

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

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

**Fiscal Year 2020 Public Transportation on Indian Reservations Program (Tribal Transit Program) Project Selections**

**AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration**

**ACTION: Public Transportation on Indian Reservations Program (Tribal Transit Program) Announcement of Project Selections and Implementation Guidance**

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**DATE OF APPROVAL: November 17, 2020**

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) Federal Transit Administration (FTA) announces the selection of projects with Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 appropriations for the Public Transportation on Indian Reservations Program (Tribal Transit 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 Tribal Transit Liaisons at Regional Offices can be found at <https://www.transit.dot.gov/funding/grants/federal-transit-administrations-regional-tribal-liaisons>. Unsuccessful applicants may contact Sarah Clements, Office of Program Management at (202) 366-3062, email: [Sarah.Clements@dot.gov](mailto:Sarah.Clements@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 5311(c)(1)(A) of Title 49, United States Code. Federal transit law authorized \$5 million for competitive allocations in FY 2020, in addition to \$3,017,310 in unallocated prior year funding. On May 26, 2020, FTA published a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) (85 FR 31593) announcing the

availability of \$5 million in competitive funding under the Tribal Transit Program. Eligible applicants included federally recognized Indian tribes or Alaska Native villages, groups, or communities as identified by the U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI) Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA). These program funds will provide financial assistance of capital, operating, and planning projects to support existing public transportation service or establish new public transportation services in rural areas. In response to the NOFO, FTA received 30 eligible project proposals requesting \$9,359,565. Project proposals were evaluated based on each applicant's responsiveness to the program evaluation criteria outlined in the NOFO. FTA is funding 25 projects as shown in Table 1 for a total of \$7,720,321.

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 in the original project application. Funds must be used consistent with the competitive proposal and for the eligible purposes established in the NOFO and described in the FTA Circular 9040.1G.

In cases where the allocation amount is less than the proposer's total requested amount, recipients are required to fund only the eligible budget line item that corresponds to the allocation amount as described in the application. If the award amount does not correspond to the scalable option, for example due to the \$25,000 cap on the award amount for planning projects, 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, **November 17, 2020**. 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 2020 Apportionments, Allocations, and Program Information found in 85 FR 34285**. 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 C 9040 1G). 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**.

**TABLE 1  
FY 2020 TRIBAL TRANSIT PROJECT SELECTIONS**

<b>State</b>	<b>Recipient</b>	<b>Project ID</b>	<b>Project Description</b>	<b>Allocations</b>
AK	Allakaket Village	D2021-TRTR-001 D2021-TRTR-002 D2021-TRTR-003	Allakaket Transit Program	\$167,850
AK	Asa'carsarmiut Tribe	D2021-TRTR-004 D2021-TRTR-005	Asa'carsarmiut Public Transportation Program	\$369,361
AK	Hydaburg Cooperative Association (HCA)	D2021-TRTR-006 D2021-TRTR-007 D2021-TRTR-008	Public Cemetery Access Improvements	\$866,200
AK	Native Village of Eyak	D2021-TRTR-009	The Native Village of Eyak (NVE) Transit Plan	\$22,500
AK	Native Village of Ruby	D2021-TRTR-010	Transit Van Procurement	\$64,495
AK	Native Village of Unalakleet	D2021-TRTR-011	Elders Transportation Services	\$52,975
AK	Noorvik Native Community (NNC)	D2021-TRTR-012 D2021-TRTR-013 D2021-TRTR-014	Noorvik Transit Building Design and Construction	\$1,830,000
AK	Sitka Tribe of Alaska	D2021-TRTR-015	Bus Replacement for Sitka Tribe of Alaska's 'the RIDE' aging bus fleet	\$281,750
AK	Village of Iliamna	D2021-TRTR-016	Village of Iliamna Transit Program	\$166,499
AZ	Yavapai-Apache Nation	D2021-TRTR-017 D2021-TRTR-018	Expansion of Yavapai-Apache Transit	\$445,000
MN	Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa	D2021-TRTR-020	Fond du Lac Capital Grant 2020	\$131,400
MN	White Earth Band of Chippewa Indians	D2021-TRTR-021 D2021-TRTR-022 D2021-TRTR-023	White Earth Public Transit Replacement Buses	\$414,896
MT	Chippewa Cree Tribe	D2021-TRTR-019	Chippewa Cree Tribe Transit Vision	\$25,000
NE	Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska	D2021-TRTR-024 D2021-TRTR-025	Winnebago Tribal Transit Facility Expansion Project	\$528,617
NM	Mescalero Apache Tribe	D2021-TRTR-026 D2021-TRTR-027	Operating funding and Capital for the Mescalero Apache Tribe	\$523,693

NM	Namb Pueblo	D2021-TRTR-028 D2021-TRTR-029	Van for the NCRTD Pojoaque/Namb Dial-a- Ride Service	\$67,500
NM	Pueblo de San Ildefonso	D2021-TRTR-030 D2021-TRTR-031	ADA-Compliant Bus Stop Upgrades: Landing Pads, Shelter Pads, Shelters, Benches and More	\$144,000
NM	Pueblo of Pojoaque	D2021-TRTR-032 D2021-TRTR-033	Vehicle to Improve and Expand Pojoaque/Namb Dial-a- Ride Service	\$67,500
OK	Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma	D2021-TRTR-034	Northeast Oklahoma Tribal Transit Consortium (NTTC) Mobility Project	\$139,181
OK	Muscogee (Creek) Nation	D2021-TRTR-035	Innovative Technology Expanding Tribal Mobility	\$214,730
OR	Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs	D2021-TRTR-036	Capital purchase of two replacement vehicles	\$350,000
SD	Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe	D2021-TRTR-037	2020 Vehicle Replacement and Facility Vital Update Project	\$248,110
SD	Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate of the Lake Traverse Reservation	D2021-TRTR-038	SWO Transit Program Continuity Project	\$328,761
WA	Cowlitz Indian Tribe	D2021-TRTR-039	Cowlitz Tribe Capital Project	\$35,000
WI	Forest County Potawatomi Community	D2021-TRTR-040	FCPC 2020 Tribal Transit Program Startup Project	\$235,303