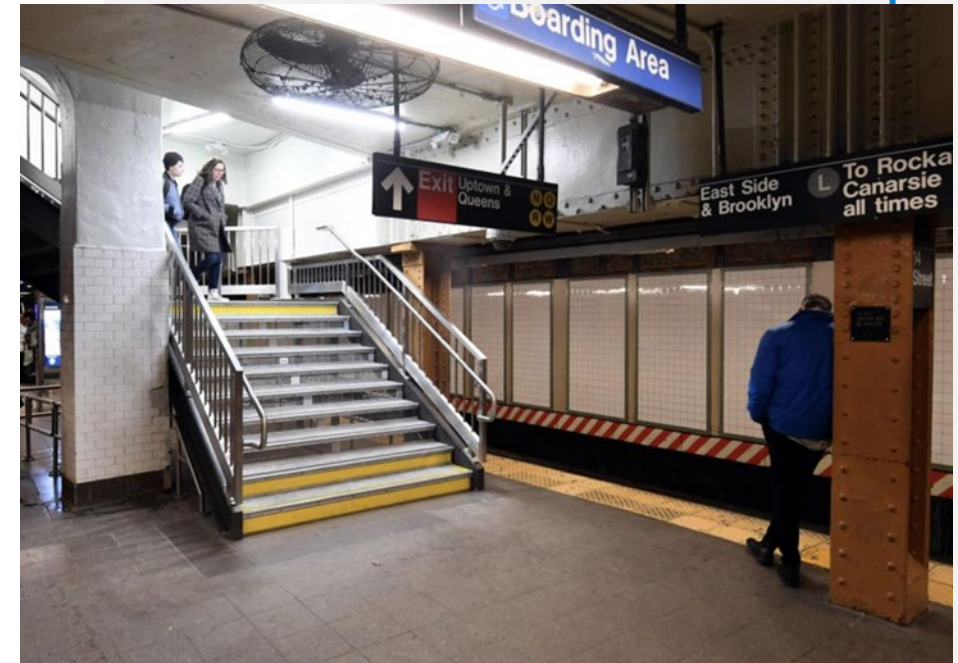


All Stations Accessibility Program (ASAP)

FTA, Office of Program Management

Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Webinar

March 24, 2026



U.S. Department of Transportation
Federal Transit Administration

Agenda

Objective

Provide information on how to apply and participate in the All Stations Accessibility Program (ASAP)

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

Civil Rights and ASAP

Over 900 inaccessible stations in the U.S. today

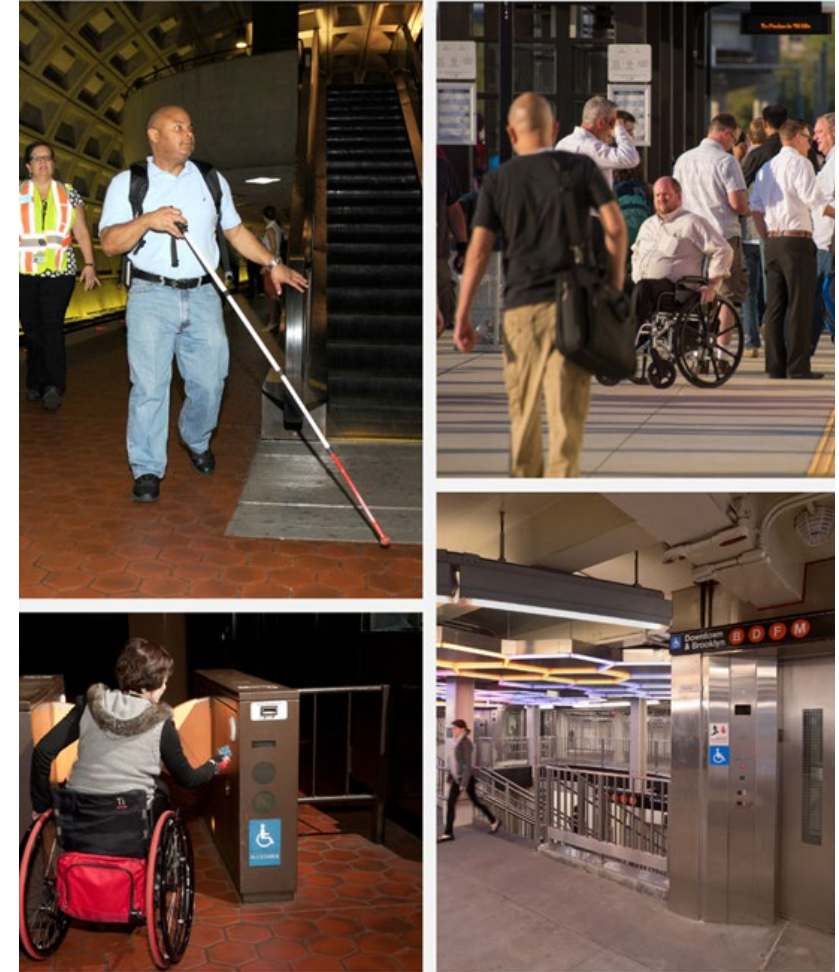
- Located in our oldest, densest, and most transit-oriented urban areas
- Off-limits to people with disabilities for >30 years

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

Statutory Authority & Authorized Funding



Division J, Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (Pub. L. 117-58)

Authorizes FTA to award competitive grants for capital and planning projects to upgrade the accessibility of legacy rail public transportation systems for people with disabilities.

Funding Available

- \$686 million available
 - \$343 million from FY 2025
 - \$343 million from FY 2026

Program Description

- Competitive funding available to assist in the financing of capital projects to make all public areas of the station accessible to people 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.

FY 2024 ASAP Project Selections

- FTA received 17 eligible applications with a total Federal request of **\$1.1 billion**
- Total funding awarded: \$343 million to **8 projects** in 8 states.
- List of funded projects can be found here:
<https://www.transit.dot.gov/funding/grants/grant-programs/all-stations-accessibility-program-fy24-projects>

Selected projects will help make 83 legacy rail stations fully accessible

Current Year FY 2026 Competition

Important Dates	
Notice of Funding Opportunity Publication	March 2, 2026
Applications Due	11:59 pm ET May 1, 2026
Project Evaluations	May 2026
Project Selection Announcement	Summer 2026
Available for Obligation	The year of award plus 2 years (i.e. through September 2028)

Pre-Award Authority

Automatic pre-award authority is NOT provided for FY 2026 ASAP

- Pre-award authority permits project expenses incurred before the execution of a grant to be reimbursed by the grant if all requirements are met
- In the absence of pre-award authority, you will not be reimbursed for expenses before grant obligation
- Pre-award authority may be provided if requested and approved by FTA

2. Eligibility Information



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Eligible Applicants (NOFO Section 2)

- 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.

Eligible Projects (NOFO Section 2)

- Capital projects that make inaccessible rail transit stations accessible.
 - Including relocation of load-bearing members that are an essential part of the structural frame.
- Planning projects to develop or modify a plan for making inaccessible rail stations(s) accessible.

Applicants applying for both a planning and a construction project must submit **two separate applications**, one for each type of project.

Ineligible Projects

- A station or facility project that is **already accessible or already required by law to be 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.

Additional Eligibility 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.

Cost Sharing or Matching (NOFO Section 2)

80%

The maximum Federal share an eligible project shall not exceed 80 percent of the net project cost.

3. Evaluation Criteria



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Evaluation Criteria (NOFO Section 6)

Demonstration of Need – *Capital 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 it a transfer station or 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?

Evaluation Criteria (NOFO Section 6)

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.

Evaluation Criteria (NOFO Section 6)

Demonstration of Benefits – *Capital 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.

Evaluation Criteria (NOFO Section 6)

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.

Evaluation Criteria (NOFO Section 6)

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?

Evaluation Criteria (NOFO Section 6)

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?

4. Additional Selection Considerations

Additional Selection Considerations (NOFO Section 6)

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

Additional Considerations

- Geographic variety
- Variety in transit system sizes
- Variety of large urban, small urban, rural, and tribal areas
- Receipt and management of other Federal transit funds

Administration Priorities

- Opportunity Zones
- Benefits for Families and Communities
- Wayfinding Improvements
- Reduce Project Costs and Improve Project Delivery (*capital projects only*)

FTA will also prioritize capital projects over planning projects.

Administrative Priority: Opportunity Zones

To receive credit, applicants must:

- Identify whether the project is located in or supports public transportation service in one or more qualified opportunity zones designated pursuant to [26 U.S.C. 1400Z-1](#); and
- Identify the Census Tract Numbers of the opportunity zones at the time of designation ([Internal Revenue Service \(IRS\) Notice 2018-48](#)); and
- Describe how the proposed project will impact the opportunity zones.

More information and a link to a map of Opportunity Zones can be found on the IRS Opportunity Zone website: <https://www.irs.gov/credits-deductions/businesses/opportunity-zones>.

Administrative Priority: Benefits for Families and Communities

To receive credit, applicants must:

- Describe how the project will improve the accessibility of transportation for families with young children, to include improved access to jobs, healthcare facilities, recreational activities, and commercial activity, or
- Describe how the project will improve the quality of life, raise the standard of living, or enable fuller participation in the economy by families.

Administrative Priority: Wayfinding Improvements

To receive credit, applicants must:

- Describe how the project will include universal wayfinding tools and signage to support individuals with disabilities (including persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities, with sensory disabilities, and who use wheelchairs) such as:
 - Consistent, easy-to-understand icons and symbols
 - Color-coded route identification
 - Plain language instructions using large print and simplified language
 - Directional pathways and floor markings
 - Synchronized visual and audio announcements
 - “You Are Here” maps at key decision points that are high-contrast and clearly labeled
 - Real-time information displays that are easy to interpret and are located throughout the passenger waiting areas
 - Sensory-safe waiting zones for passengers needing lower-stimulation environments

Administrative Priority: Reduce Project Costs and Improve Project Delivery

Capital projects only

To receive credit, applicants must:

- Identify that the NEPA process has already been completed; and
- Describe work plans and techniques that prioritize efficiency and speed in project implementation, including strategies that provide longer work windows that allow time for concentrated and consistent work that shortens the project delivery timetable and reduces costs. Explain how the approach achieves an improvement in project delivery.

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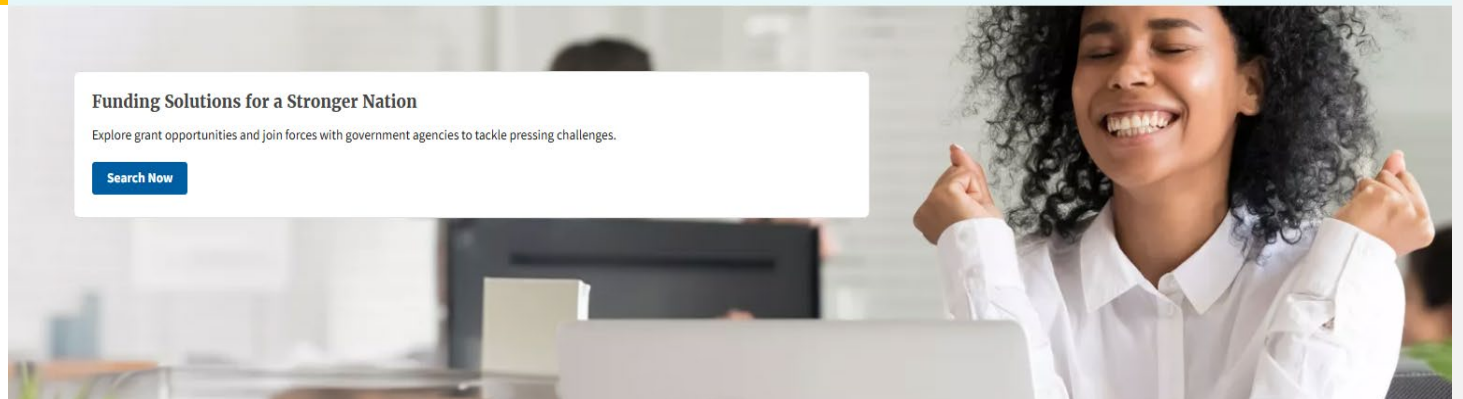
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Improving America's Communities through Public Transportation

FTA Highlights

- Supporting Tribal Transit**
\$9.6M | 26 Projects | 14 States
Grants awarded to tribal communities to enhance transit and better connect residents to jobs, school, healthcare & more
- Nearly \$300 million in FTA grants raises tide of ferry service across the nation**
- Transit-oriented development plans with affordable housing will create vibrant communities**

Notices of Funding Opportunity

The following Notices of Funding Availability/Opportunity are linked to the Federal Register website. The Federal Register is the Federal Government's official daily publication of rules, proposed rules, and notices of federal agencies, and provides a forum for public participation in the democratic process.

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

From - **To**

Keywords

Apply

Date Effective	Close Date	Opportunity ID	Grant Program
03/02/2026	05/01/2026	FTA-2026-001-TPM-ASAP	All Stations Accessibility Program

<https://www.transit.dot.gov/>
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FTA Notice of Funding Opportunity

FTA NOFO Page contains:

- Basic Program Information
- Eligibility
- Program Descriptions
- Application Contents and Format
- Submission Requirements and Deadlines
- Application Review Information
- Award Notices
- Post-Award Requirements and Administration

Related Documents

- [FY 2026 Notice of Funding Opportunity: All Stations Accessibility Program Supplemental Form](#)

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1. Basic Information

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) announces the opportunity to apply for \$686 million in competitive grants for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 All Stations Accessibility Program (ASAP) under Assistance Listing Number 20.533.

- This is an initial announcement for the FY 2025 and FY 2026 rounds of this program.
- As required by Federal public transportation law, funds will be awarded competitively for any purpose eligible under [Division J of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act \(Pub. L. 117-58\)](#) for capital and planning projects to upgrade the accessibility of legacy rail fixed guideway public transportation system disabilities.
- If more funding becomes available for the program before projects are selected, FTA funding available for award under this NOFO.

Topic	Description
Prior Awards	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The funding awarded ranged from \$1,395,330 to \$156,503,053.
Dates	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Complete proposals must be submitted electronically through the Grants.gov "APPLY" function by 11:59 pm Eastern time May 1, 2026.

Links to Grants.gov



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



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FTA-2026-001-TPM-ASAP

FY 2026 Competitive Funding Opportunity: All Stations Accessibility Program

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SYNOPSIS

VERSION HISTORY

RELATED DOCUMENTS

PACKAGE

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

- **The synopsis** - provides a synopsis of the grant opportunity and similar information published on the FTA NOFO site.
- **The Version History** – provides access to all versions of the grant opportunity's forecast and synopsis.
- **The Related Documents** – list documents related to the funding opportunity.
- **The “Package” tab** – contains the links to download and apply for this opportunity.

Application Package

- SYNOPSIS
- VERSION HISTORY
- RELATED DOCUMENTS
- PACKAGE

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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
20.533	FTA-2026-001-TPM-ASAP	FY 2026 Competitive Funding Opportunity: All Stations Accessibility Program	PKG00292031	Mar 02, 2026	May 01, 2026	Preview Apply

Opportunity Package Details

Agency Contact Information: Thomas Wilson
FTA Office of Program Management
Thomas.Wilson@dot.gov

Who Can Apply: Organization Applicants

PACKAGE FORMS:

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SF424 Mandatory Form [V3.0] Grants.gov Lobbying Form [V1.1] Attachments [V1.2]	

OMB Number: 4945-0022
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.c. Consolidated Application/Plan Funding Request? Yes No Explanation:

1.d. Version: Initial Resubmission Revision Update

2. Date Received: STATE USE ONLY:

3. Applicant Identifier:

4. Federal Entry Identifier:

5. Date Received by State:

6. State Application Identifier:

4b. Federal Award Identifier:

7. APPLICANT INFORMATION:

a. Legal Name:

b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN):

c. Organizational DUNS:

d. Address:

Street:

Street2:

City:

County / Parish:

State:

Province:

Country:

Zip / Postal Code:

e. Organizational Unit:

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Application Package

FY 2026 All Stations Accessibility Program (ASAP) Applicant and Proposal Profile

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

Section I. Applicant Information (NOFO Section 4)

**Applicants applying for both a planning and a construction project must submit two separate applications, one for each type of project.

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
 - State that operates 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)
 - Small Urbanized Area (50,000-199,999 people)
 - Rural (less than 50,000 people)

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

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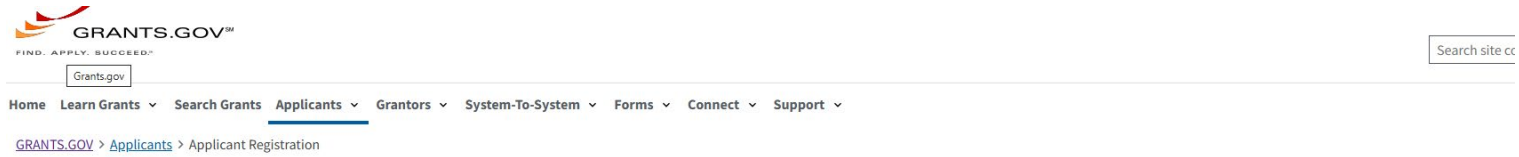
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How to Apply for Grants: Getting Started

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