

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Transit Administration (FTA), DOT

Fiscal Year 2020 Passenger Ferry Grant Program Project Selections

AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration

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

DATE OF APPROVAL: July 14, 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 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, 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 2020. On January 30, 2020, FTA published a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) (85 FR 5544) 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 19 eligible proposals from 14 states plus U.S. Virgin Islands requesting \$102 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 12 projects as shown in Table 1 from the \$30 million authorized for FY 2020 allocations and \$17.5 million remaining from prior year authorizations for a total of \$47.5 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 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 July 24, 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 (85 FR 34285, June 3, 2020). 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, 2025**.

**TABLE 1
FY 2020 PASSENGER FERRY PROJECT SELECTIONS**

State	Recipient	Discretionary ID	Project Description	Allocations
CA	San Francisco Bay Area Water Emergency Transportation Authority (WETA)	D2020-PFGP-001	Alameda Ferry Terminal Rehabilitation	\$4,456,000
FL	Jacksonville Transportation Authority	D2020-PFGP-002	St. Johns River Ferry Major Haul-Out Rehabilitation and New Ferry Boat, Phase V	\$662,881
FL	Jacksonville Transportation Authority	D2020-PFGP-003	St. Johns River Ferry Major Haul-Out Rehabilitation and New Ferry Boat, Phase V	\$4,578,910
GA	Chatham Area Transit Authority	D2020-PFGP-004	CAT Capacity Expansion Ferry Acquisition	\$1,280,000
LA	Region Transit Authority	D2020-PFGP-005	Lower Algiers Ferry Terminal and Marine Maintenance Optimization Project	\$5,272,491
MA	Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority	D2020-PFGP-006	Massachusetts Bay Passenger Ferry Catamaran Overhaul	\$1,274,441
MA	Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority	D2020-PFGP-007	Massachusetts Bay Passenger Ferry Catamaran Overhaul	\$7,321
MA	Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority	D2020-PFGP-008	Massachusetts Bay Passenger Ferry Catamaran Overhaul	\$2,218,238
ME	Casco Bay Island Transit District	D2020-PFGP-009	Casco Bay Island Transit District Low/No Emission Propulsion System for New Ferry	\$3,200,000

NJ	City of South Amboy	D2020-PFGP-010	City of South Amboy Radford Ferry Project	\$5,300,000
NY	New York City Department of Transportation	D2020-PFGP-011	Staten Island Ferry – St. George Terminal Roof Replacement	\$4,180,982
OK	Central Oklahoma Transportation and Parking Authority	D2020-PFGP-012	Passenger Ferry Landing at the First Americans Museum	\$4,016,791
RI	Rhode Island Public Transit Authority (RIPTA)	D2020-PFGP-013	Rhode Island Fast Ferry Terminal Building Project	\$1,890,000
VA	Department of Rail and Public Transportation	D2020-PFGP-014	Jamestown Scotland Ferry Facility Rehabilitation Project	\$4,193,989
WA	Washington State Department of Transportation, Ferries Division	D2020-PFGP-015	WSF Issaquah Class Reduction Gear Preservation Project	\$5,000,000
				Total: \$47,532,044