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State	Applicant Legal Name	Project Description	Amount
AK	Bristol Bay Native Association	The Bristol Bay Native Association, Inc., a consortium of 31 tribes in Alaska, will develop a coordinated transit plan for the native people of the Bristol Bay region to provide a cohesive and interconnected transit system that will improve mobility and access to jobs and services.	\$75,000
AK	Gulkana Village Council	Funds will enable the Gulkana Village in Alaska to maintain its Soaring Eagle Transit service in the rural Glennallen area, including the communities of Copper Center, Tazlina, Gakona, Gulkana and Glennallen, as well as limited transit service to the metropolitan areas of Valdez, Palmer and Anchorage. Soaring Eagle Transit is the only service in the area and is used by 65 percent of the Copper River Basin's 3,500 residents.	\$328,085
AK	Knik Tribal Council	The Knik Tribal Council in Alaska will conduct a survey to determine the need for public transit access to employment, education, health care and other basic needs. Data will be collected and analyzed against current route service to identify needs that are already met by existing public transit service versus those that require route changes and additional resources.	\$22,000
AK	Native Village of Kobuk	Funding will allow the Native Village of Kobuk to conduct a tribal transit planning study to evaluate current transit deficiencies and enhance current services.	\$25,000
AK	Native Village of Noatak	Funding will be used to start up the Noatak Public Transit program, which will improve mobility for the village by offering a source of transportation to jobs, healthcare, school, grocery shopping, the airport and other public services.	\$175,000
AK	Noorvik Native Community	Noorvik Native Community of Alaska will conduct a planning study for a tribally-operated transit system serving the tribal community. The proposed transit planning study will incorporate an approach that considers current resources, partnership opportunities, and community goals when assessing Noorvik's current transit resources and deficiencies. The study will include a brief overview of the major steps required to successfully implement the proposed transit program.	\$25,000
AK	Sitka Tribe of Alaska	Funds will allow the Sitka Tribe of Alaska to continue The RIDE's (Sitka's public transit system) Green Line service. For many tribal members this service provides the only reliable answer to the need to get to work, keep a job, seek education or attend training.	\$239,100

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AK	Tetlin Village Council	Tetlin Village Council will use funds to continue providing daily fixed-route and on-demand transit to the general public in Tetlin to allow them to access services, jobs, schools and other modes of travel in Tok, Alaska. People in Tok who wish to travel to Tetlin for either business or personal reasons can also take advantage of the service.	\$230,000
AK	Venetie Village Council	Venetie Village Council of Alaska will conduct a planning study for a tribally-operated transit system serving the Venetie community. The study will incorporate an approach that considers current resources, partnership opportunities and community goals when assessing current transit resources and deficiencies.	\$25,000
AK Total			\$1,144,185
AL	Poarch Band of Creek Indians	The Poarch Band of Creek Indians will use funds to expand its service of transporting senior citizens to medical appointments and bringing them meals on a weekly basis. Service is provided within a five-county area that includes Southern Alabama and the Florida Panhandle.	\$155,584
AL Total			\$155,584
AZ	Navajo Nation - Navajo Transit System	The Navajo Transit System in Window Rock, Arizona, will use funds to expand service to meet increasing ridership demands within the Navajo Nation; improve transportation to Flagstaff, Arizona, and Gallup and Farmington, New Mexico; and improve coordination with other transit providers.	\$475,000
AZ Total			\$475,000
CA	Bishop Paiute Tribe	The Bishop Paiute Tribe in Bishop, California, will use funds to continue the Eastern Sierra Transit Authority's Dial-A-Ride bus service—the only transit program available to residents of the Bishop Paiute Reservation, many of whom are transit-dependent. Funds will also allow the tribe to update their long-range transportation plan.	\$182,828
CA	Blue Lake Rancheria, California	Funds will allow the Blue Lake Rancheria in California to continue its regular, fixed and deviated route services, which provide 17,000 one-way rides per year, providing economic, health and educational opportunities to the residents in the Blue Lake service area, with connections to the Arcata, California transit hub, which is served by local and inter-city transit services.	\$88,000

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CA	Quartz Valley Indian Reservation	The Quartz Valley Indian Reservation in Northern California, which currently lacks any direct transit service, will receive funding to assess the growing public transit needs of the community and determine how best to connect to existing transit services in Yreka and Scott Valley and beyond.	\$25,000
CA	Quechan Indian Tribe	The Quechen Indian Tribe along the California-Arizona border will receive a startup grant to plan for and operate a new transit service on the Fort Yuma Indian Reservation to improve access to employment, education, health services and recreational opportunities between Fort Yuma and Winterhaven.	\$232,007
CA	Reservation Transportation Authority	The Reservation Transportation Authority in San Diego and Riverside Counties in California will enhance North County Transit District Route 388/399 bus service to connect Native American reservation residents to nearby health services and existing regional transit routes.	\$351,858
CA	Susanville Indian Rancheria	Funds will enable the Susanville Indian Rancheria in Northeastern California's Sierra Nevada Mountains to continue operating a 20-passenger paratransit bus service and to add a third paratransit driver to service the route between Susanville and Reno, Nevada.	\$466,602
CA	Tule River Tribal Council	The Tule River Tribal Council in Tulare County, California, will use the planning grant for start-up transit service to employment centers off the reservation that will improve economic stability among impoverished community members and promote sustainability.	\$25,000
CA	Yurok Tribe	The Yurok Tribe in Northern California will expand transit services for tribal and non-tribal residents to five days a week for the 26-mile trip between Klamath and Crescent City. The service will assist tribal and non-tribal residents, using Klamath as a hub. Riders, including those who use paratransit service, will have greater flexibility as to travel times as well as reduced wait times for the trip home.	\$206,843
CA Total			\$1,578,138

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CO	Southern Ute Indian Tribe	Funds will allow the Southern Ute Indian Tribe in Colorado to continue operating the tribe's Road Runner Transit service, which provides fixed-route service to Durango and Aztec, and limited demand-response service on the reservation on a 24-hour basis. Continuation of this service is essential as ridership has grown considerably since 2007. The grant will also allow for expansion of a paratransit demand-response service on the reservation and facilitate creation of a mobility manager position.	\$287,056
CO Total			\$287,056
IA	Sac and Fox Tribe of the Mississippi in Iowa	The Sac and Fox Tribe of the Mississippi in Iowa, which currently has no coordinated public transportation available, will receive funds to develop such a plan. At this time, critical rides for senior and family services and access to the clinic must be scheduled far in advance and only one or two may travel at a time. The grant will help community leaders determine the level and type of transit service needed to serve the tribal community.	\$25,000
IA Total			\$25,000
ID	Coeur d' Alene Tribe	Funds will enable the Coeur d'Alene Tribe to improve the demand-response bus service it offers to riders in Benewah and Kootenai Counties and the towns of Worley, Plummer, Tensed and DeSmet, as well as outlying areas on the tribal reservation located in the northern panhandle section of the state of Idaho between eastern Washington State and western Montana.	\$92,867
ID	Nez Perce Tribe	The Nez Perce Tribe in Idaho will use funds to continue providing connection to rural communities and Lewiston with three fixed routes and an on-demand service. This service provides residents with a transportation alternative between rural communities as well as to Lewiston, where they have access to health care, employment, education and other needs.	\$500,000
ID Total			\$592,867
KS	Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation	Funds will allow the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation to continue to provide on-demand transit service to tribal members within the reservation and Jackson County by maintaining current staff levels. The tribe's transit service is the only available public transportation for residents, many of whom rely on the service to access employment, health care and other public services.	\$150,000
KS Total			\$150,000

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MI	Bay Mills Indian Community	Funds will allow the Bay Mills Indian Community to start providing transit service for tribal members to Bay Mills Casinos, Bay Mills Community College and Sault Ste. Marie, improving access to employment, education and other services.	\$213,136
MI	Little River Band of Ottawa Indians	Funds will allow the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians to assess the transportation needs of its members and then work toward implementation of the necessary service. The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians currently does not provide regular transportation services.	\$25,000
MI	Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians	Funds will allow the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians to work toward establishing transit service for tribal residents. Initial steps include hiring a mobility manager, creating a database of existing transportation services and needs of tribal citizens for transit services and establishing a rideshare program for tribal citizens.	\$124,000
MI Total			\$362,136
MN	Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa	Funds will allow Fond du Lac Transit to continue its transportation service through 2012. Fond du Lac Transit serves the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa in Minnesota and its more than 4,000 members and 2,000 employees, of which 1,000 are non-Band members. Fond du Lac Transit provides demand-response weekday service on the Fond du Lac Reservation plus two scheduled trips each weekday to Duluth.	\$285,000
MN	Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians	The Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians in Minnesota will expand and enhance its bus service by adding Saturday service to its current Monday-through-Friday schedule. The funding will allow Red Lake to achieve its 2011 goal of 27,000 riders and improve its service, enabling more efficient use of its fleet, decreasing wait time for riders, and decreasing the number of times a bus is out of service for repairs.	\$400,000
MN Total			\$685,000
MS	Miss. Band of Choctaw Indians	Funds will allow the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians to purchase three transit buses to provide better transportation to nearby colleges for students living in the reservation area. Non-tribal members who live in the reservation area and attend the colleges also will be served.	\$200,000
MS Total			\$200,000

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MT	Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes	Funds will allow the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Reservation in Montana to continue fixed and demand-response service to the entire 1.25 million-acre reservation, as well as off-reservation routes to the nearby cities of Kalispell and Missoula, and the Missoula Veterans Administration Hospital.	\$475,000
MT	Northern Cheyenne Tribe	The Northern Cheyenne Tribe in Montana will receive funding to continue the operation of its newly established tribal transit programs. Funds will be used to support the personnel-related costs of the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Transit (NCTT) staff and to provide funding for operational costs for a 12-month period. NCTT operates two fixed-route morning routes and two fixed-route evening routes as well as a limited demand-response service and limited regional service to Billings.	\$398,007
MT Total			\$873,007
NC	Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians	Funds will allow the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians to continue providing night service, consisting of five routes six nights a week, serving the Qualla Boundary portion of the Cherokee Indian Reservation in Western North Carolina. The service provides safe transportation for those who work at night, as well as for evening shopping and activities.	\$140,000
NC Total			\$140,000
ND	Sitting Bull College	Sitting Bull College (SBC), the authorized transit provider for the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, will receive funding to provide public transit for the Standing Rock Reservation, which straddles both North and South Dakota. Funds will enable the SBC to continue operating four deviated fixed routes for six communities in South Dakota and one demand-response route for the reservation hub community of Fort Yates, ND.	\$200,860
ND Total			\$200,860
NE	Ponca Tribe of Nebraska	The Ponca Tribe of Nebraska will use funds to hire additional staff in its Norfolk location, extend hours for existing staff in its Niobrara location, and purchase an additional vehicle. These activities will increase the efficiency of the Ponca Express Transit, enable additional service offerings to enhance ridership and address mobility needs for the underserved population in the rural area.	\$239,808

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NE	Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska	The Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska will expand capacity on existing routes, hire a new bus driver and add a new route serving the village of Emerson, home to 800 people. The transit service is primarily used by the 2,700 tribe members to reach employment, educational opportunities, medical centers and local commerce.	\$450,000
NE Total			\$689,808
NM	Pueblo of San Felipe	The Pueblo of San Felipe will receive funding to assist with developing community-wide transit goals. Located 25 miles north of Albuquerque, the San Felipe Pueblo has more than 2,400 residents who are currently without transit services. The transit planning study will develop a vision for reservation-based transit services based on best practices, community needs, development goals and partnership opportunities.	\$25,000
NM	Pueblo of Santa Ana	The Pueblo of Santa Ana in New Mexico will expand service to the reservation and surrounding areas that include portions of Sandoval County, New Mexico. Current transit service connects with the New Mexico Rail Runner Express and provides service within the Pueblo of Santa Ana, connecting the villages of Rebahene, Ranchitos and Chicale with tribal government offices and services including education, public safety and a senior center. Expanded service will include additional stops at major employers, retail, financial, legal and health-care services.	\$194,529
NM Total			\$219,529
NV	Duckwater Shoshone Tribe	Funds will allow the Duckwater Shoshone Tribe to expand transit service for tribal members who live in a remote area of eastern/central Nevada that is about 75 miles from the nearest town, with a focus on providing transportation for elderly tribe members and veterans to medical and other essential services and for high school students who must travel 100 miles round trip to school.	\$75,000
NV Total			\$75,000
NY	Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe	The Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe in New York will receive startup funding to purchase vehicles and create and operate a public transportation system that will enhance mobility and improve access to jobs, shopping, medical service, government and community facilities, educational facilities, recreational amenities and other essential services.	\$475,000

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NY Total			\$475,000
OK	Cherokee Nation	Funds will allow the Cherokee Nation to continue operation of six fixed routes and a demand-response transit system. The past year saw a 184% increase in the number of rides requested for its on-demand service. Cherokees with low and/or fixed incomes cannot afford the cost of on-demand services, especially in rural areas. Cherokee Nation proposes to offset these costs through the Tribal Transit Program.	\$450,000
OK	Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes	The Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes in Oklahoma will continue operation of existing transit services. The tribes operate four routes in nearly 9,000 square miles of northern and western Oklahoma, with daily travel to Oklahoma City, local grocery stores, and medical centers. Existing transit service is linked to employee work schedules so that tribe members may rely on transit to commute to work.	\$450,000
OK	Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma	The Choctaw Nation Transit (CNT) of Oklahoma will expand and improve its services to the significant population of elderly and impoverished citizens in the CNT area. These funds will make it possible for CNT to provide transit to tribal members who previously had no access to CNT services. For example, this project will provide funds to hire an additional driver to meet unfulfilled demand for reliable transportation, allowing hundreds more tribal members to be served while still providing vital transportation for dialysis and cancer patients to reach employment, health care and social services.	\$284,867
OK	Citizen Potawatomi Nation	The Citizen Potawatomi Nation in Central Oklahoma will increase the on-demand transit services it provides to seniors, tribal elders, persons with disabilities and others with little or no transportation options to meet basic needs such as medical appointments, grocery and clothes shopping, jobs and adult continuing education.	\$450,000

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OK	Miami Tribe of Oklahoma	The Miami Tribe of Oklahoma, a consortium of nine tribes, and Pelivan Transit will receive funding to continue 25 established routes serving 26,000 customers in six counties and 10 tribal areas in northeastern Oklahoma. Transit links tribe members to medical clinics, wellness centers, tribal administration buildings, social services, and retail businesses. The funds will also allow three new routes to transport riders to employment opportunities.	\$500,000
OK	Muscogee (Creek) Nation	The Muscogee (Creek) Nation in Oklahoma, in partnership with KATS Transit, will use funds to provide transit services where none existed and increase current limited service to disadvantaged tribal members and the general public. Tribal members will be able to access necessary services, including healthcare, social services, employment, training and specific tribal programs.	\$500,000
OK Total			\$2,634,867
OR	Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde	Funds will allow the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde to coordinate transit service with two area transit providers to provide additional round trips, Monday through Friday, for tribal members traveling to McMinnville in Yamhill County and Salem in Marion County.	\$248,000
OR	Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians	The Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians will use funds to continue providing transit services within Lincoln County, Oregon, through a memorandum of understanding with Lincoln County Transit. The tribe also provides dial-a-ride services to tribal members throughout the service area using tribally owned vans and buses. The total service area consists of 11 counties in northwest Oregon, with its tribal government located in the town of Siletz. As of October 2011, service is free to tribal members.	\$187,683
OR	Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation	The Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR) will receive funding for improvements to the regular daily transit service it provides to the reservation and surrounding communities of Northeastern Oregon and Southeastern Washington. CTUIR provides the 250,000 residents of this region with access to employment, health care, shopping and education.	\$338,372
OR Total			\$774,055

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SC	Catawba Indian Nation	Funds will allow the Catawba Indian Nation to continue and enhance its tribal transit program serving the tribal members that live on and around the reservation boundary as well as non-tribal members in the surrounding rural area of York County, South Carolina.	\$385,518
SC Total			\$385,518
SD	Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe	The Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe in South Dakota will use funds to continue demand-response service with centralized dispatch from River Cities Public Transit in Pierre, South Dakota, as well as daily shuttle service from Eagle Butte to the outlying communities for employment, education, medical and shopping opportunities for tribal residents.	\$500,000
SD	Lower Brule Sioux Tribe	Funds will allow the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe in South Dakota, working with River Cities Transit, to continue providing transportation to job opportunities in Pierre, Chamberlain and the surrounding area; provide transportation to medical services outside Lower Brule; and access to intercity bus service and airline service. Transit service also is critical to meeting the need to transport teachers, doctors, nurses, dentists and other specialists to Lower Brule to staff clinics and schools.	\$250,000
SD	Oglala Sioux Tribe	Funds will allow the Oglala Sioux Tribe of the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota to keep four full-time bus drivers on staff and to hire five additional full-time drivers in order to expand its services to include a new route to Rapid City and offer additional hours and service to accommodate evening students who need transportation.	\$345,430
SD Total			\$1,095,430
TX	Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas	The Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas will use funds for transit planning purposes to help provide public transportation for tribal members to get to employment centers, medical facilities and to transport the elderly and handicapped. Currently, no public transit is available, hindering the tribe's ability to attract skilled workers and get current residents with jobs to their place of employment.	\$25,000
TX Total			\$25,000

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WA	Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe	The Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe will use funds to continue providing more frequent and enhanced weekday service to the tribal campus in Clallam County, Washington. Improved service between the tribal campus and the cities of Port Angeles and Sequim will enable the young, under- and unemployed, and elderly to have safe, reliable transportation to programs, activities and services the tribe can provide.	\$160,680
WA	Kalispel Tribe of Indians	Funds will allow the Kalispel Tribe of Indians to maintain and improve KALTRAN, the tribe's public transportation service for tribal members and the general public, by maintaining the current Route No. 2, reinstating Route No. 6 and implementing a training plan for KALTRAN staff and drivers.	\$134,014
WA	Lummi Nation	Lummi Nation will use funds to continue two routes, one on the Lummi Reservation and another to the City of Ferndale, Washington. These routes provide critical transportation needs for tribal members commuting to and from work, seeking employment and getting to essential destinations in and around the reservation.	\$300,000
WA	Nisqually Indian Tribe	The Nisqually Indian Tribe of Washington State will receive funding to undertake a planning study for a tribally operated transit system serving the Nisqually community members. The Nisqually Reservation currently receives limited service from area transit providers but rapid population growth and economic development in the tribal community have fueled the need for expanded transit services within the Nisqually Reservation.	\$25,000
WA	Nooksack Indian Tribe	The Nooksack Indian Tribe (NIT) of Washington State will receive funding for a Transit Planning Study. NIT currently operates several community-based transportation systems that do not adequately meet the mobility needs of the tribe. This study will produce a plan to consolidate the current systems into a single comprehensive system to better meet the tribe's transportation needs.	\$25,000

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WA	Quinault Indian Nation	The Quinault Indian Nation in Washington State will use operating funds to continue and improve service of "The Rez Racer," which fills transit service gaps between two local transit providers, Grays Harbor Transit and Jefferson Transit, and provides access to employment opportunities, government services, school, shopping and entertainment.	\$291,806
WA	Samish Indian Nation	The Samish Indian Nation of Washington State will conduct a planning study to evaluate the current transit deficiencies in the City of Anacortes for tribal members and propose ways that the tribe can work with Skagit Transit to enhance current services. While Skagit Transit currently provides service within the city of Anacortes, the routes do not extend to many tribal facilities, making travel between tribal facilities difficult.	\$25,000
WA	Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribe	Funds will enable the Sauk-Suiattle Tribal Nation of Washington State to conduct a transit planning study to chart a course for the development of a new tribally operated transit service. Currently the Sauk-Suiattle members face transportation challenges due to the lack of local transit options. A tribally operated transit service would enable Sauk-Suiattle members to access all areas of the reservation, as well as travel to Darrington, to connect with Community Transit.	\$25,000
WA	Skokomish Indian Tribe	Skokomish Indian Tribe of Washington State will use funds to enhance Mason Transit Authority Route #8 Monday through Saturday. Service would add hourly runs, providing tribal members greater access to school, employment and health services in communities near the reservation, including Shelton, Hoodspoint, Skokomish Valley and Lake Cushman.	\$73,400
WA	Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians	The Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians in Arlington, Washington, will use funds to plan for transit services to and from the tribe's rural employment center, which currently has no public transit service and has been identified as a potential area for future housing development.	\$25,000

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WA	The Tulalip Tribes of Washington	Funds will allow Tulalip Transit to maintain service within the exterior boundaries of the Tulalip Indian Reservation. Transit services connect housing primarily within non-urbanized areas with employment, services and shopping in urbanized and non-urbanized areas. Tulalip Transit expands the reach of transit out into areas of Tulalip that have never had transit service before, while providing connections to the area's regional transit provider, Community Transit.	\$247,060
WA Total			\$1,331,960
WI	Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin	The Menominee Indian Tribe in Wisconsin will use funds to continue and enhance local and regional transportation through services of one mobility manager, one mechanic and five full-time drivers. Funds will help to explore new and expanded transit partnerships, increase local and regional mobility options for tribal members and the general public, and lead to increased ridership through carefully managed demand-response routes.	\$475,000
WI	Stockbridge-Munsee Community	The Stockbridge-Munsee Community in Wisconsin will use funds to conduct a study to determine the feasibility and cost effectiveness of starting a tribal transit system for tribal members, two neighboring tribal communities and residents in other surrounding communities. The community currently offers medical transportation services to its members and is interested in expanding its transit service.	\$25,000
WI Total			\$500,000
Grand Total			\$15,075,000