

FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION

BUS PROGRAM LADDERS OF OPPORTUNITY INITIATIVE

Notice of Funding Availability for Bus and Bus Facilities Ladders of Opportunity Initiative



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U.S. Department of Transportation
Federal Transit Administration

Agenda

- Introductions
- Overview of Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA)
- Application Requirements and Forms
- Questions and Answers



Overview of NOFA – Key Dates

- Notice of Funding Availability published June 4, 2014
- Applications Due August 4, 2014
 - Application Package can be found at <u>www.grants.gov</u> by searching for keyword "LADDERS". Applicants must register on <u>www.grants.gov</u> <u>at least 2-4 weeks</u> <u>prior</u> to applying.



Program Purpose:

To fund public transportation projects that support the development of communities, providing effective and reliable transportation options that increase access to jobs, recreation, health and social services, entertainment, educational opportunities, and other activities of daily life, while also improving mobility within and among these communities.



Funding Availability

- Approximately \$100 million has been made available for bus and bus facilities projects that support the criteria laid out in the Ladders of Opportunity Initiative NOFA
- Projects will be selected on a competitive basis, consistent with the criteria outlined in the notice

Federal Share

- Projects selected under this NOFA are eligible for a maximum 80% Federal share, with a 20% non-Federal match.
- CAA and ADA eligible vehicles are eligible for a maximum 85% Federal/15% non-Federal match
- CAA and ADA eligible cost related to vehicle equipment or facilities are eligible for a 90% Federal/10% non-Federal match
- Bicycle access related project elements are eligible for a 90% Federal/10%
 non-Federal match

Eligible Applicants

- Section 5307 Urbanized Area Formula Program direct recipients, States, or Indian Tribes are eligible to submit proposals for this initiative.
- Rural areas must submit as part of a consolidated application
- Eligible subrecipients include public agencies, private nonprofit organizations, and private providers engaged in public transportation.



Eligible Expenses

- ☐ Purchase, replacement, or rehabilitation of buses and vans, bus related equipment
- ☐ Replacement, construction, expansion or rehabilitation of bus-related facilities
- Intermodal facilities [must have adjacent connectivity with bus service]
- Costs incidental to the acquisition of buses or construction of a facility

Ineligible Expenses

- Operating expenses
- Preventive maintenance
- Other expanded capital eligibility items such as security drills or the establishment of a debt service reserve
- Previous project expenses
- Mobility Management



Evaluation Criteria:

- 1. Supports Ladders of Opportunities Five Principles
- Demonstration of Need
- 3. Planning and Local/Regional Prioritization
- 4. Project Readiness
- 5. Technical, Legal & Financial Capacity



Application Requirements

NOFA: http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-06-04/pdf/2014-12925.pdf

Application Information:

http://www.fta.dot.gov/grants/13077_16008.html

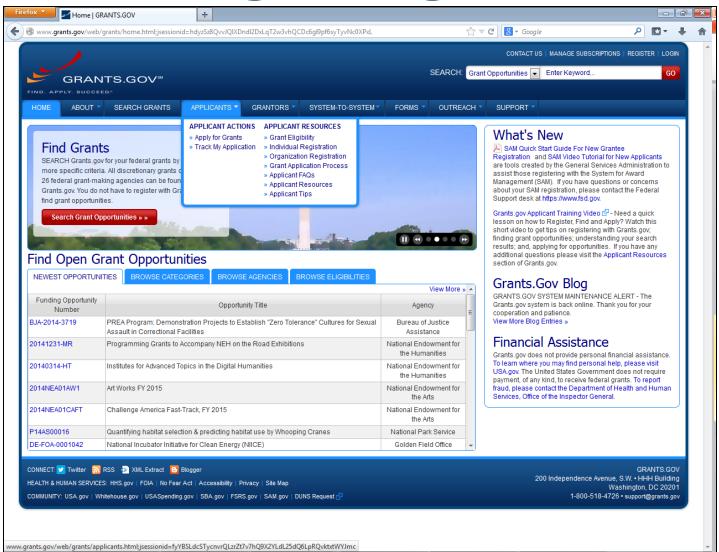
Completed applications must include:

- 1. SF-424 Application for Federal Assistance (from Grants.gov)
- Bus Ladders of Opportunity Initiative Supplemental Form (from Grants.gov or FTA website)
- 3. Supporting Documentation

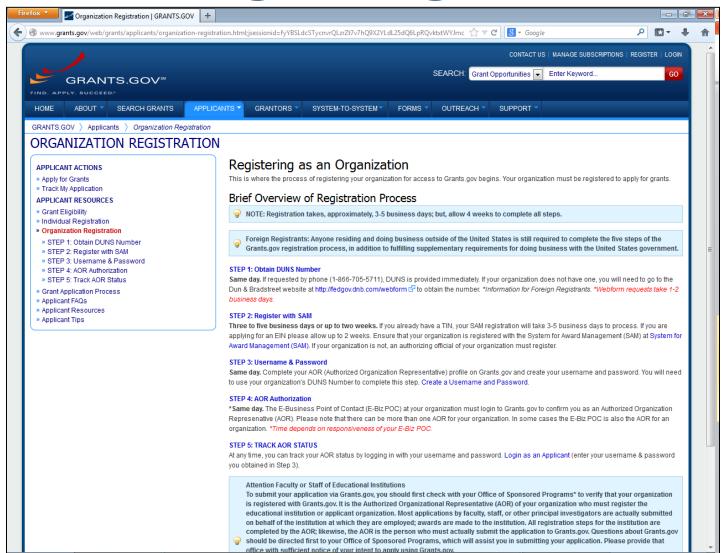
Application must be submitted through grants.gov by 11:59 PM EDT on August 4, 2014. Late applications may not be accepted.

Contact FTA with any questions about the NOFA or Application Process.

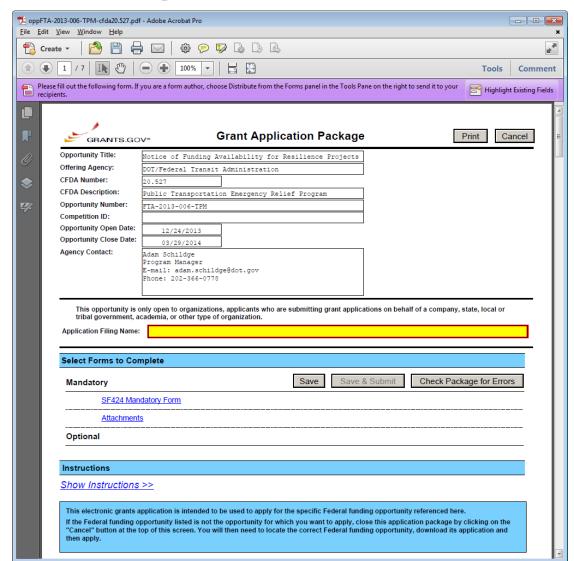
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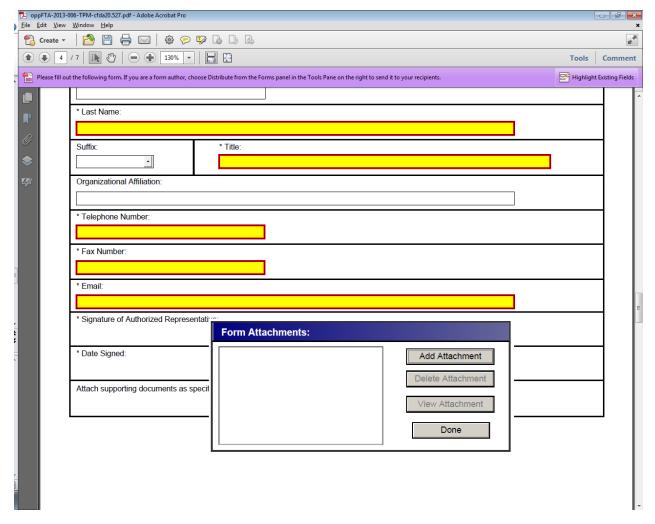


SF-424 Form



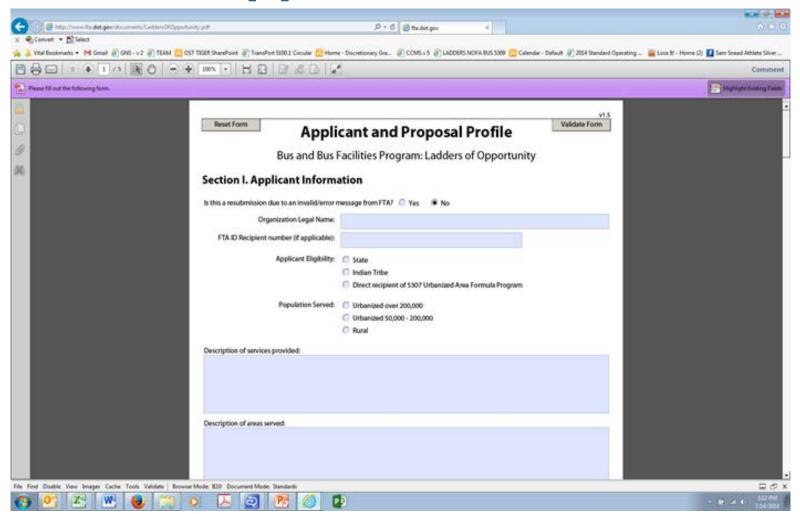


SF-424 Form





Supplemental Form





Questions and Answers



Thank you!

- For further application-specific information and other assistance needed in preparing a complete proposal, contact the appropriate FTA Regional Office found at www.fta.dot.gov.
- For program-specific questions about applying for the funds as outlined in this notice, please contact **Samuel Snead**, Office of Program Management, 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE., Washington, DC 20590, phone: (202) 366–1089, or email, <u>Samuel.Snead@dot.gov</u>.
- For legal questions, **Michelle Hershman**, Office of Chief Counsel, same address, phone: (202) 366–4011, or email, Michelle.Hershman@dot.gov.

