**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Federal Transit Administration (FTA), DOT.**

**Fiscal Year 2019 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**

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**DATE OF APPROVAL:** July 26, 2019

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Transportation’s (DOT) Federal Transit Administration (FTA) announces the selection of projects with Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 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](http://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:** The Low or No Emissions Grant Program (49 U.S.C. § 5339(c)) authorizes FTA to make competitive grants for low or no emissions buses and bus facilities. Federal public transportation law (49 U.S.C. § 5338) authorizes $55 million for allocations in FY 2019. The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2019 (P.L. 116-6) appropriated an additional $30 million for the Low-No Program for FY 2019 for a total appropriation of $85 million. On March 18, 2019, FTA published a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) (84 FR 10563) announcing the availability of $85 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 155 eligible proposals from 38 states and the District of Columbia requesting $498 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 38 projects as shown in Table 1 for a total of $85 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 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 on July 26, 2019. 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 2019 Apportionments, Allocations, and Program Information and Interim Guidance (84 *FR* 31984, July 3, 2019).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 requirements as authorized by Federal public transportation law (49 U.S.C. § 5325(a)) and described in the FTA Third Party Contracting Guidance Circular (FTA Circular 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, 2022**.

**TABLE 1**

**FY 19 LOW OR NO EMISSION PROJECT SELECTIONS**

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| **State** | **Recipient** | **Project ID** | **Project Description** | **Allocation** |
| AK | City and Borough of Juneau, Capital Transit | D2019-LWNO-001 | Purchase battery-electric buses, associated charging infrastructure and a back-up generator. | $2,600,000 |
| AL | Alabama A&M University  | D2019-LWNO-002 | Purchase battery-electric buses and associated infrastructure. | $1,700,000 |
| AZ | City of Tucson | D2019-LWNO-003 | Purchase battery-electric buses and charging stations. | $2,600,000 |
| CA | Southern California Association of Governments | D2019-LWNO-004 | Purchase battery-electric buses and supporting infrastructure. | $2,000,000 |
| CO | Regional Transportation District | D2019-LWNO-005 | Purchase battery-electric buses and charging stations. | $2,600,000 |
| DC | District Department of Transportation | D2019-LWNO-006 | Purchase battery-electric buses and charging stations. | $2,600,000 |
| DE | Delaware Transit Corporation | D2019-LWNO-007 | Purchase battery-electric buses and supporting infrastructure. | $2,600,000 |
| FL | Central Florida Regional Transportation Authority d/b/a LYNX | D2019-LWNO-008 | Purchase battery-electric buses and supporting infrastructure. | $1,961,233 |
| GA | Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA) | D2019-LWNO-009 | Purchase battery-electric buses and charging stations. | $2,600,000 |
| IA | Ames Transit Agency dba CyRide | D2019-LWNO-010 | Purchase battery-electric buses and charging stations. | $1,660,180 |
| ID | Valley Regional Transit | D2019-LWNO-011 | Purchase battery-electric buses and charging stations. | $3,000,000 |
| IL | Greater Peoria Mass Transit District | D2019-LWNO-012 | Purchase battery-electric buses and charging stations. | $2,320,000 |
| IN | Bloomington Public Transportation Corporation | D2019-LWNO-013 | Purchase a battery-electric bus and charging station. | $284,759 |
| KS | Topeka Metropolitan Transit Authority | D2019-LWNO-014 | Purchase battery-electric buses and charging stations. | $1,737,825 |
| KY | Transit Authority of the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government (Lextran) | D2019-LWNO-015 | Purchase battery-electric buses and construct a covered storage area. | $2,200,000 |
| LA | Capital Area Transit System | D2019-LWNO-016 | Purchase battery-electric buses. | $2,500,000 |
| MA | Massachusetts Department of Transportation | D2019-LWNO-017 | Purchase battery-electric buses and install charging infrastructure. | $2,200,000 |
| MD | Prince Georges County Maryland | D2019-LWNO-018 | Purchase battery-electric buses and charging stations. | $2,200,000 |
| MI | Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation | D2019-LWNO-019 | Purchase battery-electric buses and charging stations. | $2,600,000 |
| MN | Metro Transit | D2019-LWNO-020 | Purchase indoor overhead quick chargers and supporting infrastructure. | $2,500,000 |
| MO | City Utilities of Springfield, Missouri | D2019-LWNO-021 | Purchase battery-electric buses, chargers and related training activities. | $1,496,329 |
| MS | MS Coast Transportation Authority DBA Coast Transit Authority | D2019-LWNO-022 | Purchase one battery-electric bus. | $744,000 |
| NC | City of Raleigh | D2019-LWNO-023 | Purchase battery-electric buses and charging infrastructure. | $1,650,000 |
| NE | City of Lincoln, Nebraska | D2019-LWNO-024 | Purchase battery-electric buses and infrastructure | $2,647,671 |
| NM | City of Albuquerque | D2019-LWNO-025 | Purchase battery-electric buses and depot chargers. | $2,786,875 |
| NV | Tahoe Transportation District | D2019-LWNO-026 | Purchase battery-electric buses and overhead charger. | $2,125,000 |
| NY | Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority | D2019-LWNO-027 | Purchase infrastructure to support battery-electric buses. | $2,500,000 |
| OH | Central Ohio Transit Authority | D2019-LWNO-028 | Purchase battery-electric buses. | $2,600,000 |
| OK | Metropolitan Tulsa Transit Authority | D2019-LWNO-029 | Purchase battery-electric buses and depot chargers. | $2,991,000 |
| OR | Tri-County Metropolitan Transportation District of Oregon  | D2019-LWNO-030 | Purchase battery-electric buses. | $2,088,579 |
| PA | Port Authority of Allegheny County | D2019-LWNO-031 | Purchase battery-electric buses, supporting infrastructure and workforce development. | $1,912,000 |
| SC | City of Rock Hill | D2019-LWNO-032 | Purchase battery-electric buses and supporting infrastructure.  | $2,245,935 |
| TN | Chattanooga Area Regional Transportation Authority  | D2019-LWNO-033 | Purchase battery-electric buses. | $2,200,000 |
| TX | Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority | D2019-LWNO-034 | Purchase battery-electric buses. | $2,600,000 |
| UT | City of St George - SunTran | D2019-LWNO-035 | Purchase battery-electric buses and charging systems. | $3,000,000 |
| VT | Vermont Agency of Transportation (VTrans) | D2019-LWNO-036 | Purchase battery-electric buses, chargers, and facility upgrades. | $3,000,000 |
| WA | King County Metro Transit | D2019-LWNO-037 | Purchase battery-electric buses. | $2,200,000 |
| WI | Milwaukee County | D2019-LWNO-038 | Purchase electric buses. | $1,700,000 |

Total: $84,951,386