

FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION

Low or No Emission Grant Program Webinar



May 10, 2018

Agenda

- Program Overview
- Evaluation Criteria
- Application Requirements and Forms
- Questions





Program Description

The Low-No Program (5339(c)) provides funding for the purchase or lease of zero-emission and low-emission transit buses as well as for the acquisition, construction or leasing of supporting facilities and equipment. To date, \$110 million has been awarded for projects across the country.

The Low-No Program is unique in its support of the deployment of advanced technology vehicles.





2017 Low-No Competition

Quick Facts

- 128 project proposals from 40 states.
- Total of \$515 million requested.
- 51 projects funded for a total of \$55 million.
- List of funded projects on the FTA website.
 - https://www.transit.dot.gov/funding/grants/fiscal-year-2017-lowor-no-emission-low-no-bus-program-projects
- Since 2016, FTA has processed over 200 applications requesting approximately \$1 million in Low-No funding.



2018 Low-No Competition

- Notice of Funding Opportunity: April 23, 2018
- Applications Due: June 18, 2018
 - Application Package can be found at <u>www.grants.gov</u> by searching for keyword "Low or No Emission" or "Low-No."
 Applicants must register on <u>www.grants.gov</u> <u>at least 2-4 weeks</u> <u>prior</u> to applying.
- Project Evaluations: June July 2018
- Award Announcement: Late Summer 2018



Award Information

Funding Availability

- \$84 million is available for fiscal year 2018.
- Projects will be selected on a competitive basis, consistent with the criteria outlined in the notice.
- Funds are available for obligation until September 30, 2021.
- Pre-award authority starts on the date of project announcement.



Eligible Applicants

- Designated Recipients, States, local governmental authorities or federally recognized Indian Tribes are eligible.
- Rural areas must submit as part of a consolidated State application.
- Applicants may include a partner in the application.
 - The competitive selection process satisfies the requirement for a competitive procurement for the partners named in the application.

NOFO Section C. Eligibility Information, subsection 1. Eligible Applicants



Cost Sharing or Matching

- Vehicles: Maximum 85% Federal/15% non-Federal match.
- Low or no emission bus related equipment or facilities: Maximum 90% Federal/10% non-Federal match.
- Eligible sources of local match are listed in the NOFO.

NOFO Section C. Eligibility Information, subsection 2. Cost Sharing or Matching



Eligible Projects

- Purchase or lease of low or no emission buses
- Constructing or leasing facilities and related equipment for low or no emission buses
- Rehabilitating or improving existing facilities to accommodate low or no emission buses
- Workforce development

NOFO Section C. Eligibility Information, subsection 3. Eligible Projects





Eligible Projects

- Projects are not required to be in an air quality non-attainment area.
- Vehicles must make greater reductions in energy consumption and harmful emissions, including direct carbon emissions, than comparable standard buses or other low or no emission buses.
- Projects must be part of the long-term integrated fleet management plan.
- Bus testing must be completed prior to disbursement of FTA funds.
- Vehicles must be purchased from certified transit vehicle manufacturers in accordance with the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) regulations.
- All capital procurements must meet FTA's Buy America requirements.

FTA

NOFO Section F. Federal Award Administration, subsection 2. Administrative and National Policy Requirements

Definition of Low or No Emission Bus

A low or no-emission bus is defined as a passenger vehicle used to provide public transportation that significantly reduces energy consumption, air pollution, or direct carbon emissions, when compared to a standard vehicle.

This includes zero-emission transit buses, which are defined as buses that produce no direct carbon emissions and no particulate matter emissions under any and all possible operational modes and conditions.





Ineligible Projects

- Operating expenses
- Preventive maintenance
- Development or deployment of prototype vehicles
- Previous project expenses
- Mobility Management
- Planning and design studies independent of a capital project



Application and Submission Information

Notice of Funding Opportunity:

https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2018/04/25/2018-08636/fy-2018-competitive-funding-opportunity-low-or-no-emission-grant-program

Application Information:

https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=304100

Applications must include:

- SF-424 Application for Federal Assistance (from <u>Grants.gov</u>)
- 2. Low-No Program Supplemental Form (from Grants.gov or FTA website)
- 3. Supporting Documentation

Applications must be submitted through Grants.gov by 11:59 PM EDT on June 18, 2018. Late applications may not be accepted.



Application and Submission Information

Additional Information

- The supplemental form and supporting documents must be attached to the SF-424.
- One supplemental form per SF-424.
- Supporting documents must be referenced by file name in the narrative or they may not be reviewed.

IMPORTANT: If you downloaded the supplemental form prior to May 1, you will not be able to save the form. Please visit Grants.gov or the FTA website to download the updated form. FTA will not accept scanned supplemental forms.

NOFO Section D. Application and Submission Information



Application Review

Evaluation Criteria (The Six Hows)

Demonstration of Need

How will the proposed project address an unmet need for capital investment?

2. Demonstration of Benefits

How will the proposed project support the program objectives (reduce energy consumption, reduce harmful emissions and reduce direct carbon emissions)?

3. Planning and Local/Regional Prioritization

How is the proposed project consistent with local and regional long range planning documents and local government priorities?

4. Local Financial Commitment

How will the local funds be secured?

5. Project Implementation Strategy

How will the proposed project be implemented?

6. Technical, Legal & Financial Capacity

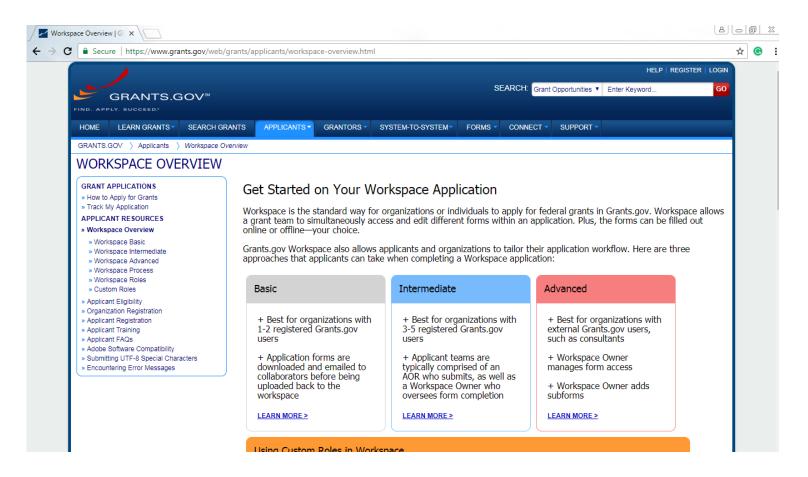
Does the applicant have the know-how to carry out the proposed project?

Low-No Resources



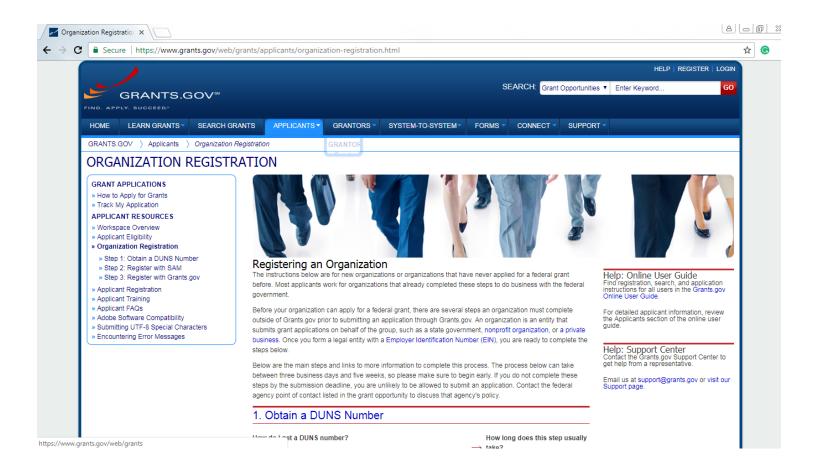


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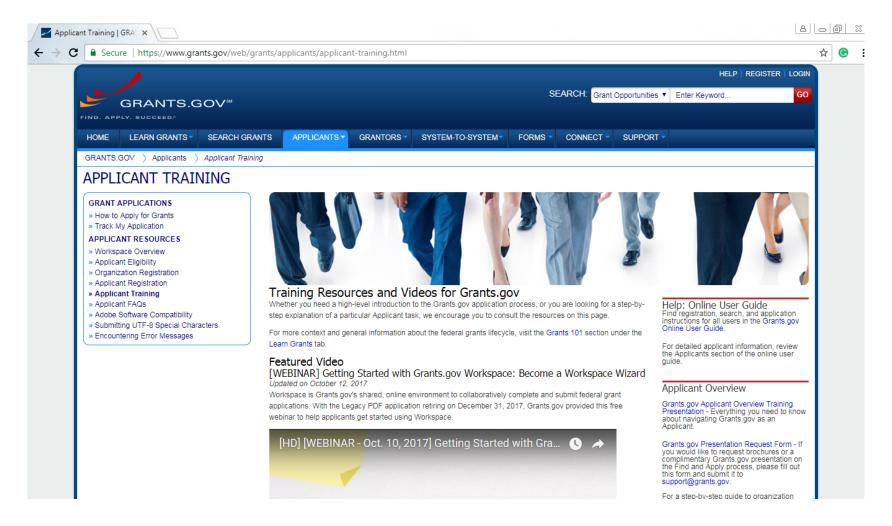


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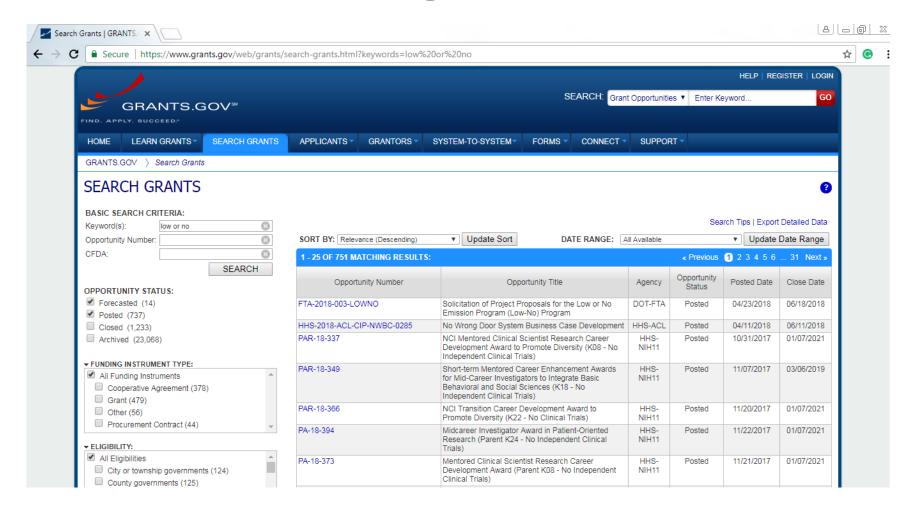


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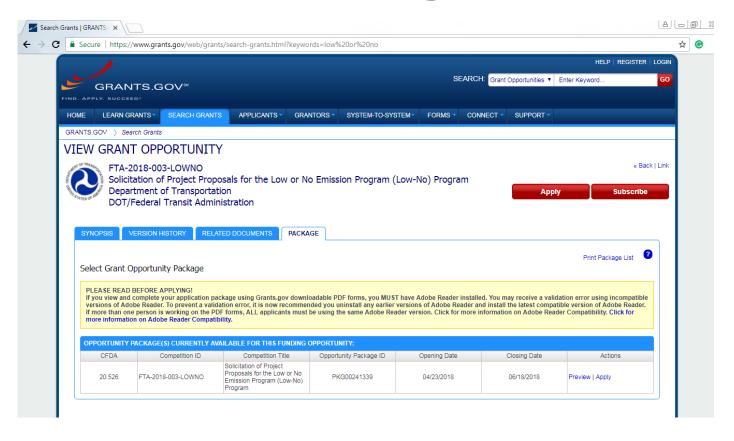


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SF-424 Form

			Expiration Date: 01/31/2019		
APPLICATION FOR FEDER	RAL ASSISTANCE SF-424 - MAN	DATORY			
1.a. Type of Submission: Application Plan Funding Request Other (specify):	1.b. Frequency: Annual Quarterly Other Other (specify):	1.d. Version: Initial Resubmission Resubmission	Revision Update STATE USE ONLY: 5. Date Received by State: 6. State Application Identifier:		
1.c. Consolidated Application/Pla Yes No Explana		4b. Federal Award Identifier:			
7. APPLICANT INFORMATION:					
b. Employer/Taxpayer Identificati	on Number (EIN/TIN):	c. Organizational DUNS:			
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Supplemental Form

Reset Form Low or I	No Emission Bus Program (5339(c))	v1.0 Validate Form					
Applicant and Proposal Profile							
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Is this a resubmission due to an invalid/error message from FTA? Yes No							
Section I. Applicant Inform	nation						
Organization Legal Name	k						
FTA Recipient Numbe	n.	,					
Applicant Eligibility	Direct or Designated recipient						
	State						
	C A Social Governmental Authority						
	A Federally-recognized Native American Tribe						
Population Served	: Small Urbanized Area						
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Description of services provided and areas	enved						
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	About the Project						
Project Title:							
(Descriptive title of this project)							
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Applicant and Proposal Profile Form - Low or No	Emission Bus Program (5339(c))	Page 1 of 5					
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Supplemental Form

Updates

- Population Served
- Removed "Add Project" button
- Project Statement of Work
 - Example: ABC Transit is requesting \$X to fund the purchase of X battery electric buses to replace X diesel buses that have exceeded useful life.
- List of Supporting Documentation
- Vehicle and Facility Description
 - For vehicle replacement/facility rehabilitation projects only.





Supplemental Form

Project Budget

Only applies to applicants who are using formula funds for the project. Use the Local Financial Commitment section to show detailed breakdown.

	Description	QTY	Federal Amount	Other Federal Funds	Local Match	Total Cost
			Low-No Funds	5307 Funds	Total local match	
Insert Item] .	Гotal:				
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	Supporting Documentation of Loc	cal Match.				



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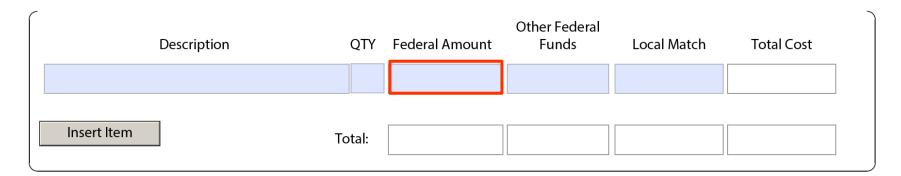
Federal Amount

Amounts must match or the application may not be reviewed.

SF-424

15. ESTIMATED FUNDING:					
a. Federal (\$):	b. Match (\$):				

Supplemental Form





Key Takeaways

- Use the NOFO.
- Documentation is crucial.
- Tell your story.





Questions

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





