



U.S. Department of Transportation
Federal Transit Administration



**FACT SHEET:
 GRANTS FOR BUS AND BUS FACILITIES
 SECTION 5339**

| Program Component | FY 2015/ MAP-21 | FY 2016 (in millions) | FY 2017 (in millions) | FY 2018 (in millions) | FY 2019 (in millions) | FY 2020 (in millions) |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Formula | \$427.80 | \$427.80 | \$436.36 | \$445.52 | \$454.96 | \$464.61 |
| Bus Discretionary | n/a | \$213.00 | \$228.60 | \$246.51 | \$267.06 | \$289.04 |
| Low & No Emissions Discretionary | n/a | \$55.00 | \$55.00 | \$55.00 | \$55.00 | \$55.00 |
| 5339 Program TOTAL | \$427.8 | \$695.80 | \$719.96 | \$747.03 | \$777.02 | \$808.65 |

Purpose

The Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities program (49 U.S.C. 5339) makes Federal resources available to States and designated recipients to replace, rehabilitate and purchase buses and related equipment and to construct bus-related facilities including technological changes or innovations to modify low or no emission vehicles or facilities. Funding is provided through formula allocations and competitive grants. A sub-program provides competitive grants for bus and bus facility projects that support low and zero-emission vehicles.

Statutory References

49 U.S.C. Section 5339 / FAST Act Section 3017

Program Guidance: [FTA Circular C 5100.1 Bus and Bus Facilities Program: Guidance and Application Instructions.](#)

Eligible Recipients

- Eligible Recipients include designated recipients that operate fixed route bus service or that allocate funding to fixed route bus operators; and State or local governmental entities that operate fixed route bus service that are eligible to receive direct grants under 5307 and 5311.
- Subrecipients: An eligible recipient that receives a grant under the formula or discretionary programs may allocate amounts from the grant to subrecipients that are public agencies or private nonprofit organizations engaged in public transportation.

Eligible Activities

- Capital projects to replace, rehabilitate and purchase buses, vans, and related equipment, and to construct bus-related facilities, including technological changes or innovations to modify low or no emission vehicles or facilities.

What's Changed?

- State and local government entities that operate fixed route bus service and that are eligible to receive direct grants under 5307 and 5311 may now be direct recipients of Section 5339 funds, regardless of their designated recipient status.
- Two discretionary components have been added to the program: A bus and bus facilities competitive program based on asset age and condition, and a low or no emissions bus deployment program. A solicitation of proposals for competitive funding including requirements and procedures will be published in an annual Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) as soon as possible.
- A new pilot provision allows designated recipients in urbanized areas between 200,000 and 999,999 in population to participate in voluntary state pools to allow transfers of formula funds between designated recipients from FY 2016 through FY 2020.
- Allows states to submit statewide applications for bus needs.
- The minimum state allocation under the formula was raised to \$1.75M from \$1.25M; the territory allocation was unchanged.
- Grantees may use up to 0.5% of their 5339 allocation on Workforce Development activities.

Funding

- Federal Share: The Federal share is not to exceed 80 percent of the net project cost.
- Formula Details
 - National Distribution – \$90.5 million will be allocated each year among all States and territories, with each state receiving \$1.75 million and each territory (including D.C. and Puerto Rico) receiving \$500,000.
 - Apportionment Formula – The remainder of program funds will be apportioned based on population and service factors using the Section 5307 Urbanized Area Formula Program apportionment formula.
- Period of Availability: Funds are available for three years after the fiscal year in which the amount is apportioned.

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