	The year of award plus 3 years – September 30, 2027

Joint NOFO Application Information

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An applicant may submit a low- or no-emission project to **both** the Buses and Bus Facilities Competitive Program and the Low- or No-Emission 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.
- Projects must be eligible under both programs.

————— OR —————

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An applicant 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.

Statutory Requirements under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law

Zero-Emission Projects



Zero-Emission Projects Only (Under Either Program)

- Applicants *must* attach Zero-Emission Fleet Transition Plan
- Applicants *must* include 5% for workforce development

This includes all projects with zero-emission vehicles and/or facilities built to serve zero-emission vehicles, including projects with gas, diesel, or low-emission components.

2. Eligibility Information



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Eligible Applicants (Section C.1)



Low- or No-Emission Program

- **Recipients:** Designated recipients, States (including territories and Washington, DC), local governmental authorities, and Indian tribes
- **Subrecipients:** All otherwise eligible recipients

States must submit applications for projects in rural (non-urban) areas, except for tribes



Buses and Bus Facilities Competitive Program

- **Recipients:** Designated recipients, States (including territories and Washington, DC), local governmental authorities, and Indian tribes
 - Must allocate funds to or operate fixed-route bus service (except for tribes)
- **Subrecipients:** All otherwise eligible recipients, with these exceptions:
 - Private nonprofit organizations engaged in public transportation are eligible
 - The fixed route requirement does **NOT** apply to subrecipients

States must submit applications for projects in rural (non-urban) areas, except for tribes



Partnership Provision (Section C.1)

What is the partnership provision?

Some applicants may include partnerships with other entities that intend to participate in the implementation of the project. If a project that involves project partners is selected, the project will be deemed to satisfy the requirement for a competitive procurement

Which applicants may use the partnership provision?

The provision only applies to low- or no-emission projects proposed under (i) both the Bus Competitive and Low-No Programs or (ii) only the Low-No Program. *It does not apply to projects proposed only under the Bus Competitive Program.*

What types of organizations may be project partners?

This includes, but is not limited to, specific vehicle manufacturers, equipment vendors, owners or operators of related facilities, or project consultants.

Cost Sharing or Matching (Section C.2)

Maximum Federal Share

Project Type

90%

Equipment or facilities that comply 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

85%

Vehicles that are compliant with the CAA or ADA

80%

All other projects, including workforce development/NTI training

Eligible Projects (Section C.3)

- Replace, rehabilitate, purchase, or lease transit buses or related equipment
 - Including power sources (e.g., batteries)
- Rehabilitate, purchase, construct, or lease bus-related facilities
- Rehabilitate or improve existing facilities to accommodate low- or no-emission buses
- Costs incidental to the acquisition of buses or construction of a facility
- Workforce development activities (*see the next three slides for more information*)

Note: Projects under the Low- or No-Emission Program must be low- or no-emission to be eligible. Facilities must *directly support* low- or no-emission vehicles.

Eligible Projects: Workforce Development (Section C.3)

Standard Emission and Low-Emission Projects

Traditional emission and low-emission recipients are permitted to use:

- Up to 0.5% of the requested Federal amount for workforce development activities
- Up to an additional 0.5% for training at the National Transit Institute

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

Examples include:

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

Please see supportive services FAQs posted at:

<https://www.transit.dot.gov/funding/grants/federal-transit-administration-faqs-supportive-services>

Eligible Projects: Workforce Development (Section C.3)

Zero-Emission Projects

Zero-emission project recipients are required to use:

- 5% of the requested zero-emission Federal amount for zero-emission workforce development activities
 - Unless the applicant explains in the application why less funding is needed
 - This amount is additional, not a take-down, from other eligible project expenses

If a project includes both zero-emission and standard/low-emission project components:

- 5% of the Federal request for zero-emission project components must be for workforce development
- 0.5% of the Federal request for standard and low-emission project components may optionally be for workforce development

Please see updated FAQs posted at:

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

Eligible Projects: Workforce Development (Section C.3)

Zero-Emission Projects

Calculation Steps

1. Add the Federal request for all other zero-emission line items
2. Divide this total by 0.95 (round to nearest dollar)
3. Multiply this total by 0.05 (round to nearest dollar)

Example Calculation

1. Zero emission buses and chargers:
 $\$2,700,000 + \$300,000 = \$3,000,000$
2. $\$3,000,000 / 0.95 = \$3,157,895$
3. $\$3,157,895 \times 0.05 = \$157,895$

Example Budget

Item	Federal Request
Zero-emission buses	\$2,700,000
Bus chargers	\$300,000
Low-emission buses	\$300,000
Workforce development	?
TOTAL	\$3,300,000

Applicants can double check the calculation by adding the Federal request for all zero-emission line items, including workforce development, and multiplying by 0.05.

Please note: Projects that include multiple emission types are required to include the 5% for zero-emission components and may optionally include 0.5% for the low-emission and traditional emission components.

Ineligible Projects

- Non-public transportation projects
 - E.g., school buses, prisoner transport, intra-facility shuttles, services not open to the general public (49 USC 5302(15))
- Operating expenses
- Preventive maintenance
- Development or deployment of prototype/demonstration vehicles
- Previous project expenses
- Mobility management
- Planning and design studies
- Low-No only: Traditional emission buses, and facilities and equipment that do not directly support the deployment of zero- or low-emission vehicles

3. Evaluation Criteria

Evaluation Criteria (Section E.1)

There are six evaluation criteria used to score applications:

1. Demonstration of Need

2. Demonstration of Benefits

3. Planning and Local/Regional Prioritization

4. Local Financial Commitment

5. Project Implementation Strategy

6. Technical, Legal, & Financial Capacity

Evaluation Criteria (Section E.1)

1. Demonstration of Need

- How will the proposed project address an unmet need for capital investment?

2. Demonstration of Benefits*

- Buses and Bus Facilities Competitive Program: How will the proposed project improve safety? The condition of the transit system? Access and mobility?
- Low- or No-Emission Program: How will the proposed project support the program objectives to reduce energy consumption and harmful emissions?

****Please note:** This is the only criterion where the requested information is different for each program. To apply for both programs, an applicant must respond to both Demonstration of Benefits sections with responses applicable to the unique request in the NOFO for that program.*

Evaluation Criteria (Section E.1)

3. 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 only: Did the applicant include a Zero-Emission Fleet Transition Plan that includes all 6 required elements?

Evaluation Criteria (Section E.1)

4. Local Financial Commitment

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

5. Project Implementation Strategy

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

6. Technical, Legal, & Financial Capacity

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

Zero-Emission Fleet Transition Plan (Section E.1)

ALL applications related to zero emissions 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:

1. Demonstrate Long Term Fleet Management Plan

2. Address Availability of Current and Future Resources

3. Consider Policy and Legislation Impacts on Technologies

4. Evaluation of Existing and Future Facilities

5. Describe Partnership with Fuel Provider

6. Examine Impact on Applicant's Workforce

Please visit <https://www.transit.dot.gov/funding/grants/zero-emission-fleet-transition-plan> for more information.

Zero-Emission Fleet Transition Plan (Section E.1)

- Applicants must ensure that the plan contains the six distinct elements, and that 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
- 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 the subrecipients, attach individual plans developed by the subrecipients, or a combination of both
- Useful resources may include:
 - [FTA Zero-Emission Fleet Transition Plan Resources](#)
 - [Transit Workforce Center Resources and Best Practices for a Zero-Emission Workforce Fleet Transition Plan](#)
 - [Joint Office of Energy and Transportation Technical Assistance and Resources for Transit Agencies](#)

Streamlined Tribal Application Requirements (Section E.1)

NEW in FY 2024

Applications from tribes requesting less than \$1 million have streamlined application requirements:

★ **1. Demonstration of Need:** Narrative required

2. Demonstration of Benefits: Narrative NOT required

★ **3. Planning and Local/Regional Prioritization:** Narrative NOT required but (if applicable) Zero-Emission Fleet Transition Plan IS required

★ **4. Local Financial Commitment:** Narrative required

★ **5. Project Implementation Strategy:** Narrative NOT required, but project timeline and (if applicable) a description of project partners' qualifications ARE required

6. Technical, Legal, and Financial Capacity: Narrative NOT required

Additional Considerations: Narratives NOT required

4. Additional Selection Considerations



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Additional Selection Considerations (Section E.2)

When selecting projects, FTA could consider the following factors in conjunction with the evaluation criteria ratings:

- Geographic diversity
- Diversity in size of the population of the service area
- Small urban, rural, or tribal applicant
- Receipt of other competitive awards
- Propulsion type
- Administration Priorities
 - Reduction of Vehicle Customization**
 - Contract Terms**
 - Climate Change and Sustainability
 - Full Fleet Transition to Zero Emission
 - Zero-Emission Fleet Transition Plan – Workforce Development
 - Creating Good-Paying Jobs
 - Justice40

*** FTA intends to weigh these priorities greater than others.*

Administration Priority: Reduction of Vehicle Customization

Vehicle Projects

UPDATED

FTA intends to weigh this priority consideration greater than others

FTA will give priority consideration to applications that identify their intent to...

1. Use a joint procurement with at least 3 total transit agencies for a common specification; **OR**
2. *For low- and no-emission projects where the applicant proposes a vehicle original equipment manufacturer (OEM) as a project partner:* Commit to using a standard vehicle model without customization
 - Applicants must attach a letter from the vehicle OEM that certifies the applicant will use the OEM's standard model
 - See NOFO Section E.1.e and Section C.1 for information on the partnership provision

FTA will evaluate each project on its own merits but may select a participant that indicates its intent to pursue a joint procurement based on the selection of other potential participants in the procurement.

Administration Priority: Contract Terms

Vehicle Projects

NEW IN FY 2024

FTA intends to weigh this priority consideration greater than others

FTA will give priority consideration to applications that identify their intent to...

1. Use advance payments; **OR**
2. Use progress payments

For applicants that identify their intent to use advance payments, FTA will not require securitization beyond the advance payment amount.

Administration Priority: Climate Change and Sustainability

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FTA will give priority consideration to applications that...

1. Are expected to create significant community benefits relating to the environment, including those projects that incorporate low- or no-emission technology or specific elements to address greenhouse gas emissions and climate change impacts; **OR**
2. *For facility projects:* Include elements to strengthen the resilience of the community and/or transit system with regard to climate change; **OR**
3. *For vehicle applications that request at least twenty 40-foot zero-emission buses:* Identify greater emission reductions
 - Applicants must use the FTA Bus and Low-No Emission Reduction Calculator which can be found [here](#), attach the file, and include the amount of annual reductions per vehicle in the supplemental form

FTA Bus & Low-No Emission Reduction Calculator

- For applications including **at least twenty 40-foot zero-emission buses**, FTA will give priority consideration to applicants that identify greater emission reductions.
- The calculator is linked in the NOFO and available on FTA's website: [FTA 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.

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1	FTA's Low-No/Bus Competitive Emissions Reduction Calculator for at least twenty 40' Zero Emission Buses										
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				Directions		
3				#N/A	#N/A				<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>		
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Administration Priority: Full Fleet Transition to Zero Emission

Zero-Emission Projects

FTA will give priority consideration to applications that...

1. Demonstrate how the proposed project and fleet transition plan support the conversion of the agency's overall fleet to zero emissions

Administration Priority: Zero-Emission Fleet Transition Plan – Workforce Development

Zero-Emission Projects

FTA will give priority consideration to applications that...

1. 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:
 - Use of labor-management partnerships for training; **OR**
 - Use of registered apprenticeship training to support skilling of incumbent and entry-level workers with focus on using registered apprenticeship to advance groups facing systemic barriers to employment that may be underrepresented in the current workforce, especially in higher-paying jobs.

Administration Priority: Creating Good-Paying Jobs

Facility Projects

FTA will give priority consideration to applications that...

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; **AND**
3. *For facility projects over \$35 million in total facility project cost:* Commit to using a Project Labor/Community Workforce Agreement; **AND**
4. *For facility projects over \$35 million in total facility project cost:* Commit to participating in the US Department of Labor's Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs (OFCCP) Mega Construction Project Program if selected by OFCCP

Administration Priority: Justice40

All Projects

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FTA will give priority consideration to applications that...

1. Identify disadvantaged communities in the project area that are impacted by the project using the Climate & Economic Justice Screening Tool (CEJST) (<https://screeningtool.geoplatform.gov/>); **AND**
2. Identify how the benefits of the project will reverse or mitigate the burden of disadvantage and how the project will address challenges and accrue benefits; **AND**
3. Provide evidence of strategies used in the planning process to seek out and consider the needs of those disadvantaged by existing transportation systems, including public and community engagement

5. Applying for FTA Grant Opportunities on Grants.Gov



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FTA Notice of Funding Opportunity

The screenshot shows the Federal Transit Administration website. The 'Grants' menu is open, and the 'Applying' link is highlighted with a red box. Below the menu, the 'Notices of Funding Opportunity' page is displayed. The page includes a search bar with 'From' and 'To' date fields, a 'Keywords' field, and an 'Apply' button. A table at the bottom lists funding opportunities, with the entry 'FTA-2024-003-TPM-LWNQ_FTA-2024-004-TPM-BUS' highlighted with a red box.

Date Effective	Close Date	Opportunity ID	Grant Program
02/08/2024	04/25/2024	FTA-2024-003-TPM-LWNQ_FTA-2024-004-TPM-BUS	

The screenshot shows the 'Low or No Emission and Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Competitive Programs FY2024 Notice of Funding Opportunity' page. The page includes a sidebar with links to 'Grant Programs', 'Program Pages', 'Applicants', 'Grantee Tools', 'Contact Your Regional Office', and 'FAQ'. The main content area provides details about the funding opportunity, including the date posted (February 8, 2024), date closed (April 25, 2024), opportunity ID (FTA-2024-003-TPM-LWNQ, FTA-2024-004-TPM-BUS), and links to the announcement PDF and TXT files. A red arrow points from the 'Applying' link in the sidebar to the 'Related Documents' section, which contains a link to the 'Low or No Emission and Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Competitive Programs FY2024 NOFO Supplemental Form'.

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Grant Program: [Low or No Emission Grant Program](#) [Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Program](#)

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<https://www.transit.dot.gov/>
<https://www.transit.dot.gov/funding/grants/notices>

FTA Notice of Funding Opportunity

FTA NOFO Page contains:

- Summary Description
 - Application requirements
 - 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

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

Related Documents

- [Low or No Emission and Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Competitive Programs FY2024 NOFO Supplemental Form](#)

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<https://www.transit.dot.gov/funding/grants/notices>

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

Download Application

VIEW GRANT OPPORTUNITY

FTA-2024-004-TPM-BUS
FY2024 Competitive Funding Opportunity: Buses and Bus Facilities Program
Department of Transportation
DOT/Federal Transit Administration

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Document Type:

Grants Notice

Funding Opportunity Number:

FTA-2024-004-TPM-BUS

Funding Opportunity Title:

FY2024 Competitive Funding Opportunity: Buses and Bus Facilities Program

Opportunity Category:

Discretionary

Opportunity Category Explanation:

Funding Instrument Type:

Grant

Category of Funding Activity:

Transportation

Category Explanation:

Expected Number of Awards:

50

CFDA Number(s):

20.526 -- Buses and Bus Facilities Formula, Competitive, and Low or No Emissions Programs

Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement:

Yes

Version:

Synopsis 2

Posted Date:

Feb 08, 2024

Last Updated Date:

Feb 08, 2024

Original Closing Date for Applications:

Apr 25, 2024

Current Closing Date for Applications:

Apr 25, 2024

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Select Grant Opportunity Package

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20.526	FTA-2024-004-TPM-BUS	FY2024 Competitive Funding Opportunity: Buses and Bus Facilities Program	PKG00284777	Feb 08, 2024	Apr 25, 2024	Preview Apply

NOTE: Anyone can download the application package from Grants.gov. However, only “authorized organizational representatives” can submit applications in Grants.gov.

Application Package

SYNOPSIS

VERSION HISTORY

RELATED DOCUMENTS

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Opportunity Package Details

Agency Contact Information:

Kirsten Ward-Bauer
FTA Office of Program Management
202-366-7052
FTALowNoBusNOFO@dot.gov

Who Can Apply:

Organization Applicants

PACKAGE FORMS:

Mandatory Forms
(Click to Preview)

Optional Forms
(Click to Preview)

SF424 Mandatory Form [V1.0]
Grants.gov Lobbying Form [V1.1]
Attachments [V1.2]

Download Instructions

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OMB Number: 4900-0002
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:
3. Applicant Identifier:
4a. Federal Entity Identifier:
4b. Federal Award Identifier:

STATE USE ONLY:
5. Date Received by State:
6. State Application 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:
e. Organizational Unit:

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

ATTACHMENTS FORM

Instructions: On this form, you will attach the various files that make up your grant application. Please consult with the appropriate Agency Guidelines for more information about each needed file. Please remember that any files you attach must be in the document format and named as specified in the Guidelines.

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Application Package

v1.0.0

Validate Form

FY 2024 Low or No Emission Grant Program and the Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Competitive Program

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-2024-002-TPM-LWNO)

☐ Buses and Bus Facilities (FTA-2024-003-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)

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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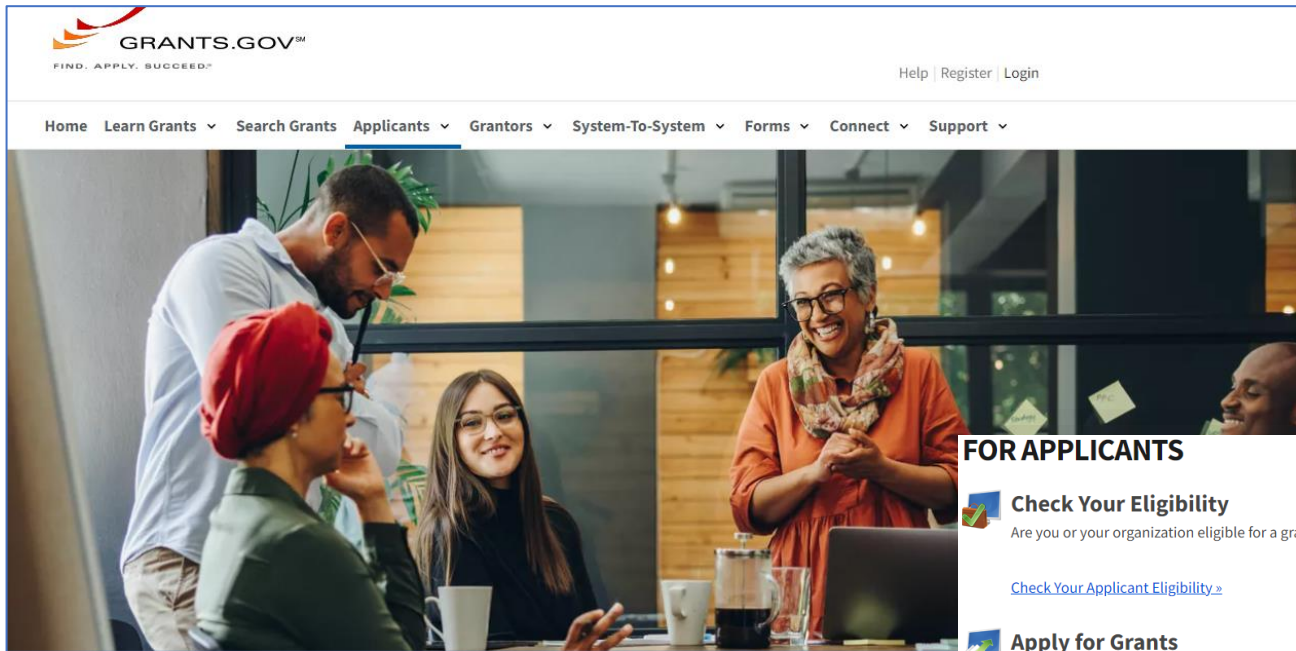
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Applications in Grants.Gov



Organizations must register in Grants.gov to submit applications.

FOR APPLICANTS



Check Your Eligibility

Are you or your organization eligible for a grant? Learn how to check your eligibility here.

[Check Your Applicant Eligibility »](#)



Apply for Grants

Ready to apply? Create a workspace to apply for a grant.

[Apply for a Grant Opportunity Today »](#)

[Workspace Overview »](#)



Adobe Compatibility

Ensure your Adobe Reader or Acrobat software is compatible with Grants.gov.

[Adobe Compatibility Tip Sheet »](#)



Applicant FAQs

If you have questions, you are not alone. Here are the answers to frequently asked questions.

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Get Registered

To apply, you need to register an account with Grants.gov. Begin registering today.

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Track Your Application

Enter your Grants.gov tracking number to follow the progress of up to five applications at a time.

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Applicant Training

Access training materials, tips and other resources that will help you successfully navigate Grants.gov.

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[Grants.gov Online User Guide »](#)



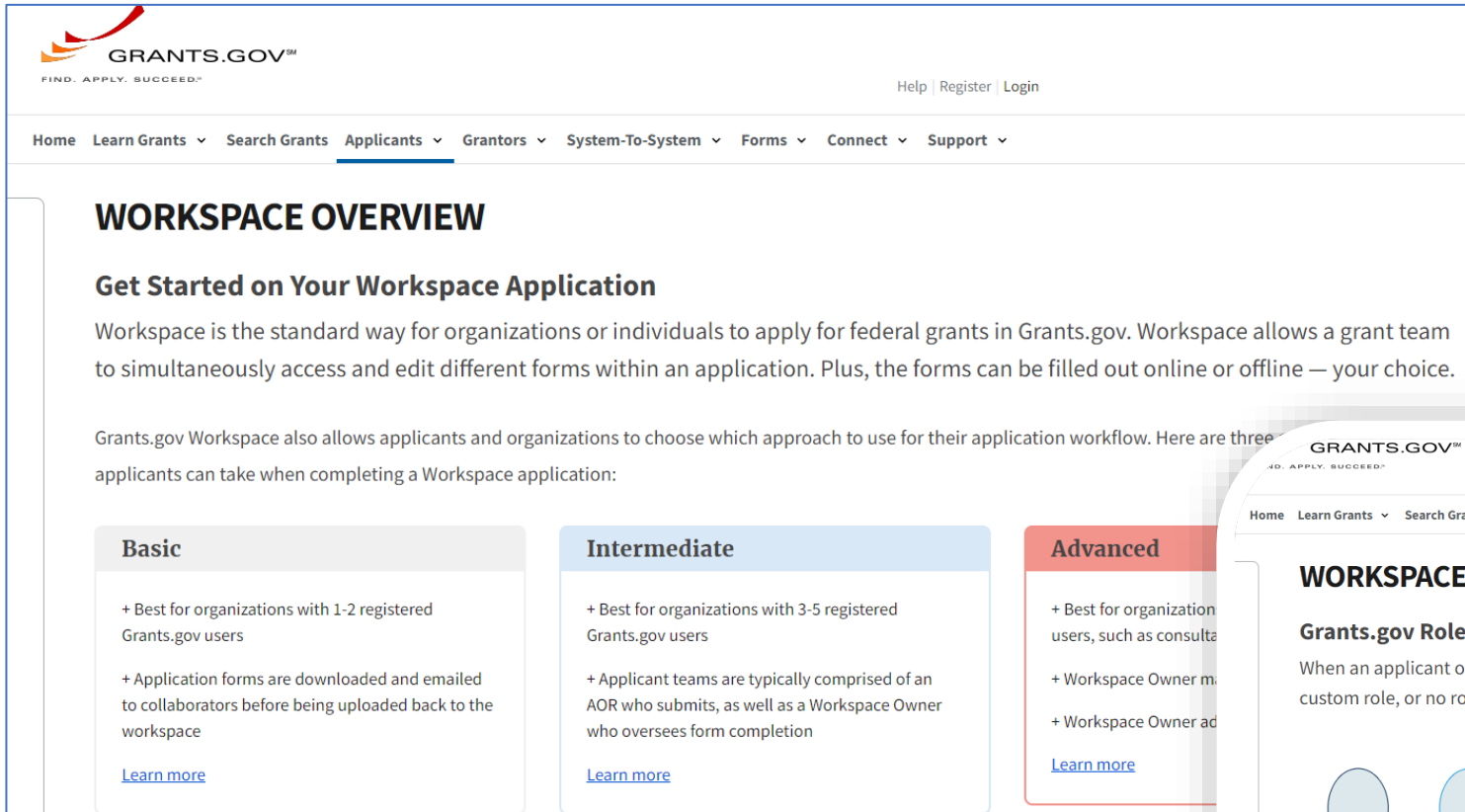
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Workspace in Grants.Gov



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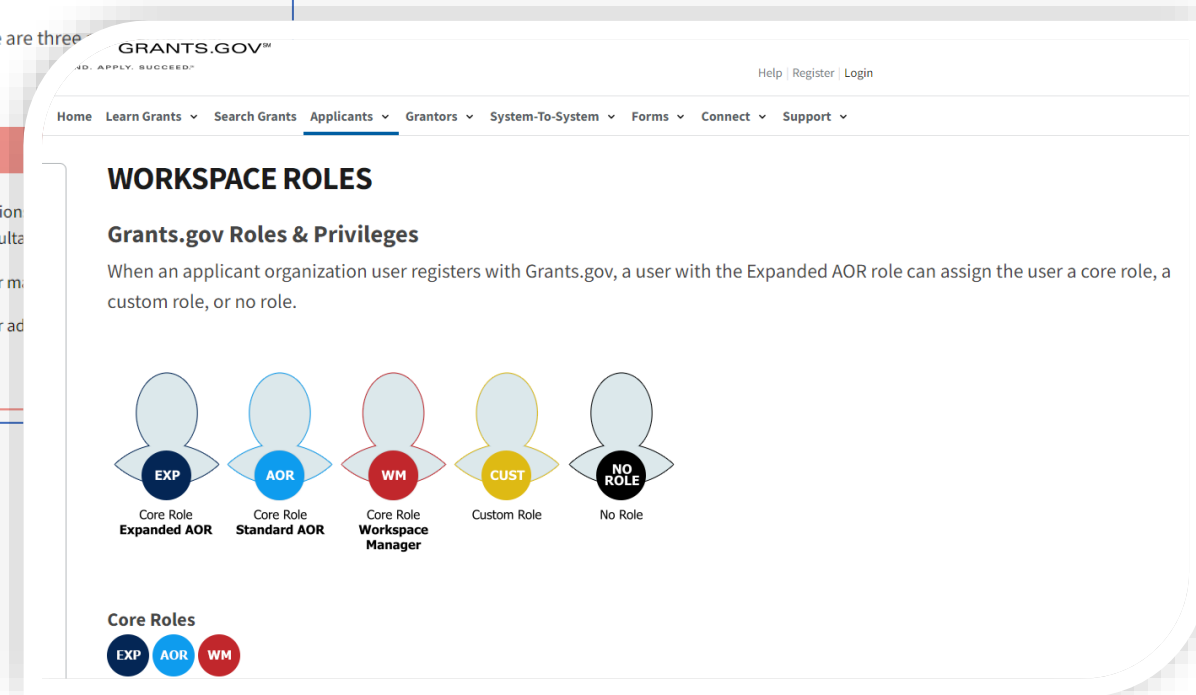
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Basic	Intermediate	Advanced
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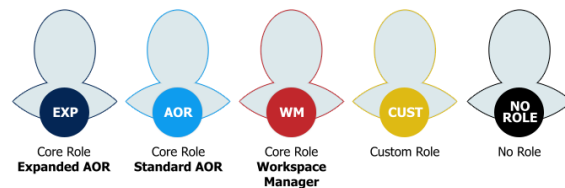


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WORKSPACE ROLES

Grants.gov Roles & Privileges

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Core Roles



Web Addresses

FTA Funding Opportunities:



<https://www.transit.dot.gov/funding/grants/notices>

Grants.Gov:



<http://www.grants.gov/>
<http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/applicants.html>

GRANTS.GOV Applicant Support
1-800-518-4726
support@grants.gov

Application Materials

- Application package found at: www.grants.gov
- Application must include:
 - SF-424 Application for Federal Assistance
 - Supplemental Form
 - Lobbying Form
 - Supporting Documentation
 - Examples may include: Documentation to support Evaluation Criteria narratives, Zero-Emission Fleet Transition Plan (if applicable), and Emission Reduction Calculator (if applicable)
- Opportunity IDs:
 - Low-No: FTA-2024-003-TPM-LWNO
 - Buses and Bus Facilities: FTA-2024-004-TPM-BUS

Important Links

- FTA funding opportunities: <https://www.transit.dot.gov/funding/grants/notices>
- FY24 Bus/Low-No Notice of Funding Opportunity: <https://www.transit.dot.gov/notices-funding/low-or-no-emission-and-grants-buses-and-bus-facilities-competitive-programs-fy2024>
- 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>
- FTA Bus and Low-No Emissions Reduction Calculator: <https://www.transit.dot.gov/funding/grants/fta-bus-and-low-no-emission-reduction-calculator>

Bus/Low-No NOFO Email:
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6. Q&A



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Thank you!

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