

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

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

**Fiscal Year 2019 Passenger Ferry Grant Program Project Selections**

**AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration**

**ACTION: Passenger Ferry Grant Program Announcement of Project Selections and Implementation Guidance**

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**DATE OF APPROVAL:** August 8, 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 Passenger Ferry Grant Program (Ferry 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 <http://www.transit.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:** The Passenger Ferry Grant Program (49 U.S.C. § 5307(h)) authorizes FTA to make competitive grants for passenger ferry projects. Federal public transportation law (49 U.S.C. § 5336 and 49 U.S.C. § 5338) authorizes \$30 million for allocations in FY 2019. On February 12, 2019, FTA published a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) (84 FR 3537) announcing the availability of \$30 million in competitive funding under the Ferry Program. These program funds will provide financial assistance for capital projects

that support existing passenger ferry service, establish new ferry service, or 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 NOFO, FTA received 20 eligible proposals from 9 states requesting \$99 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 9 projects as shown in Table 1 from the \$30 million authorized for FY 2019 allocations and \$2.78 million remaining from prior year authorizations for a total of \$32.8 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 the FTA Circular 9030.1E.

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.

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 August 8, 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.5010.1E and FTA.C.9030.1E). 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 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 5 years. Accordingly, funds allocated in this announcement must be obligated in a grant by **September 30, 2024**.

**TABLE 1  
FY 2019 PASSENGER FERRY PROJECT SELECTIONS**

<b>State</b>	<b>Recipient</b>	<b>Discretionary ID</b>	<b>Project Description</b>	<b>Allocations</b>
CA	Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District	D2019-PFGP-001	Golden Gate Ferry-New Vessel Acquisition	<b>\$1,025,677</b>
CA	Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District	D2019-PFGP-002	Golden Gate Ferry-New Vessel Acquisition	<b>\$1,757,156</b>
CA	Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District	D2019-PFGP-003	Golden Gate Ferry-New Vessel Acquisition	<b>\$3,117,167</b>
FL	Jacksonville Transportation Authority	D2019-PFGP-004	St. Johns River Ferry Bulkhead Reinforcement, Safety Improvements and Facility Maintenance, Phase IV	<b>\$3,935,313</b>
GA	Chatham Area Transit Authority	D2019-PFGP-005	CAT Capacity Expansion Ferry Acquisition	<b>\$1,280,000</b>
IL/IA	Rock Island County Metropolitan Mass Transit District (DBA: MetroLINK)	D2019-PFGP-006	MetroLINK Village of East Davenport (IA) Passenger Ferryboat Terminal Replacement	<b>\$1,200,000</b>
MA	Woods Hole, Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket Steamship Authority	D2019-PFGP-007	Construction of a New Woods Hole Terminal Building	<b>\$2,500,000</b>
ME	Casco Bay Island Transit District	D2019-PFGP-008	Casco Bay Island Transit District Terminal Renovation - Phase III	<b>\$3,440,000</b>
NJ	New Jersey – Department of Environmental Protection	D2019-PFGP-009	Ferry Slips Reconstruction at Liberty State Park – Phase 1	<b>\$5,900,000</b>
NY	NY Metropolitan Transportation Authority	D2019-PFGP-010	MTA Metro-North Railroad Ferry Dock Replacement	<b>\$2,720,000</b>

WA	Washington State Department of Transportation, Ferries Division	D2019-PFGP-011	Seattle Multimodal Terminal at Colman Dock – Pedestrian Connector Construction	<b>\$5,900,000</b>
				<b>Total: \$32,775,313</b>