

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Transit Administration (FTA), DOT

Fiscal Year 2019 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

DATE OF APPROVAL: April 8, 2020

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 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 Amy Fong, Office of Program Management at (202) 366-0876, email: Amy.fong@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 2019. On May 10, 2019, FTA published a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) (84 FR 20694) 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 53 eligible project proposals from 43 tribes requesting \$8.2 million. Project proposals were evaluated based on each applicant's responsiveness to the program evaluation criteria outlined in the NOFO. FTA is funding 39 projects as shown in Table 1 for a total of \$5 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 may only include eligible activities included 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 some cases, the funding allocation amount is less than the proposer's total requested amount. Planning projects were capped at \$25,000. For other allocations, less than the requested amount, the recipient may only fund the eligible budget line item with a Federal amount requested that corresponds to the allocation 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, **January 15th, 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 2019 Apportionments, Allocations, and Program Information and Interim Guidance found in 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 Circulars 5010.1E and 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 Circular 4220.1F**. Funds allocated in this announcement must be obligated in a grant by **September 30, 2022**.

**TABLE 1
FY 2019 TRIBAL TRANSIT PROJECT SELECTIONS**

State	Recipient	Project ID	Project Description	Allocation
AK	Bristol Bay Native Association	D2020-TRTR-028	Regional Ferry / Barge Study	\$25,000
AK	Gulkana Village Council	D2020-TRTR-032	Transit Vehicle Purchase	\$165,000
AK	Nome Eskimo Community	D2020-TRTR-034	Public Bus Services, Operational Support	\$9,450
AK	Noorvik Native Community (NNC)	D2020-TRTR-035	Para-Transit Vehicle Purchase	\$90,100
AK	Noorvik Native Community (NNC)	D2020-TRTR-036	Program Startup Costs	\$96,055
AK	Nulato Village	D2020-TRTR-037	Operational Transit Request	\$69,903
AK	Petersburg Indian Association	D2020-TRTR-038	Operation of Paratransit Service for Elderly and Disabled Persons	\$26,053
AZ	Kaibab Band of Paiute Indians	D2020-TRTR-025	Replacement Minivan	\$25,800
AZ	San Carlos Apache Tribal Council	D2020-TRTR-026	Replacement Vehicles for fixed route	\$439,398
CA	Blue Lake Rancheria	D2020-TRTR-023	Tribal Transportation Plan Update	\$25,000
CA	Susanville Indian Rancheria	D2020-TRTR-027	Replacement Van	\$54,000
FL	Seminole Tribe of Florida	D2020-TRTR-004	Seminole Tribal Transit Plan	\$25,000
KS	Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation	D2020-TRTR-016	Building Expansion, Capital, and Vehicle Replacement	\$593,010
KS	Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri in Kansas and Nebraska	D2020-TRTR-017	Operating Grant for Public Transit Services	\$249,999
LA	Tunica-Biloxi Tribe of Louisiana	D2020-TRTR-015	Transit Feasibility Study	\$25,000

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ME	Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians	D2020-TRTR-001	Frontend Loader	\$245,000
MI	Bay Mills Indian Community	D2020-TRTR-006	BMIC Capital Replacement Grant	\$90,000
MN	Bois Forte Band of Chippewa	D2020-TRTR-007	Capital Purchase of ADA vans	\$135,000
MN	Bois Forte Band of Chippewa	D2020-TRTR-008	Planning: Cost/Benefit Analysis	\$25,000
MN	Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa	D2020-TRTR-009	Transit Building Rehabilitation Project	\$178,963
MN	Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians	D2020-TRTR-011	Transit Bus Expansion	\$324,000
MN	The Prairie Island Indian Community	D2020-TRTR-012	Tribal Transportation Planning Project	\$24,895
MS	Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians	D2020-TRTR-003	Planning for Economic benefit and route expansion	\$25,000
MT	Blackfeet Nation	D2020-TRTR-019	Transit Master Plan	\$25,000
MT	Chippewa Cree Tribe	D2020-TRTR-021	Tribal Transit Risk Management Project	\$35,550
MT	Fort Belknap Indian Community	D2020-TRTR-010	Expansion of Existing Service	\$120,000
NC	Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians	D2020-TRTR-002	Transit Vehicle Replacement and Expansion	\$280,800
NE	Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska	D2020-TRTR-018	Capital for New Route	\$32,207
NM	Pueblo of Santa Clara	D2020-TRTR-014	Capital Replacement of Vehicle	\$126,000
NV	Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe	D2020-TRTR-024	Operating Assistance	\$137,180
OK	Cherokee Nation	D2020-TRTR-013	Vehicle Replacement Project - ADA-compliant vans	\$170,100

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OR	Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation	D2020-TRTR-029	Security system, lighting and concrete repair	\$36,593
SD	Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe	D2020-TRTR-020	Capital Improvements Vehicle Replacement and Facility	\$293,150
SD	Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate	D2020-TRTR-022	Transit Program Expansion Project	\$481,761
WA	Cowlitz Indian Tribe	D2020-TRTR-030	Deviated Fixed Route Planning Project	\$25,000
WA	Cowlitz Indian Tribe	D2020-TRTR-031	Vehicle Procurement Capital Project	\$77,385
WA	Lummi Tribe of the Lummi Reservation	D2020-TRTR-033	Tracking System & Bus Shelter Project	\$82,112
WA	Quinault Indian Nation	D2020-TRTR-039	Transit Planning	\$25,000
WI	Bad River Band of Lake Superior Tribe of Chippewa Indians	D2020-TRTR-005	Bad River Bus Garage	\$39,614
				Total: \$4,954,078