



FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION

Bus Operator Compartment Redesign (BCP) Program Webinar

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What is the BCP Program?

A competitive program to promote the Redesign of the Transit Bus Operator Compartment to:

- Improve Safety,
- Operational Efficiency
- Passenger Accessibility
- Through key strategic partnerships

BCP Program Objectives

- Increase bus operator safety from assaults
- Increase operator visibility to improve safety of pedestrians and other roadway users
- Increase traveler accessibility
- Improve ergonomics to reduce bus operator work-related health issues and injuries
- Reduce operator distractions.

Why is the BCP Program Important?

- Supports the Secretary's Strategic Goals of Safety and Innovation
- Addresses well documented issues of bus operator challenges
- Opportunity to increase the safety of bus operators, travelers, pedestrians, and bicyclists
- Can enhance and improve transit bus design and operations

BCP Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)

- **\$2 Million** available
- Notice in Federal Register – February 13, 2020
- Application deadline **March 24 , 2020**
- Announcement of Projects Selection – summer 2020
- Plans for multiple awards

BCP Key Requirements

- \$250,000 Minimum grant award
- \$1,000,000 Maximum grant award
- Projects require 20-percent cost match
- Require partnership with, at minimum, one transit agency and one transit vehicle manufacturer

BCP Eligible Applicants

- Only “lead applicants” can submit the applications via [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov)
- FTA may determine that any named team member in the proposal is a key party and make any award conditional upon the participation of that key party.

BCP Proposals

- Applicants can submit multiple applications, but each application should only contain one proposal/project
- Proposal must demonstrate how it addresses operator safety, operational efficiency, and passenger accessibility
- Proposals should show how bus operators and their unions will be consulted and involved in the process.
- FTA will assess the strength of partnerships and inclusion activities.

Next Steps

For additional information, please visit:

<https://www.transit.dot.gov/research-innovation/redesign-transit-bus-operator-compartment-improve-safety-operational-efficiency>

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