

Tribal Transit Competitive Program June 12, 2019

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Guidance

Agenda

- History of TTP
- Program Purpose
- Eligible Applicants
- Eligible Projects



- Cost Sharing and Matching
- Evaluation Criteria
- Proposal Content/Supplemental Form

Federal Register Notice

• FTA published a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) on May 10, 2019.

• Applications are due July 9, 2019 at 11:59 PM EST!



FTA Tribal Transit Program

- Objective
 - Provide direct funding to federally recognized Indian tribes in order to provide public transportation service on and around Indian reservations or tribal land in rural areas
- Eligible Recipients
 - Federally recognized Indian tribes
 - Alaska native villages, groups or communities as identified by the US Department of Interior

History of FTA Tribal Transit Program

- The TTP Program is part of the Formula Grants for Rural Areas, Section 5311 Chapter 53, Title 49 U.S. Code TTP.
- The TTP was created in 2006 and funded at \$15M from 2006-2012.
- From 2013-2015, a formula program was funded at \$25M and a discretionary program at \$5M.

Current Tribal Transit Program

- The Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act) (FY 2016-2020) continued the Tribal Transit Program and increased the amount made available under the formula program
 - Formula Program: \$30 Million per year
 - Discretionary Program: \$5 Million per year
 - TTP now totals \$35 Million per year

Eligible Applicants

• Eligible applicants

 Federally recognized Indian tribes or Alaska Native villages, groups, or communities as identified by the US Dept. of Interior in rural areas with a population of less than 50,000

• Available Funding

- Approximately \$5 million in FY 2019 funds
- FTA may choose to fund the program for more or less than the announcement amount

• Funding Timeframe

Funds are available the year allocated plus two years (total of three years)

Eligible Projects

	Eligible Projects	Eligible Federal Share	Funding Availability
	 • Planning ✓ \$25,000 cap 	100%	
TTP Discretionary Funds	 Capital ✓ New Services ✓ Replacement (bus, equip, facility) ✓ Expansion (bus, equip, facility) 	90% *	3 years (Year of
	 Operating ✓ Tribes receiving <\$20,000 inTTP formula funds in a single fiscal year ✓ Or no existing transit service 	90% *	Allocation + 2)

Denotes exception can be made for financial hardship cases.

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Eligible Capital Projects

• Capital Projects include but not limited to:

- Purchase of expansion or replacement buses/vans
- Bus related equipment (ITS, fare equipment, & communication devices)
- Construction and rehabilitation of facilities (bus maintenance and administrative facilities)
- Mobility Management
- Wheelchair lifts and restraints
- Passenger shelters and bus stop signs
- Technology Operational support such as computer hardware or software

Operating Assistance Projects

- Operating Assistance is defined as costs directly related to the service operations and at a minimum include:
 - Fuel
 - Oil
 - Drivers' and Dispatchers salaries and fringe benefits
 - Licenses
- Service agreements with private providers of public transportation services



Planning Grant Projects

- Applicants should describe the need for and a general scope of the proposed study
- There is a \$25,000 cap on planning grant awards
- Eligible federal share: 100%



Match & Financial Commitment

- Eligible Federal Share: 90%
 - Exception for financial hardship cases
 - Waiver must be requested in application
- FTA is interested in Tribes' financial commitment to proposed project
 - Include a description of the Tribe's financial commitment to the proposed project in the proposal
- Indian tribes applying for capital replacement or expansion needs must demonstrate a sustainable source of operating funds for existing/expansion services

Evaluation Criteria

- I. Evaluation Criteria for Operating and Capital Assistance Requests
- 2. Evaluation Criteria for Planning Grants



Areas of Focus

- Describe how your proposed project:
 - Enhances access to work, educational, and other training opportunities;
 - Supports partnerships that expand access to other governmental, health, medical, education, social, human service; and

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- Improves coordinated delivery of services.



Evaluation Criteria for Operating and Capital (O/C) Assistance Requests

- 5 Major categories:
- Planning & Local Prioritization
- Project Readiness
- Demonstration of Need
- Demonstration of Benefits
- Financial Commitment and Operating Capacity



Evaluation Criteria O/C - Planning and Local/Regional Prioritization

- Describe the planning document and/or the planning process conducted to identify the proposed project
- Provide a detailed project description
- Identify existing transportation services in and near the proposed or existing service area
 - Document in detail whether project will provide coordination opportunities



Planning and Local/Regional Prioritization (Cont.)

- Discuss level of support by community and/or tribal government.
- Describe how mobility and client access needs of tribal human service agencies were considered.
- Describe what opportunities for public participation were provided and how proposed/existing service has been coordinated with
 - Human Service Agencies
 - Intercity Bus Transportation Providers
 - other rural public transit providers

Planning and Local/Regional Prioritization (Cont.)

- Describe how the proposed/existing service complements rather than duplicates any currently available service
- Describe any other planning or coordination efforts not mentioned above



Evaluation Criteria O/C – Project Readiness

- Project is a <u>Categorical Exclusion (CE)</u> or the required environmental analysis has been initiated or completed
- Project implementation plans are complete, including initial design of facilities projects
- Project funds can be obligated and the project can be implemented quickly, if selected
- Demonstrate the ability to carry out the proposed project successfully
- Describe the implementation schedule for the project

Evaluation Criteria O/C – Demonstration of Need

- Demonstrate the transit needs of the tribe/discuss how the proposed transit improvements or new service will address identified transit needs
- Include information such as
 - Destinations and services not currently accessible by transit
 - Needs for access to jobs or health care, special needs of seniors and individuals with disabilities, income-based community, and those with any other mobility requirement
- Describe how current or growing demand for the service necessitates the expansion/degree of how the current project is addressing current capacity constraint

Evaluation Criteria O/C – Demonstration of Need (Cont.)

- Capital replacement requests should include how the replacement may be necessary to maintain transit system in state of good repair
 - Age of asset
 - Condition of asset
 - Performance of asset
- If an applicant received a planning grant in previous fiscal years, it should indicate the status of the planning study and how the proposed project relates to that study

Evaluation Criteria O/C – Demonstration of Benefits

- Identify expected or achieved project benefits
 - Existing Services
 - Increased or sustained ridership & daily trips
 - Improved service, operations, & coordination
 - Provide actual number of individual riders & trips
 - Improve the quality of life for tribe /surrounding communities
 - Start-up Projects
 - Estimate number of daily one-way trips
 - Other less quantifiable benefits to the tribe and surrounding community

Evaluation Criteria O/C - Financial Commitment & Operating Capacity

- Identify source of local match
 - If requesting waiver based on financial hardship, submit budget and sources of other revenue.
 - Demonstrate financial hardship
- Identify sustainable funding plan
 - Demonstrate how tribe plans to maintain operations once project is funded
 - Annual operating budget

Financial Commitment and Operating Capacity (Cont.)

- Identify other funding sources used to support service
 - Humans service transportation funding
 - Tribal Transportation Program funds (FHWA)
 - Bureau of Indian Affairs funds
 - Other FTA Programs (Section 5311, 5310, 5339)
 - In-kind contributions
 - Commitment of support from local businesses
 - Donations of land or equipment
 - Tribal or community support



Financial Commitment and Operating Capacity (Cont.)

- Demonstrate how TTP funding will not replace existing funding sources
- Demonstrate that the tribe will provide nonfinancial support to project
- Demonstrate a sustainable funding plan
- Explain how project funds are used in coordination with other services for efficient utilization of funds

Evaluation Criteria for Planning Grants

- Proposals should address two key issues:
 - 1. The tribes' long term commitment to transit
 - 2. How the proposed study will be implemented and/or advance Tribal Transit

Requirements under TTP

- Common Grant Rule (49 CFR part 18);
- Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964;
- Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973;
- Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990;
- Drug and Alcohol Testing Requirements (49 CFR part 655);
- National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA);

Requirements under TTP

- Charter Service and School Bus Transportation Requirements in (49 CFR parts 604 and 605);
- NTD Reporting Requirement (49 U.S.C. 5335);
- Bus Testing (49 CFR part 665);
- Labor Protection requirement from the U.S.
 Department of Labor (DOL); and
- Buy America Requirements

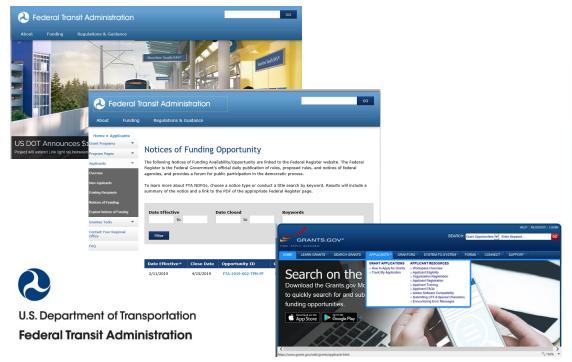
Important Documents

- <u>Tribal Transit Program NOFO Published</u>
 <u>May 10, 2019</u>
- FY 2019 Tribal Transit Program Grants.Gov
- FY 2019 Tribal Transit Formula Allocations-Table 10
- TTP Webpage

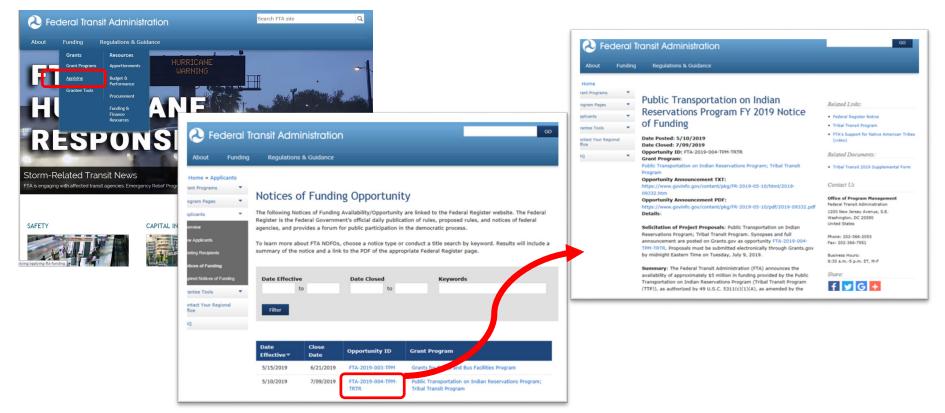


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FTA NOFO Page contains:

- Summary Description
 - Application requirements
 - Eligibility
- Supplemental Form
- Links to Grants.gov
- Links to Program Information
- Other references and links

Link and Instructions for attaching the supplemental form to the SF-424: All applicants must complete the attached supplemental form and attach it to their submission in GRANTS.GOV.

https://www.transit.dot.gov/funding/grants/notices

FTA NOFO provides hyperlinks to Grants.gov opportunity notice, related documents, and application package.

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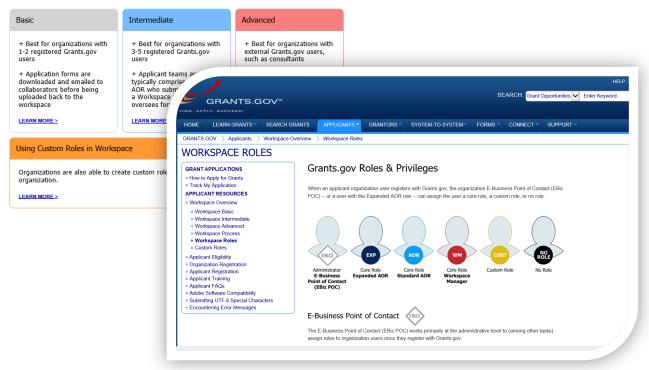
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