



U.S. Department of Transportation
Federal Transit Administration



FACT SHEET:
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND STANDARDS DEVELOPMENT
SECTION 5314

	FY 2013 (in millions)	FY 2014 (in millions)
Technical Assistance and Standards Development	\$7.0	\$7.0

Purpose

To provide technical assistance to the public transportation industry and to sponsor the development of voluntary and consensus-based standards to more effectively and efficiently provide transit service, as well as support the improved administration of federal transit funds.

Statutory References

49 U.S.C. Section 5314 / MAP-21 Section 20012

Eligible Recipients

Federal government agencies, state DOTs, public transportation agencies, nonprofit and for-profit entities.

Funding

Grants require a 20 percent non-federal share (non-federal share may be in-kind)

What's New?

- New section dedicated to carrying out technical assistance and the development of voluntary and consensus-based standards.
- Authority is granted for a broad range of activities, including:
 - Technical assistance to support compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), human services transportation coordination requirements, transportation needs of elderly individuals, increased transit ridership, transportation equity needs, and any other technical assistance activities deemed necessary by FTA.
 - The development of voluntary and consensus-based standards and best practices by public transportation industry experts, including standards and best practices for safety, fare collection, Intelligent Transportation Systems, accessibility, procurement, security, asset management to maintain a state of good repair, operations, maintenance, vehicle propulsion, communications, and vehicle electronics.
- Requires FTA to provide an annual report to Congress, including a description of each project that received funding under this section, an evaluation of the activities carried out by each organization that received assistance, and a proposal for allocation of funds for the following fiscal year.

