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Federal Register Notice

- FTA published a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) on January 19, 2017
- **Applications are due March 20, 2017 at 11:59 PM EST!**

History of FTA Tribal Transit Program

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- Created the Tribal Transit Program (TTP), which was administered as a discretionary program at approximately \$15 million / year
- Authorized and extended funding from FY 2006-2012

History of FTA Tribal Transit Program (Cont.)

MAP-21

- Continued and Modified TTP
 - Formula Program: \$25 Million for FY 2013- FY 2015
 - Discretionary Program: \$5 Million for FY 2013- FY 2015

Current Tribal Transit Program

- The Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act) (FY 2016-2020)
- Continued the Tribal Transit Program and increased the amount made available under the formula
- Formula Program : \$30 Million per year
- Discretionary Program: \$5 Million per year
- TTP now totals \$35 Million per year

Program Purpose

- The Tribal Transit Program's (TTP) overarching goal is to assist tribes in the development of transportation services for their rural communities
- The TTP Program is part of the Formula Grants for Rural Areas, Section 5311 of the FAST Act, Public Law 114-94

Eligible Applicants

- **Eligible applicants**
 - Federally recognized Indian tribes or Alaska Native villages, groups, or communities as identified by the US Dept. of Interior in rural areas with a population of less than 50,000
- **Available Funding**
 - Approximately \$5 million in FY 2017 funds
 - FTA may choose to fund the program for more or less than the announcement amount
- **Funding Timeframe**
 - Funds are available the year allocated plus two years (total of three years).

Eligible Projects

- **Eligible Projects**
 - **Planning** – capped at \$25,000
 - **Capital** – for start-ups; replacement and expansion needs
 - **Operating Assistance limited to:**
 - Start-up/New Systems with no transit
 - Tribes who received a TTP formula allocation of less than \$20,000

Eligible Projects (Cont.)

- **Capital Projects include but not limited to:**
 - Purchase of expansion or replacement buses/vans
 - Bus related equipment (ITS, fare equipment, & communication devices)
 - Construction and rehabilitation of facilities, (bus maintenance and administrative facilities)
 - Mobility Manager
- **Indian tribes applying for capital replacement or expansion needs must demonstrate a sustainable source of operating funds for existing/expansion services.**

Eligible Projects (Cont.)

- Wheelchair lifts and restraints
 - Passenger shelters and bus stop signs
 - **Technology Operational support** such as computer hardware or software

Eligible Projects (Cont.)

- **Operating Assistance defined as costs directly related to the service operations and at a minimum include:**
 - Fuel
 - Oil
 - Drivers' and Dispatchers salaries and fringe benefits
 - Licenses
- Service agreements with private providers of public transportation services

Match and Financial Commitment

- **Eligible Federal Share: 90 percent**
 - Exception for financial hardship cases
 - Waiver must be requested in application
- **FTA is interested in Tribes' financial commitment to proposed project**
 - Include a description of the Tribe's financial commitment to the proposed project in the proposal

Areas of Focus

- **Include how your proposed project can:**
 - Enhance access to work, educational, and other training opportunities;
 - Support partnerships that expand access to other governmental, health, medical, education, social, human service; and
 - Improve coordinated delivery of services.

Evaluation Criteria – Two sets of Criteria

- 1. Evaluation Criteria for Operating and Capital Assistance Requests**
- 2. Evaluation Criteria for Planning Grants**

Evaluation Criteria for Operating and Capital (O/C) Assistance Requests

5 Major categories:

1. Planning & Local Prioritization
2. Project Readiness
3. Demonstration of Need
4. Demonstration of Benefits
5. Financial Commitment and Operating Capacity

Evaluation Criteria O/C - Planning and Local/Regional Prioritization

- Describe the planning document and/or the planning process conducted to identify the proposed project
- Provide a detailed project description
- Identify existing transportation services in and near the proposed or existing service area
 - document in detail whether project will provide coordination opportunities

Evaluation Criteria O/C - Planning and Local/Regional Prioritization (Cont.)

- Discuss level of support by community and/or tribal government.
- Describe how mobility and client access needs of tribal human service agencies were considered.
- Describe what opportunities for public participation were provided and how proposed/existing service has been coordinated with
 - Human Service Agencies
 - Intercity Bus Transportation Providers
 - other rural public transit providers

Evaluation Criteria O/C - Planning and Local/Regional Prioritization (Cont.)

- Describe how the proposed/existing service complements rather than duplicates any currently available service
- Describe any other planning or coordination efforts not mentioned above

Evaluation Criteria O/C – Project Readiness

- Project is a Categorical Exclusion (CE) or the required environmental has been initiated or completed
- Project implementation plans are complete, including initial design of facilities projects
- Project funds can be obligated and the project can be implemented quickly, if selected
- Demonstrate the ability to carry out the proposed project successfully
- Describe the implementation schedule for the project

Evaluation Criteria O/C – Demonstration of Need

- Demonstrate the transit needs of the tribe/discuss how the proposed transit improvements or new service will address identified transit needs
- Include information such as
 - Destinations and services not currently accessible by transit
 - Needs for access to jobs or health care, special needs of seniors and individuals with disabilities, income-based community, and those with any other mobility requirement

Evaluation Criteria O/C – Demonstration of Need (Cont.)

- Describe how current or growing demand for the service necessitates the expansion/degree of how the current project is addressing current capacity constraint
- Capital replacement requests should include how the replacement may be necessary to maintain transit system in state of good repair
 - Age of asset
 - Condition of asset
 - Performance of asset
- If an applicant received a planning grant in previous fiscal years, it should indicate the status of the planning study and how the proposed project relates to that study

Evaluation Criteria O/C – Demonstration of Benefits

- Identify expected or achieved project benefits
 - Existing Services
 - Increased or sustained ridership & daily trips
 - Improved service, operations, & coordination
 - Provide actual number of individual riders & trips
 - Improve the quality of life for tribe /surrounding communities
 - Start-up Projects
 - Estimate number of daily one-way trips
 - Other less quantifiable benefits to the tribe and surrounding community

Evaluation Criteria O/C - Financial Commitment and Operating Capacity

- Identify source of local match
 - If requesting waiver based on financial hardship, submit budget/sources of other revenue-demonstrate financial hardship
- Identify sustainable funding plan
 - Demonstrate how tribe plans to maintain operations once project is funded
 - Annual operating budget

Evaluation Criteria O/C - Financial Commitment and Operating Capacity (Cont.)

- Identify other funding sources used to support service
 - Humans service transportation funding
 - Tribal Transportation Program funds (FHWA)
 - Bureau of Indian Affairs funds
 - Other FTA Programs (Section 5311, 5310, 5339)
 - In-kind contributions
 - Commitment of support from local businesses
 - Donations of land or equipment

Evaluation Criteria O/C - Financial Commitment and Operating Capacity (Cont.)

- Demonstrate how TTP funding will not replace existing funding sources
- Demonstrate that the tribe will provide non-financial support to project
- Tribe's ability to demonstrate a sustainable funding plan
- Project funds are used in coordination with other services for efficient utilization of funds

Evaluation Criteria for Planning Grants

- Proposals Should Answer two key questions:
 - What the tribes' long term commitment to transit is?
 - How the proposed study will be implemented and/or further Tribal Transit

Requirements under TTP

- Common Grant Rule (49 CFR part 18);
- Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964;
- Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973;
- Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990;
- Drug and Alcohol Testing Requirements (49 CFR part 655);
- National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA);

Requirements under TTP

- Charter Service and School Bus Transportation Requirements in (49 CFR parts 604 and 605);
- NTD Reporting Requirement (49 U.S.C. 5335);
- Bus Testing (49 CFR part 665);
- Labor Protection requirement from the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL); and
- Buy America requirements.

Important Documents

- **Tribal Transit Program NOFA-published January 19, 2017**
- **FY 2017 Tribal Transit Program Supplemental Form**
- **FY 2017 Tribal Transit Formula Allocations- Table 10**
- **TTP Webpage:**
http://www.fta.dot.gov/grants/13094_3553.html

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DE-FOA-0001269	Topical Collaborations in Nuclear Theory	Office of Science
ED-GRANTS-011415-001	OSERS: OSEP: Educational Technology, Media, and Materials for Individuals with Disabilities: Television Access CFDA Number 84.327C	Department of Education

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Public Transportation on Indian Reservations Program; Tribal Transit Program

Date Posted: 12/9/2014
Closing Date: 2/18/2015

Program: Public Transportation on Indian Reservations Program; Tribal Transit Program
FTA Opportunity ID: FTA-2015-002-TPM

Opportunity Announcement Text: <http://www.apo.gov/dfs/pjko/FR-2014-12-09/html/2014-28792.htm>
Opportunity Announcement PDF: <http://www.apo.gov/dfs/pjko/FR-2014-12-09/pdf/2014-28792.pdf>

Details:
December 9, 2014. Solicitation of Project Proposals: Public Transportation on Indian Reservations Program; Tribal Transit Program (TTP). Proposals must be submitted electronically through Grants.gov website by midnight Eastern Time on **Wednesday, February 18, 2015.**

Summary: The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) announces the availability of approximately \$6 million in funding provided by the Public Transportation on Indian Reservations Program (Tribal Transit Program (TTP)), as authorized by 49 U.S.C. Section 5311(g), as amended by the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21), Public Law 112-41 (July 6, 2012). This is a national solicitation for project proposals and includes the selection criteria and program eligibility information for Fiscal Year 2014 projects. FTA may choose to fund the program for more or less than the announcement amount, including applying any FY 2015 appropriations or other funding toward projects proposed in response to the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA).

The primary purpose of these competitively selected grants is to support planning, capital, and, in limited circumstances, operating assistance for tribal public transit services. Funds distributed to Indian tribes under the TTP should NOT replace or reduce funds that Indian tribes receive from States through FTA's Section 5311 program. Priority consideration will be given to eligible projects that help to expand ladders of opportunity. Examples could include enhancing access to work, educational, and other training opportunities, and supporting partnerships that expand access to other governmental, health, medical, education, social, human service, and transportation providers to improve coordinated delivery of services.

FTA requires that all project proposals be submitted electronically through <http://www.GRANTS.GOV> by 11:59 p.m. EDT on January 16, 2015. Proposals will not be accepted in hard copy. A proposal submission will consist of at least two files: (1) the SF-424 Mandatory form (downloaded from GRANTS.GOV) and (2) the Tribal Transit supplemental form provided at http://www.fta.dot.gov/documents/TY14_Supplemental_Form.pdf. The Tribal Transit supplemental form provides guidance and a consistent format for applicants to respond to the criteria outlined in this NOFA. Once completed, the applicant must place the supplemental form in the same folder as the SF-424 Mandatory form. Applicants must use the supplemental form designated for TTP and attach the form to their submission in GRANTS.GOV to complete the application process. A proposal submission may contain additional supporting documentation as attachments.

Important: FTA urges applicants to submit their project proposals at least 72 hours prior to the due date to allow time to receive the validation message and to correct any problems that may have caused a rejection notification. FTA will not accept submissions after the stated submission deadline. GRANTS.GOV scheduled maintenance and outage times are announced on the GRANTS.GOV Web site <http://www.GRANTS.GOV>. The deadline will not be extended due to scheduled maintenance or outages.

Eligible Applicants: Federally-recognized Indian tribes or Alaska Native villages, groups, U.S. Department of Interior (DOI), Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA). As evidence of Federal of the most up-to-date Federal Register notice published by DOI. BIA: Entities Recognized by the United States Bureau of Indian Affairs. To be an eligible recipient, a tribe must have technical capabilities to receive and administer Federal funds under this program. Applicants for Award Management (SAM) database and maintain an active SAM registration with which it has an active Federal award or an application or plan under consideration.

Link to the supplemental form to the SF-424: All applicants must complete the supplemental submission on Grants.gov.

Dates: An applicant must submit a proposal electronically by midnight Eastern Time on agency intending to apply should initiate the process of registering on the Grants.gov site registration before the submission deadline.

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Funding Opportunity Number: FTA-2015-002-TPM
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