

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Federal Transit Administration (FTA), DOT**

**Fiscal Year 2024 Public Transportation on Indian Reservations Program (Tribal Transit Program) Project Selections**

**AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration**

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

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**DATE OF APPROVAL:**

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) announces the selection of projects funded under the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 Public Transportation on Indian Reservations Program, also known as the Tribal Transit Program (TTP), and provides administrative guidance on project implementation.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Successful applicants should contact the appropriate FTA Regional Office for information regarding applying for the funds or program-specific information. A list of Tribal Transit Liaisons at Regional Offices can be found at: <https://www.transit.dot.gov/funding/grants/federal-transit-administrations-regional-tribal-liaisons>. Unsuccessful applicants may contact Elan Flippin-Jones, Office of Program Management at (202) 366-3800, or email: [TribalTransit@dot.gov](mailto:TribalTransit@dot.gov) within 30 days of this announcement to arrange a proposal debriefing. A TDD is available at 1-800- 877-8339 (TDD/FIRS).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This program is authorized by Section 5311(c)(2) of Title 49, United States Code. Federal public transportation law (49 U.S.C. 5338(a)(2)(F) and (49 U.S.C. 5311(c)(1)(A), as amended by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (Pub. L. 117–58, the “Bipartisan Infrastructure Law” or “BIL”) authorized

\$9.2 million in FY 2024 for competitive allocations.

On August 15, 2024, FTA posted a simplified and streamlined Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) announcing the availability of \$9.2 million in competitive funding under the TTP. The NOFO stated that additional funds made available prior to project selections may be allocated to eligible projects. Unallocated prior year funding was identified, bringing the total available for allocation to \$9.6 million.

The NOFO included programmatic changes to the TTP based on FTA's consultation efforts with tribal governments and tribal leaders from 2023 to 2024. These changes included increasing the cap on planning grants from \$25,000 to \$50,000; no longer limiting which eligible tribes can apply for operating assistance; and not requiring a local match for any project funded through the Tribal Transit competitive program.

Eligible applicants included federally recognized Indian Tribes or Alaska Native Tribes, villages, groups, or communities as identified by the U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI) Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA). These program funds will provide financial assistance for capital, operating, and planning projects to support existing public transportation service or establish new public transportation services in Indian Country.

In response to the NOFO, FTA received 38 eligible project proposals from 38 tribes requesting \$17.5 million. Project proposals were evaluated based on each applicant's responsiveness to the program evaluation criteria outlined in the NOFO. FTA is funding 26 projects for 26 tribes, as shown in Table 1, for a total of \$9.6 million.

Tribal recipients selected for competitive funding should work with their FTA Regional Office to submit a grant application in FTA's Transit Award Management System (TrAMS) for the projects identified in the attached table to quickly obligate funds. Grant applications may only include eligible activities included in the original

project application and identified for funding in the project description column of the project selections table. Funds must be used consistent with the competitive proposal and for the eligible purposes established in the NOFO and described in the FTA Circular [9040.1H](#).

In some cases, the funding allocation amount is less than the proposer's total requested amount. Planning projects were capped at \$50,000. For other allocations less than the requested amount, the recipient should work with the Regional Office to reduce the scope or scale of the project to ensure that a complete phase or project is accomplished. Tribal recipients are reminded that program requirements can be found in the NOFO.

A discretionary project identification number has been assigned to each project for tracking purposes and must be used in the TrAMS application. Recipients with projects listed with multiple project identification numbers should contact their FTA Regional Office regarding grant application structure in TrAMS.

Selected projects are eligible to incur costs under pre-award authority no earlier than the date projects were publicly announced, January 13, 2025. Pre-award authority does not guarantee that project expenses incurred prior to the award of a grant will be eligible for reimbursement, as eligibility for reimbursement is contingent upon other requirements, such as planning and environmental requirements, having been met. For more about FTA's policy on pre-award authority, please see the Federal Register Notice FTA Fiscal Year 2024 Apportionments, Allocations, and Program Information found in Vol. 89, No. 106 (May 31, 2024) and available on the FTA website at [FTA Fiscal Year 2024 Apportionments, Allocations and Program Information | FTA \(dot.gov\)](#). Post-award reporting requirements include submission of the Federal Financial Report and

Milestone Progress Reports in TrAMS as appropriate (see FTA Circulars [5010.1F](#) and [9040.1H](#)). Recipients must comply with all applicable Federal statutes, regulations, executive orders, FTA circulars, and other Federal requirements in carrying out the project supported by the FTA grant. FTA emphasizes that recipients must follow all third-party procurement guidance, as described in FTA Circular [4220.1F](#). Funds allocated in this announcement must be obligated in a grant by September 30, 2027.

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

**TABLE 1**  
**FY 2024 TRIBAL TRANSIT PROJECT SELECTIONS**

<b>State</b>	<b>Recipient</b>	<b>Project ID</b>	<b>Project Description</b>	<b>Allocations</b>
AK	Gulkana Village Council	D2025-TRTR-001 D2025-TRTR-002	Two replacement transit vehicles	\$154,916
AK	Native Village of Unalakleet	D2025-TRTR-003 D2025-TRTR-004	Operating assistance to expand public transportation services	\$65,205
AK	Ninilchik Village Tribe	D2025-TRTR-005	One replacement bus and operating assistance for a service expansion	\$509,038
AK	Sitka Tribe	D2025-TRTR-006	Replacement of one transit vehicle and vehicle state of good repair investments	\$235,501
AZ	Kaibab Band of Paiute Indians	D2025-TRTR-007	Replacement of two transit vehicles, operating assistance, and a transit study	\$252,750
AZ	Navajo Nation	D2025-TRTR-008	Replacement of four vehicles and operating assistance	\$842,505
AZ	San Carlos Apache Tribal Council	D2025-TRTR-009	Two replacement buses for fixed route general public service	\$425,000
CA	Kashia Band of Pomo Indians of the Stewarts Point Rancheria	D2025-TRTR-010	Two transit vehicles and operating assistance	\$248,000
CA	Twenty-Nine Palms Band of Mission Indians	D2025-TRTR-011	Operating assistance for public transit service	\$636,670
CA	Yurok Tribe	D2025-TRTR-012	Three transit vehicles and operating assistance	\$519,986
MA	Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe	D2025-TRTR-013	One replacement vehicle and related supplies	\$200,000
MI	Bay Mills Indian Community	D2025-TRTR-014 D2025-TRTR-015	Operating assistance for transit service	\$180,000
MI	Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians	D2025-TRTR-016	Operating assistance for transit service	\$440,000
MN	Bois Forte Tribal Government	D2025-TRTR-017	Vehicle replacement and operating assistance	\$904,335

MN	Minnesota Chippewa Tribe: White Earth Band	D2025-TRTR-018 D2025-TRTR-019	Purchase and operation of a computer-aided scheduling dispatch system	\$80,000
NE	Village of Santee	D2025-TRTR-020	Planning grant to support the development of the Strategic Transit Bus Travel Plan	\$50,000
NM	Mescalero Apache Tribe	D2025-TRTR-021	Snowplow and salt spreader to ensure safe transit routes	\$480,913
NM	Pueblo of Taos	D2025-TRTR-022 D2025-TRTR-023	Capital improvements to two bus stops	\$158,448
NV	Fallon Paiute- Shoshone Tribe	D2025-TRTR-024	Operating assistance for transit service	\$226,714
NV	Walker River Paiute Tribe	D2025-TRTR-025	Operating assistance for transit service	\$547,149
OK	Cherokee Nation	D2025-TRTR-026	Purchase of transit vehicles for expansion of service	\$460,456
OR	The Klamath Tribes	D2025-TRTR-027	Purchase of one vehicle and operating assistance	\$221,387
SD	Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate Tribe of the Lake Traverse Reservation	D2025-TRTR-028	Purchase of vehicles and operating assistance for expansion of transit service	\$690,327
WA	Cowlitz Indian Tribe	D2025-TRTR-029	Operating assistance for transit service	\$100,000
WI	Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin	D2025-TRTR-030 D2025-TRTR-031	Safety improvements for transit stops	\$49,696
WI	Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians	D2025-TRTR-032	Purchase of transit vehicles and construction of transit storage facility	\$957,052