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## **REGION 10 BULLETIN NO: 2012-49**

**Subject:** Solicitation of Project Proposals for Paul S. Sarbanes Transit in Parks Program

**Program Area:** Transit in Parks

**Date:** August 28, 2012

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) announces the availability of approximately \$12 million in Paul S. Sarbanes Transit in Parks Program (Transit in Parks Program) discretionary funds in Fiscal Year (FY) 2012. FTA announced the allocation of \$13.5 million in FY 2012 Transit in Parks Program funds in the Federal Register on February 3, 2012.

This notice solicits proposals to compete for program funds that have been appropriated since that date and may include additional funds made available after this notice is published. The Transit in Parks Program was established by Section 3021 of SAFETEA-LU, as amended (49 U.S.C. 5320), and was repealed, effective October 1, 2012, by the most recent transportation authorization, Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21). This announcement solicits proposals for the final allocation of program funding, as defined above.

The program is administered by FTA in partnership with the Department of the Interior and the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Forest Service. The Transit in Parks Program funds capital and planning expenses for alternative transportation systems such as buses, trams and non-motorized trails in federally managed parks and public lands. Federal land management agencies, as well as State, tribal and local governments, acting with the consent of a Federal land management agency, are eligible to apply. Department of Interior, after consultation with and in cooperation with FTA, will determine the final selection and funding of projects. Geographic diversity will be considered when allocating funds.

The full Federal Register (FR) notice is available at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2012-08-28/pdf/2012-21220.pdf>. FTA will announce final selections on the web site and in the FR. A synopsis of this funding opportunity will be posted in the FIND module of the government-wide electronic grants web site at <http://www.grants.gov>.

**Complete proposals must be received by 11:59 p.m. EDT on Friday, September 28, 2012.**

Project proposals originating from State, Tribal or local government entities must be submitted electronically through the GRANTS.GOV Web site. Project proposals originating from units of Federal land management agencies must be submitted directly to their agency points of contact,

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as listed at the end of this notice, or to specific regional agency coordinators as directed by each agency. Federal land management agency units may propose projects in cooperation with other eligible funding recipients, including projects where an eligible partner is the intended funding recipient. Applicants required to use GRANTS.GOV must be properly registered prior to submitting an application, and should initiate the process of registering on the GRANTS.GOV site immediately to ensure completion of registration before the deadline for submission. GRANTS.GOV applicants should receive two confirmation emails.

The first will confirm that the application was received and a subsequent email will be sent within 24–48 hours indicating whether the application was validated or rejected by the system. If interested parties experience difficulties at any point during the registration or application process, please call the GRANTS.GOV Customer Support Hotline at 1–800–518–4726, Monday-Friday from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. EST. The required electronic project proposal template as well as guidance on completing a proposal can be found on GRANTS.GOV or on the program Web site at <http://www.fta.dot.gov/transitinparks>.

For general information contact Adam Schildge, Paul S. Sarbanes Transit in Parks Program, at 202-366-0778, or email [adam.schildge@dot.gov](mailto:adam.schildge@dot.gov). A TDD is available at 1-800-877-8339 (TDD/FIRS). For technical assistance or general inquiries regarding alternative transportation in federal lands, contact the Transit in Parks Technical Assistance Center at <http://www.triptac.org>, 877-704-5292, or email [helpdesk@triptac.org](mailto:helpdesk@triptac.org).

For further information, contact Region 10's Bill Ramos at 206-220-4319 or email [bill.amos@dot.gov](mailto:bill.amos@dot.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R.F. Krochalis". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "R".

R.F. Krochalis  
Regional Administrator