

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

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2. Eligibility Information
3. Evaluation Criteria
4. Additional Selection Considerations
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1. Funding and Program Overview



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Program Overviews



Buses and Bus Facilities Competitive Program – 5339(b)

Available for:

- 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)

Available for:

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

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

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

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	\$2,173.98	\$2,202.56

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

FY 2025 Authorized Funding

Total FY 2025 authorized funding: ~\$1.5 billion



Buses and Bus Facilities Competitive Program: ~\$398 million

- Minimum of 15% of the amount awarded must be to projects in rural areas (~\$59.7 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

Current Year FY 2025 Competition

Important Dates	
Notice of Funding Opportunity Publication	May 15, 2025
Applications Due	11:59 pm ET July 14, 2025
Project Evaluations	July and August 2025
Project Selections Announcement	September 2025
Pre-Award Authority	Starts on date of project selections
Available for Obligation	The year of award plus 3 years – September 30, 2028

Joint NOFO Application Information

1

An applicant may submit a 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.
 - Low- or no-emission project AND
 - Federal request or scalable amount is at most 10% of the total amount available for the Bus Program (approximately \$39.8 million this year)

OR

2

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 Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA)

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 or certify that less than 5% is needed

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 (NOFO Section 2)



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



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



Partnership Provision (NOFO Section 6)

➡ 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

➡ 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.

➡ Which applications 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.*

Cost Sharing or Matching (NOFO Section 2)

Maximum Federal Share

Project Type

90%

Equipment or components of facilities related to low- or zero-emission buses or are to make the facility accessible to people with disabilities
Costs associated with related equipment and facilities must be itemized in application to receive maximum Federal share

85%

Vehicles that are low- or zero-emission or are accessible to people with disabilities

80%

All other projects, including workforce development/NTI training and most facility construction costs

Eligible Projects (NOFO Section 2)

- 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*)

Please 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 (NOFO Section 2)

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 (NOFO Section 2)

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 FAQs posted at:

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

Eligible Projects: Workforce Development (NOFO Section 2)

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 vans	\$400,000
Workforce development	?
TOTAL	\$3,400,000

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: Standard emission buses, and facilities and equipment that do not directly support the deployment of low- or zero-emission vehicles

3. Evaluation Criteria



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Evaluation Criteria (NOFO Section 6)

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 (NOFO Section 6)

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?

** **Please note:** Demonstration of Benefits is the only criterion where the requested information is different for each program. To apply for both programs, an applicant must provide two responses.*

Evaluation Criteria (NOFO Section 6)

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

4. Local Financial Commitment

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

Evaluation Criteria (NOFO Section 6)

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 (NOFO Section 6)

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 (NOFO Section 6)

- ➔ **All zero-emission applicants** must attach plans with all six elements clearly labeled
- ➔ **Applicants with existing plans** may add a cover letter or addendum identifying the location of the six elements and/or adding any missing elements
- ➔ **Small agencies** may have simpler plans (e.g., 1-2 pages total) as long as they are tailored and address all six elements
- ➔ **State Departments of Transportation** may provide a plan that covers multiple subrecipients, 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 (NOFO Section 6)

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 (NOFO Section 6)

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

Additional Considerations

- Geographic diversity
- Diversity in transit system sizes
- Propulsion type
- Diversity of large urban, small urban, rural, and tribal areas
- Receipt and management of other Federal transit funds

Administration Priorities

- Opportunity Zones
- Cost-Effective Vehicle Procurements
- Strengthen U.S. Vehicle Manufacturing Industry
- Benefits for Families and Communities
- Buy America

Within the Low-No Program, FTA intends to prioritize low-emission projects over zero-emission projects to the maximum extent permitted by law.

Administration Priority: Opportunity Zones

RETURNING from FY 2019 and 2020

FTA will give priority consideration to applications that...

1. Are located in or support public transportation service in a qualified opportunity zone designated pursuant to 26 U.S.C. 1400Z-1; **AND**
2. Identify the Census Tract Numbers of the opportunity zone(s); **AND**
3. Demonstrate how the proposed project will benefit the opportunity zone.

More information on Opportunity Zones, including a list of Census Tract Numbers of opportunity zones can be found on the IRS Website at <https://www.irs.gov/credits-deductions/businesses/opportunity-zones> .

Administration Priority: Cost-Effective Vehicle Procurements

Vehicle Projects

UPDATED from FY 2024

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

1. Procure vehicles from a state schedule without selecting customization options; **OR**
2. Use a joint procurement with at least 3 total transit agencies for a common specification; **OR**
3. *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
 - For information on the partnership provision, see NOFO Section 6, Project Implementation Strategy.

Administration Priority: Strengthen U.S. Vehicle Manufacturing Industry

Vehicle Projects

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: Benefits for Families and Communities

NEW in FY 2025

FTA will give priority consideration to applications that...

1. Improve the accessibility of transportation to families with young children, to include improved access to jobs, healthcare facilities, recreational activities, and commercial activity; **AND**
2. Improve the quality of life, raise the standard of living, or enable fuller participation in the economy by families.

Administration Priority: Buy America

NEW in FY 2025

FTA will give priority consideration to applications that...

1. Assure that the project will not request a waiver of any domestic preference standard, including FTA's Buy America (49 U.S.C. 5323(j)) and the Build America, Buy America Act (Pub. L. 117-58, §§ 70901 – 70927).

If a project will require a waiver, the application should identify the items that will need a waiver. You should not anticipate waivers will be granted.

5. Applying for FTA Grant Opportunities on Grants.Gov



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From mm/dd/yyyy - mm/dd/yyyy To mm/dd/yyyy - mm/dd/yyyy

Keywords

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Date Effective	Close Date	Opportunity ID	Grant Program
05/14/2025	07/14/2025	FTA-2025-008-TPM-LWNO and FTA-2025-007-TPM-BUS	

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FY 2025 Notice of Funding Opportunity: Low or No Emission Grant Program and the Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Competitive Program

Date Posted: May 14, 2025

Date Closed: July 14, 2025

Opportunity ID: FTA-2025-008-TPM-LWNO and FTA-2025-007-TPM-BUS

Opportunity Announcement PDF: <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2025-05-15/pdf/2025-08571.pdf>

Opportunity Announcement TXT: <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2025-05-15/html/2025-08571.htm>

Grant Program: [Low or No Emission Grant Program \(Low-No Program\)](#) and [Buses and Bus Facilities Competitive Program \(Bus Program\)](#)

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Related Links

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

Related Documents

- [FY 2025 Notice of Funding Opportunity: Low or No Emission Grant Program and the Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Competitive Program Supplemental Form](#)

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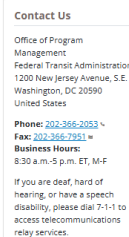
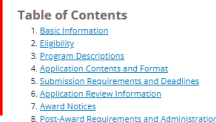
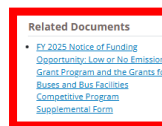
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FTA Notice of Funding Opportunity

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1) Basic Information

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) announces the opportunity to apply for \$1.1 billion in competitive grants for the fiscal year (FY) 2025 Low or No Emission Grant Program (Low-No Program) under Federal Assistance Listing Number 20.526 and approximately \$398 million in competitive grants for the FY 2025 Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Program (Bus Program) under Federal Assistance Listing Number 20.526.

- This is an initial announcement for the FY 2025 round of these programs.
- FTA is publishing a joint NOFO because these two programs have overlapping eligibilities and must be implemented on the same timeline (49 U.S.C. 5339).
- As required by Federal public transportation law:
 - Low-No Program funds will be awarded competitively for the purchase or lease of buses that use low- or no-emission propulsion technologies, including related equipment or facilities.
 - Bus Program funds will be awarded competitively to purchase, rehabilitate, or lease buses and related equipment, and to construct, purchase, rehabilitate, or lease bus-related facilities.
 - Any zero-emission project or components of a zero-emission project must use 5 percent of Federal funds for workforce development, unless the applicant certifies less or no funding is needed for this purpose.
- Per statute, FTA will make selections for these programs within 75 days of the application due date.
- If more funding becomes available before projects are selected, FTA may award it under this NOFO.

Topic	Description
	Low-No Program <ul style="list-style-type: none">• In FY 2024, the program received applications for 214 eligible projects requesting a total of \$4.7 billion.• 62 projects were funded.• Award sizes ranged from \$131,168 to \$26,880,000. Bus Program <ul style="list-style-type: none">• In FY 2024, the program received applications for 214 eligible projects requesting a total of \$4.4 billion.• 55 projects were funded to 47 recipients totaling \$390 million.• Award sizes ranged from \$131,168 to \$26,880,000. <p>• Complete proposals must be submitted electronically through the Grants.gov Bus and Low-No pages "APPLY" function by 11:59 pm Eastern time July 14, 2025.</p>
Eligible Activities	Low-No Program <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Eligible activities include capital projects to purchase or lease zero-emission or low-emission transit buses; and acquire, construct, rehabilitate, and lease required supporting facilities such as recharging, refueling, and maintenance facilities. Bus Program <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Eligible activities include capital projects to purchase, lease, or rehabilitate buses and related equipment; and acquire, construct, lease, or rehabilitate bus-related facilities.
Application Instructions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Instructions for applying can be found on FTA's website and in the "FIND" module of Grants.gov.• The Low-No Program funding opportunity ID is FTA-2025-008-TPM-LWNO.• The Bus Program funding opportunity ID is FTA-2025-007-TPM-BUS.• Mail and fax submissions will not be accepted.

Links to
Grants.gov



<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

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FTA-2025-007-TPM-BUS

Fiscal Year 2025 Competitive Funding Opportunity: Buses and Bus Facilities Program

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Document Type:

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Funding Opportunity Number:

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Funding Opportunity Title:

Fiscal Year 2025 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

Assistance Listings:

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

Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement:

Yes

Version:

Synopsis 1

Posted Date:

May 14, 2025

Last Updated Date:

May 14, 2025

Original Closing Date for Applications:

Jul 14, 2025

Current Closing Date for Applications:

Jul 14, 2025

Archive Date:

Aug 13, 2025

Estimated Total Program Funding:

\$ 398,103,239

Award Ceiling:

\$39,810,323

Award Floor:

\$0

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Opportunity Package(s) Currently Available for this Funding Opportunity:

Assistance Listing Number	Competition ID	Competition Title	Opportunity Package ID	Opening Date	Closing Date	Actions
20.526	FTA-2025-007-TPM-BUS	Fiscal Year 2025 Competitive Funding Opportunity: Buses and Bus Facilities Program	PKG00290742	May 14, 2025	Jul 14, 2025	Preview Apply

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20.526	FTA-2025-007-TPM-BUS	Fiscal Year 2025 Competitive Funding Opportunity: Buses and Bus Facilities Program	PKG00290742	May 14, 2025	Jul 14, 2025	Preview Apply

Opportunity Package Details

Agency Contact Information: Kirsten Wiard-Bauer
Email: FTALowNoBusNOFO@dot.gov
FTA Office of Program Management

Who Can Apply: Organization Applicants

PACKAGE FORMS:		Download Instructions
Mandatory Forms (Click to Preview)		Optional Forms (Click to Preview)
SF424 Mandatory Form [V3.0] Grants.gov Lobbying Form [V1.1] Attachments [V1.2]		

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:
4.a. 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:
Street2:
City:
State:
Country:
e. Organizational Unit:

Country: USA: UNITED STATES
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.

Important: Please attach your files in the proper sequence. See the appropriate Agency Guidelines for details.

1) Please attach Attachment 1		Add Attachment	Delete Attachment	View Attachment
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Application Package

FY 2025 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-2025-008-TPM-LWNO)
☐ Buses and Bus Facilities (FTA-2025-007-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 4)

Organization Legal Name:

FTA Recipient ID Number:

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

Applicant Eligibility: ☐ Direct or Designated Recipient
☐ State
☐ Local Governmental Authority
☐ Federally Recognized Indian Tribe

Is the Federal requested amount less than \$1 million? ☐ Yes ☐ No

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.

ATTACHMENTS FORM

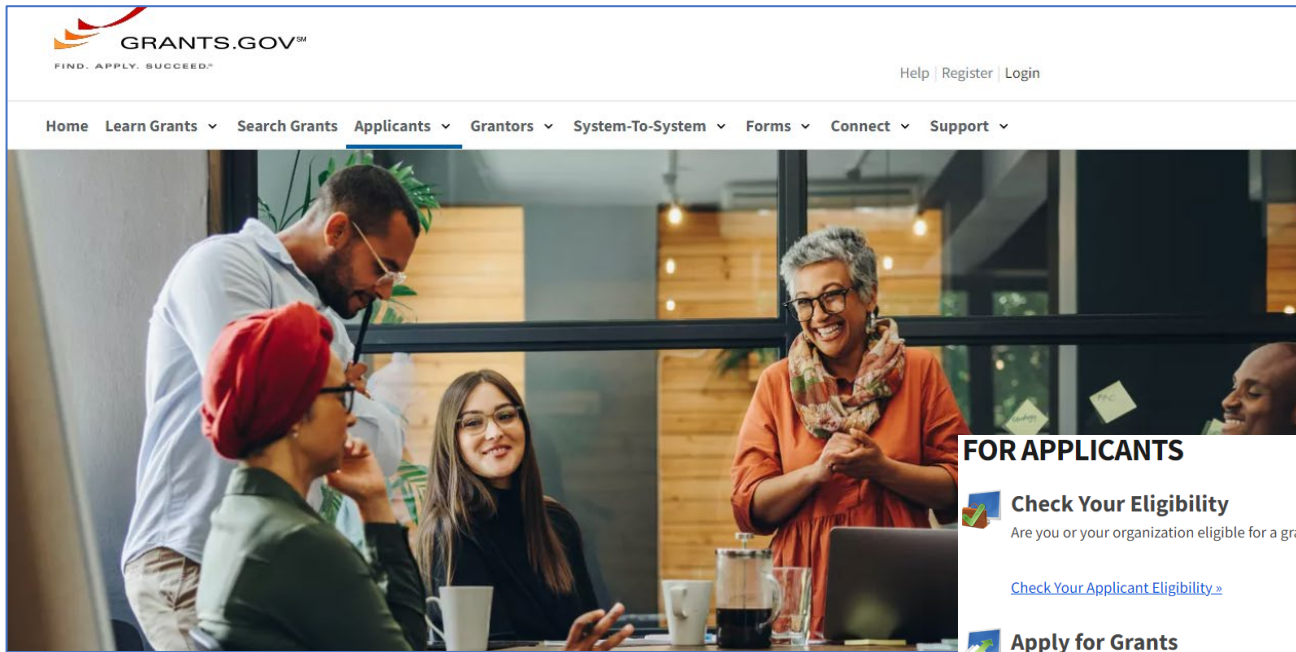
Instructions: On this form, you will attach the various files that make up your grant application. Please consult with the appropriate Agency Guidelines for more information about each needed file. Please remember that any files you attach must be in the document format and named as specified in the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

Important: Please attach your files in the proper sequence. See the appropriate Agency Guidelines for details.

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

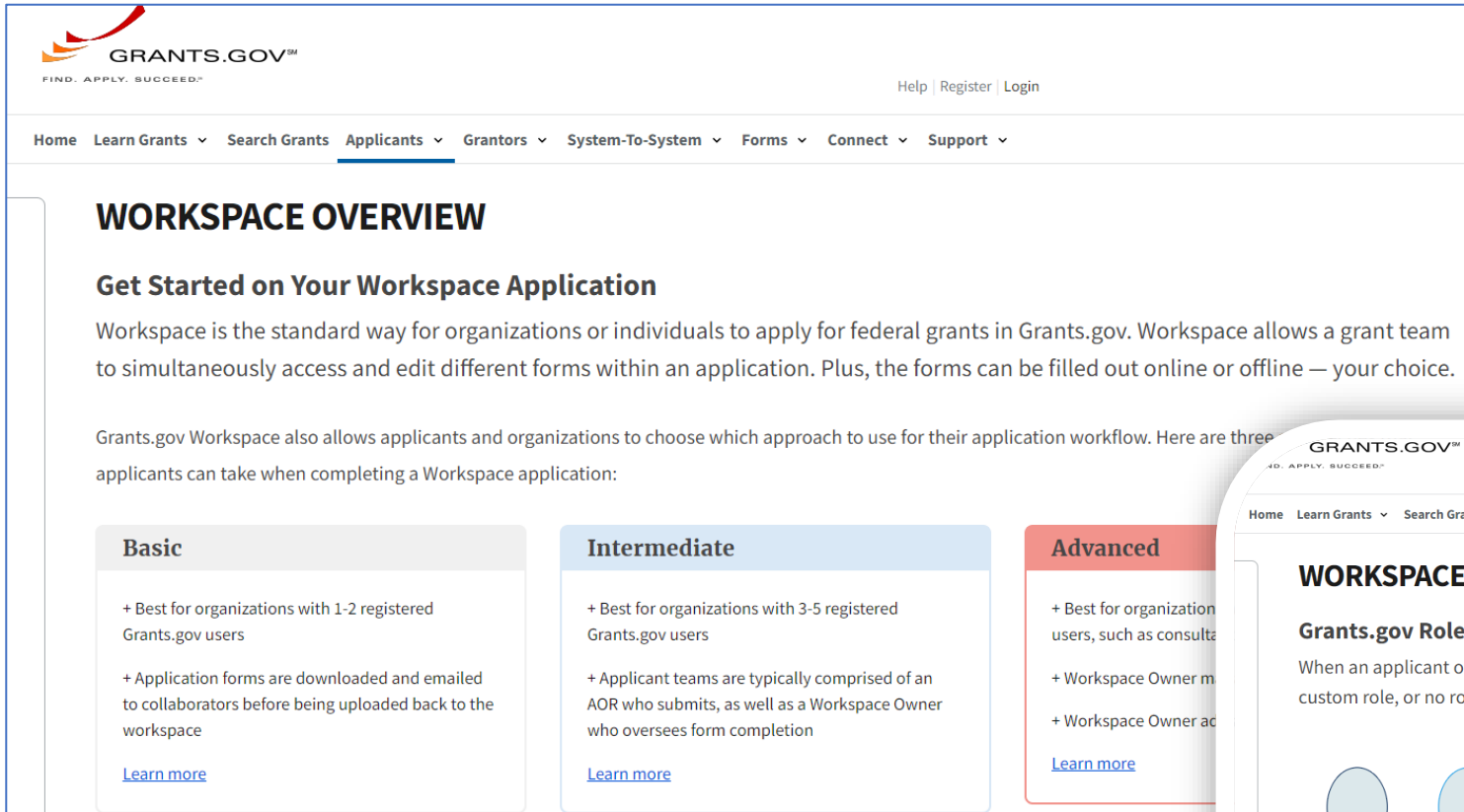
Applications in Grants.gov



Organizations must register in Grants.gov to submit applications.

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

Workspace in Grants.gov



The screenshot shows the Grants.gov homepage with the 'Applicants' menu item selected. The 'WORKSPACE OVERVIEW' section is visible, featuring a 'Get Started on Your Workspace Application' heading and a paragraph explaining that Workspace is the standard way for organizations or individuals to apply for federal grants. Below this, it states that Grants.gov Workspace allows applicants and organizations to choose which approach to use for their application workflow. Three options are listed: Basic, Intermediate, and Advanced. Each option includes a list of features and a 'Learn more' link.

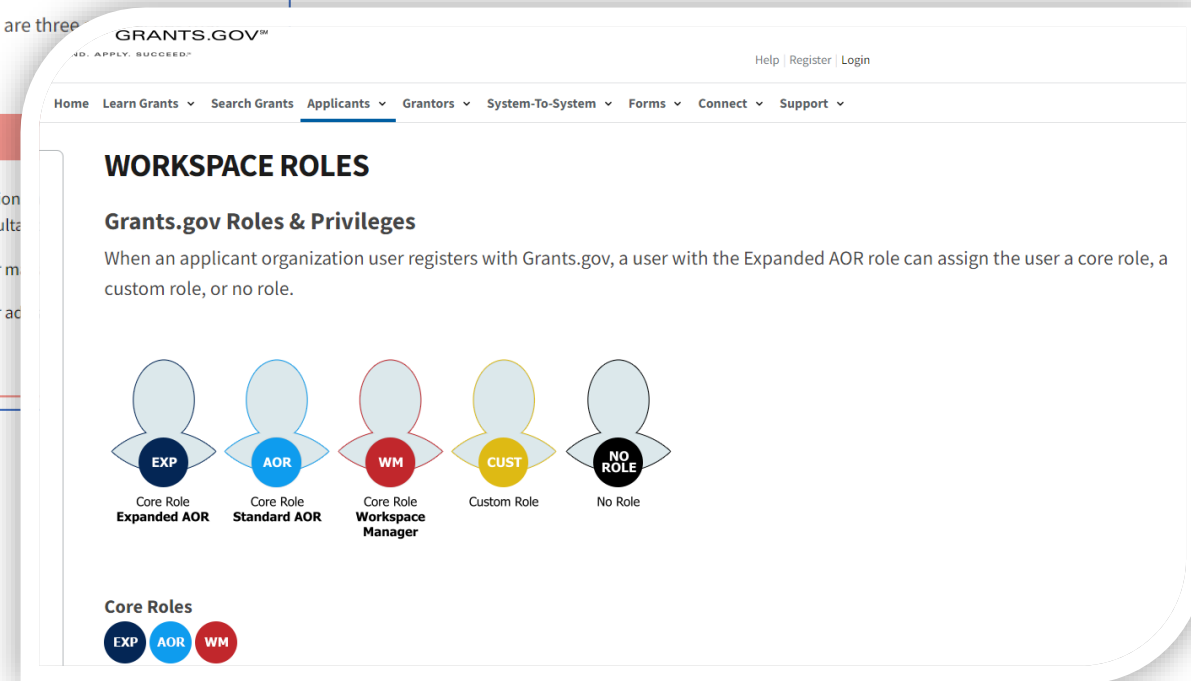
WORKSPACE OVERVIEW

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 choose which approach to use for their application workflow. Here are three 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
 - [Learn more](#)
- 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
 - [Learn more](#)
- Advanced**
 - + Best for organization users, such as consultants
 - + Workspace Owner manages the application
 - + Workspace Owner manages the application
 - [Learn more](#)



The screenshot shows the Grants.gov homepage with the 'Applicants' menu item selected. The 'WORKSPACE ROLES' section is visible, featuring a 'Grants.gov Roles & Privileges' heading and a paragraph explaining that when an applicant organization user registers with Grants.gov, a user with the Expanded AOR role can assign the user a core role, a custom role, or no role. Below this, five user icons are shown with their respective roles: EXP (Core Role Expanded AOR), AOR (Core Role Standard AOR), WM (Core Role Workspace Manager), CUST (Custom Role), and NO ROLE (No Role). A legend at the bottom shows the color-coded icons for EXP, AOR, and WM.

WORKSPACE ROLES

Grants.gov Roles & Privileges

When an applicant organization user registers with Grants.gov, a user with the Expanded AOR role can assign the user a core role, a custom role, or no role.

Core Roles

- EXP: Core Role Expanded AOR
- AOR: Core Role Standard AOR
- WM: Core Role Workspace Manager
- CUST: Custom Role
- NO ROLE: No Role

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 and Zero-Emission Fleet Transition Plan (if applicable)
- Opportunity IDs:
 - Low-No: FTA-2025-008-TPM-LWNO
 - Buses and Bus Facilities: FTA-2025-007-TPM-BUS

Important Links

- FTA Funding Opportunities: <https://www.transit.dot.gov/funding/grants/notices>
- FY25 Bus/Low-No Notice of Funding Opportunity: <https://www.transit.dot.gov/notices-funding/fy-2025-notice-funding-opportunity-low-or-no-emission-grant-program-and-grants>
- Application Information: <https://www.grants.gov/> (search for “Buses and Bus Facilities” or “Low-No”)
- Buses and Bus Facilities Program Webpage: <https://www.transit.dot.gov/bus-program>
- Low-No Program Webpage: <https://www.transit.dot.gov/funding/grants/lowno>
- FAQs: <https://www.transit.dot.gov/funding/grants/low-no-and-buses-and-bus-facilities-faqs>

Bus/Low-No NOFO Email:
FTALowNoBusNOFO@dot.gov

GRANTS.GOV Applicant
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6. Q&A



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Thank you!

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