

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Federal Transit Administration**

**Fiscal Year 2017 and 2018 Passenger Ferry Grant Program Project Selections**

**AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration (FTA), DOT**

**ACTION: Project selections and Guidance for the Fiscal Year 2017 and Fiscal Year 2018 Passenger Ferry Grant Program**

**DATE OF APPROVAL: June 8, 2018**

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**SUMMARY:** The Secretary of Transportation announced the selection of projects with \$30,000,000 of Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 and \$28,242,844 of FY 2018 appropriations for the Passenger Ferry Grant Program (Ferry Program) on May 8, 2018. Both amounts combined provide a total of \$58,242,844 million for this program.

**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 Vanessa Williams, Office of Program Management at (202) 366-4818, email: [Vanessa.williams@dot.gov](mailto:Vanessa.williams@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:** On August 23, 2017, FTA published a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) announcing the availability of Federal funding for the Ferry Program as authorized by Federal transit law (49 U.S.C. §5307(h)). These program funds will provide financial assistance of capital projects to support existing passenger ferry service, establish new ferry service, and to repair and modernize ferry boats, terminals, and related

facilities and equipment. Funds may not be used for operating expenses, planning, or preventive maintenance.

In response to the NOFA, FTA received 22 project proposals from 12 states totaling approximately \$65.4 million in Federal funds, indicating significant demand to fund ferry capital projects. Project proposals were evaluated based on each applicant's responsiveness to the program evaluation criteria outlined in the NOFO.

FTA is funding 20 projects as shown in Table 1 for a total of \$58,242,844. Recipients selected for competitive discretionary 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. 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 9030.1E. Applicants with more than one selected project will receive a single allocation that may be used for any one or more of the selected projects.

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 in 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 as well as the restrictions of Transportation Development Credits (TDC). 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, May 8, 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 Apportionments, Allocations, and Program Information and Interim Guidance found in 82 *FR* 6692 (January 19, 2017). Post-award reporting requirements include submission of the Federal Financial Report and Milestone progress reports in TrAMs as appropriate (see FTA.C.5010.1E and C9030.1E). 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. FTA emphasizes that recipients must follow all third-party procurement guidance, as described in FTA.C.4220.1F. Funds allocated in this announcement must be obligated in a grant by September 30, 2023.

As outlined in the NOFO, FTA made the final selections based on the technical ratings, geographic diversity and projects providing greater than the minimum amount of local share. As further outlined in the NOFO, in some cases, due to funding limitations, proposers that were selected for funding received less than the amount originally requested.

**TABLE 1  
FY 2017 and FY 2018 PASSENGER FERRY GRANT PROGRAM  
PROJECT SELECTIONS**

<b>State</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Project ID</b>	<b>Project Description</b>	<b>Funding Amount</b>
CA	San Francisco Bay Area Water Emergency Transportation Authority	D2018-PFGP-001	Vessel Modifications of the Ferry Vessel Solano and Upgrades	<b>\$5,000,000</b>
FL	Jacksonville Transportation Authority	D2018-PFGP-002	St. Johns River Ferry Fender/Slip Wall and Safety Improvements, Phase III	<b>\$3,356,900</b>
GA	Chatham Area Transit Authority	D2018-PFGP-003	CAT State of Good Repair and Capacity Expansion Ferry Projects	<b>\$2,070,577</b>
IL	Rock Island County Metropolitan Mass Transit District	D2018-PFGP-004	MetroLINK Passenger Ferryboat Terminal, Vessel Repowering, and Associated Equipment	<b>\$1,986,500</b>
LA	Regional Transit Authority	D2018-PFGP-005	New Orleans Algiers Ferry Terminal Rehabilitation and Modernization	<b>\$2,437,067</b>
MA	City of Salem, MA	D2018-PFGP-006	Salem Ferry Expansion of Service	<b>\$3,400,000</b>
MA	Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority	D2018-PFGP-007	Hingham Ferry Dock Modification	<b>\$6,050,000</b>
ME	Casco Bay Island Transit District	D2018-PFGP-008	Casco Bay Island Transit District Replacement Ferry	<b>\$5,698,956</b>
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NJ	City of Bayonne	D2018-PFGP-010	Ferry Mooring Platform Dock and Landside Improvements	<b>\$656,800</b>
NJ	The New Jersey Transit Corporation	D2018-PFGP-011	Borough of Carteret New Vessel Acquisition	<b>\$6,000,000</b>
NY	New York City Department of Transportation	D2018-PFGP-012	Staten Island Ferry - Facility/Vessel Gangways Replacement/Upgrades and Ferryboat Environmental Compliance Upgrades	<b>\$6,303,200</b>
NY	Port Authority of New York & New Jersey	D2018-PFGP-013	Commuter Ferry Vessels Power and Propulsion Retrofit Program	<b>\$2,480,000</b>
OK	Central Oklahoma Transportation and Parking Authority	D2018-PFGP-014	Ferry Landing Addition and Terminal Upgrades	<b>\$1,190,560</b>
RI	Rhode Island Public Transit Authority	D2018-PFGP-015	Rhode Island Fast Ferry Steel Bulkhead Seawall Construction	<b>\$494,144</b>
RI	Town of Bristol Rhode Island	D2018-PFGP-016	Rehabilitation of the Prudence Island Ferry Dock Pier	<b>\$1,169,096</b>
WA	Kitsap Transit	D2018-PFGP-017	Kitsap Transit Fast Ferry Passenger Terminal Modifications	<b>\$2,448,000</b>
WA	King County Department of Transportation	D2018-PFGP-018	West Seattle Passenger Only Ferry Terminal Replacement	<b>\$1,200,000</b>
WA	Washington State Department of Transportation	D2018-PFGP-019	Seattle Multi-Modal Terminal at Colman Dock - Bicycle Facility and Terminal & Vessel Communication Infrastructure Modernization	<b>\$6,000,000</b>
			Total	<b>\$58,242,844</b>