

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Transit Administration (FTA), DOT.

Fiscal Year 2018 Low or No Emission Grant Program Project Selections

AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration

ACTION: Low or No Emission Grants Program Announcement of Project Selections and Implementation Guidance

DATE OF APPROVAL: October 12, 2018

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) Federal Transit Administration (FTA) announces the selection of projects with Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 appropriations for the Low or No Emission Grants Program (Low-No Program) and provides administrative guidance on project implementation.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Successful applicants should contact the appropriate FTA Regional Office for information regarding applying for the funds or program-specific information. A list of Regional Offices can be found at www.fta.dot.gov. Unsuccessful applicants may contact Tara Clark, Office of Program Management at (202) 366-2623, email: Tara.Clark@dot.gov, to arrange a proposal debriefing within 30 days of this announcement. A TDD is available at 1-800-877-8339 (TDD/FIRS).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This program is authorized by Section 5339(c) of Title 49, United States Code. Federal transit law authorized \$55 million for competitive allocations in FY 2018. The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018 authorized an additional \$29.45 million for the Low-No Program for FY 2018 for a total authorization of \$84.45 million. On April 25, 2018, FTA published a Notice of Funding

Opportunity (NOFO) (83 FR 18120) announcing the availability of \$84.45 million in competitive funding under the Low-No Program. These program funds will provide financial assistance to purchase or lease low or no emission vehicles that use advanced technologies, including related equipment or facilities, for transit revenue operations. In response to the NOFO, FTA received 149 eligible proposals from 42 states requesting \$557 million in Federal funds. Project proposals were evaluated based on each applicant's responsiveness to the program evaluation criteria outlined in the NOFO. FTA is funding 52 projects as shown in Table 1 for a total of \$84.45 million.

Recipients selected for competitive funding should work with their FTA Regional Office to submit a grant application in FTA's Transit Award Management System (TrAMs) for the projects identified in the attached table to quickly obligate funds. Grant applications must only include eligible activities applied for in the original project application. Funds must be used consistent with the competitive proposal and for the eligible capital purposes established in the NOFO and described in the FTA Circular 5100.1.

In cases where the allocation amount is less than the proposer's total requested amount, recipients are required to fund the scalable project option as described the application. If the award amount does not correspond to the scalable option, for example due to a cap on the award amount, the recipient should work with the Regional Office to reduce scope or scale the project such that a complete phase or project is accomplished. Recipients are reminded that program requirements such as cost sharing or local match can be found in the NOFO.

A discretionary project identification number has been assigned to each project for tracking purposes and must be used in the TrAMs application. Selected projects are eligible to incur costs under pre-award authority no earlier than the date projects were publicly announced, August 24, 2018. Pre-award authority does not guarantee that project expenses incurred prior to the award of a grant will be eligible for reimbursement, as eligibility for reimbursement is contingent upon other requirements, such as planning and environmental requirements, having been met. For more about FTA's policy on pre-award authority, please see the **FTA Fiscal Year 2018 Apportionments, Allocations, and Program Information and Interim Guidance found in 83 FR 33018 July 16, 2018**). Post-award reporting requirements include submission of the Federal Financial Report and Milestone Progress Reports in TrAMs as appropriate (see FTA.C.5010.1). Recipients must comply with all applicable Federal statutes, regulations, executive orders, FTA circulars, and other Federal requirements in carrying out the project supported by the FTA grant. Selected projects that include partnerships have satisfied the competitive procurement requirement through the competitive selection process. FTA emphasizes that all other recipients must follow all third-party procurement guidance as authorized by 49 U.S.C. 5325(a) and described in **FTA.C.4220.1**. Funds are available for a period of 3 years. Accordingly, funds allocated in this announcement must be obligated in a grant by **September 30, 2021**.

TABLE 1
FY 18 LOW OR NO EMISSION PROJECT SELECTIONS

State	Recipient	Project ID	Project Description	Allocation
AK	Alaska DOT	D2018-LWNO-001	Purchase battery-electric buses, associated charging infrastructure and a back-up generator.	\$1,500,000
AL	Birmingham-Jefferson County Transit Authority	D2018-LWNO-002	Purchase battery-electric buses and a charging station.	\$1,500,000
CA	California DOT	D2018-LWNO-003	Purchase battery-electric buses and install electrical infrastructure and charging stations.	\$2,290,000
CO	Colorado DOT	D2018-LWNO-004	Purchase battery-electric buses and supporting infrastructure.	\$403,266
CO	Colorado DOT	D2018-LWNO-005	Purchase battery-electric buses and charging stations.	\$1,300,000
CO	Colorado DOT	D2018-LWNO-006	Purchase battery-electric buses and charging stations.	\$1,000,000
CO	Colorado DOT	D2018-LWNO-007	Purchase battery-electric buses and charging stations.	\$1,200,000

FL	Broward County Transit	D2018-LWNO-008	Purchase battery-electric buses and install solar power infrastructure.	\$2,225,000
FL	City of Gainesville	D2018-LWNO-009	Purchase battery-electric buses and charging stations.	\$1,000,000
FL	Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority	D2018-LWNO-010	Purchase battery-electric buses and on-route charging equipment.	\$1,000,000
GA	Chatham Area Transit Authority	D2018-LWNO-011	Purchase battery-electric buses and depot chargers.	\$1,500,000
HI	Hawaii DOT	D2018-LWNO-012	Purchase battery-electric buses and charging stations.	\$1,500,000
ID	Transportation, Idaho Department of	D2018-LWNO-013	Purchase battery-electric buses and charging infrastructure.	\$1,500,000
IL	Chicago Transit Authority	D2018-LWNO-014	Purchase battery-electric buses and on-route chargers.	\$2,290,000
IN	Indianapolis Public Transportation Corporation	D2018-LWNO-015	Purchase solar power infrastructure to support charging battery-electric buses.	\$980,000
KS	City of Wichita	D2018-LWNO-016	Purchase battery-electric buses, depot chargers and make related infrastructure improvements.	\$2,290,000
KY	Transit Authority of Lexington (Lextran)	D2018-LWNO-017	Purchase battery-electric buses.	\$2,290,000

LA	City of Shreveport	D2018-LWNO-018	Purchase battery-electric buses.	\$1,500,000
MA	Massachusetts DOT	D2018-LWNO-019	Purchase charging infrastructure to support battery-electric buses.	\$1,750,000
MD	Maryland Transit Administration	D2018-LWNO-020	Purchase battery-electric buses.	\$1,500,000
ME	Maine DOT	D2018-LWNO-021	Purchase battery-electric buses, chargers and related training activities.	\$2,290,000
MI	Blue Water Area Transportation Commission	D2018-LWNO-022	Purchase battery-electric buses and chargers.	\$1,500,000
MN	City of Rochester	D2018-LWNO-023	Purchase battery-electric buses and charging infrastructure.	\$2,290,000
MO	Bi-State Development Agency	D2018-LWNO-024	Purchase battery-electric buses and infrastructure	\$1,500,000
MS	Jackson, City of	D2018-LWNO-025	Purchase hybrid diesel-electric buses.	\$1,500,000
MT	University of Montana	D2018-LWNO-026	Purchase battery-electric buses.	\$1,500,000

NC	City of Greensboro	D2018-LWNO-027	Purchase battery-electric buses and charging stations.	\$1,900,000
NC	Research Triangle Regional Public Transportation Authority	D2018-LWNO-028	Purchase battery-electric buses.	\$943,000
NC	Town of Chapel Hill	D2018-LWNO-029	Purchase battery-electric buses.	\$1,382,000
NH	City of Nashua, Nashua Transit System	D2018-LWNO-030	Purchase hybrid-electric buses.	\$1,105,000
NJ	New Jersey Transit Corporation	D2018-LWNO-031	Purchase battery-electric buses.	\$1,500,000
NM	New Mexico DOT	D2018-LWNO-032	Purchase battery-electric buses and charging systems.	\$1,485,000
NV	Tahoe Transportation District	D2018-LWNO-033	Purchase charging infrastructure, facility improvements, and conduct staff training.	\$1,500,000
NY	Tompkins County, NY	D2018-LWNO-034	Purchase battery-electric buses.	\$2,290,000
OH	Laketran	D2018-LWNO-035	Purchase battery-electric buses and charging systems.	\$2,290,000
OK	Cherokee Nation	D2018-LWNO-036	Purchase battery-electric buses and chargers.	\$1,318,600

OR	Tri-County Metropolitan Transportation District of Oregon	D2018-LWNO-037	Purchase electric buses and charging equipment.	\$2,290,000
PA	Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority	D2018-LWNO-038	Purchase electric buses and charging equipment.	\$1,500,000
RI	Rhode Island Public Transit Authority	D2018-LWNO-039	Purchase battery-electric buses, charging equipment, and conduct staff training.	\$1,500,000
SC	Berkeley-Charleston-Dorchester Council of Governments	D2018-LWNO-040	Purchase battery-electric buses.	\$1,500,000
TN	Chattanooga Regional Transportation Authority (CARTA)	D2018-LWNO-041	Purchase battery-electric coaches.	\$1,500,000
TX	City of Port Arthur	D2018-LWNO-042	Purchase battery-electric buses, charging equipment and conduct staff training.	\$2,225,000
TX	VIA Metropolitan Transit	D2018-LWNO-043	Purchase battery-electric buses.	\$2,000,000
UT	Utah DOT	D2018-LWNO-044	Purchase battery-electric buses and chargers.	\$2,290,000
VA	Transportation District Commission of Hampton Roads	D2018-LWNO-045	Purchase battery-electric buses, chargers and facility improvements.	\$2,290,000

VT	Vermont Agency of Transportation	D2018-LWNO-046	Purchase battery-electric minibuses.	\$407,064
WA	Washington DOT	D2018-LWNO-047	Purchase battery-electric buses and chargers.	\$1,330,060
WA	Whatcom Transportation Authority	D2018-LWNO-048	Purchase battery-electric buses and charging facilities.	\$2,290,000
WI	City of La Crosse	D2018-LWNO-049	Purchase battery-electric buses and charging equipment.	\$1,250,000
WI	Wisconsin DOT	D2018-LWNO-050	Purchase battery-electric buses and charging infrastructure.	\$1,475,000
WI	Wisconsin DOT	D2018-LWNO-051	Purchase battery-electric buses, charging infrastructure and electrical upgrades.	\$1,500,000
WY	Wyoming DOT	D2018-LWNO-052	Purchase battery-electric vehicles and charging stations.	\$2,290,000

Total:
\$84,448,990