

On Wednesday, March 4, 2020, FTA hosted a webinar on two newly-announced funding opportunities, the [Safety Research and Demonstration Program](#) and the [Bus Operator Compartment Redesign Program](#). Information regarding the [Bus Operator Compartment Redesign Program](#) is listed below. For information regarding the [Safety Research and Demonstration Program](#), please click [here](#).

Bus Operator Compartment Redesign Program Webinar Questions and Answers

Question: What entities are eligible applicants for the Bus Operator Compartment Redesign Program (BCP)?

Answer: Section C.1 of the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the BCP includes a complete list of eligible applicants. Any application for the BCP must include a transit agency and a transit vehicle manufacturer as part of the project team.

Question: Can a single proposal be a complete rework of a bus operator workstation answering all the design objectives?

Answer: Yes, please reference Section C.2 of the NOFO for project eligibility.

Question: Are technology solutions within the redesign of the bus operator compartment acceptable elements for the program?

Answer: The intent of the opportunity is for innovative solutions to address bus operator assaults, as well as other objectives. This does not limit technology solutions as the primary driver. Proposed solutions do not have to be limited to existing statutes. Please see Section D.2 subsection (j) of the NOFO for further details.

Question: Can capital elements be included in the proposal for the research program?

Answer: Yes, costs can be incurred for equipment for the program, but they must be for the purpose of conducting research and validating the effectiveness of solutions. See OMB Circular 6100.IE section 4 for additional details.

Question: Can indirect costs be considered a cost share element?

Answer: See OMB Circular 6100.IE under Financial Management for a list of what costs are eligible and what are not.

Question: Can staff time not reimbursed by the grant be considered a cash match?

Answer: Yes, employee time can be used as cost share. See OMB Circular 6100.IE under Financial Management for further details.

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