Public Transit Grant Programs for Wisconsin Tribes

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Available public transit programs

- Federal
  - Urban public transit (49 USC §5307) OPERATING, CAPITAL
  - Bus & bus facilities (§5339(a)) CAPITAL
  - Rural public transit (§5311)
    - Rural Public Transit (§5311(c)(3)) OPERATING, CAPITAL
    - Tribal Transit (§5311(c)(1)) OPERATING, CAPITAL
    - RTAP (§5311(b)(3)) TRAINING, PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
    - Intercity Bus Transportation (§5311(f)) OPERATING
  - Statewide/non-urban transit planning (§5304) PLANNING
Available public transit programs

- Federal

* New under FAST (Fixing America’s Surface Transportation) Act *
  - Tribal Transportation Self-Governance Program
  - Additional funding for Tribal Transit formula program
  - Additional funding for Bus & Bus Facilities program
  - More permissive local match provisions under 5311 program
  - More stringent Buy America provisions
  - Pilot Program for innovative coordinated access & mobility
Available public transit programs

- State
  - Urban mass transit op. assistance (s. 85.20)  Operating
  - Paratransit aids (s. 85.205)  Operating
  - Intercity bus assistance (s. 85.26)  Operating
Rural public transit

Eligibility for federal rural transit (5311(c)(3)) funds:

- An eligible subrecipient/applicant is
  
  A state or local government authority, a nonprofit organization, an operator of public transportation or an intercity bus service provider.

Eligibility for state (85.20) funds:

- Subrecipient/applicant must be
  
  a local public body in an area that 1) is served by a transit system incurring an operating deficit, and 2) includes either a city or village having a population of at least 2,500 OR an area that includes 2 American Indian reservations and is served by a mass transit system operated by a transit commission.
Rural public transit

- Administered by WisDOT
- Project eligibility includes:
  - Operating
  - Capital
  - Mobility management
  - Job access
- Federal operating aid limited to 50% of net deficit
- Federal capital aid limited to 80% of cost
- Annual appropriation, application, allocation of funds
Rural public transit

- Annual application(s) submitted to WisDOT
  - Single application for 5311/85.20 operating funds
  - Funding distribution based on combined funding requests and available funds
    - Applications submitted via BlackCat system
- Equalized funding distribution among all rural systems
- Advance notice required for first-time applicants
- Combined funding of $17.3 million for CY 2015
# Rural public transit

## 2015 Wisconsin Rural Transit Systems (Tier C) Funding Distribution -- FINAL AUGUST 27, 2015

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<td><strong>Forest-Oneida-Vilas Transit Comm</strong></td>
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<td>$22,328</td>
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<td><strong>Menominee Tribe</strong></td>
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<td>$141,376</td>
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<td>$4,934,520</td>
<td>$2,467,260</td>
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<td>$487,849</td>
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<td>$224,500</td>
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<td><strong>City of Fort Atkinson</strong>*</td>
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<td><strong>City of Lake Mills</strong></td>
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<td>$31,738</td>
<td>37.8%</td>
<td>$17,186</td>
<td>20.5%</td>
<td>$14,552</td>
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Tribal Transit Program

- Eligibility: All federally recognized tribes
- Allowable projects
  - Operating
  - Capital
  - Mobility management
  - Planning
  - Anything else allowable under §5311
- FY 2015 funding:
  - Formula grants: $25 million (100% project funding)
  - Discretionary grants: $5 million (90% funding)
Tribal Transit Program

- Formula funding requirement:
  1. Submit NTD data
     www.ntdprogram.gov

- Discretionary funding requirements:
  1. Pre-registration with System for Award Management (SAM)
     www.sam.gov
  2. Submit application to FTA
     Application period currently closed
Tribal Transit Program
Formula Funding

- FFY 2015 funding: $25 million
- Formula fund allocation
  - 50% based on vehicle revenue miles (Tier 1)
  - 25% based on Indian tribes providing at least 200,000 vehicle revenue miles (Tier 2)
  - 25% based on Indian tribes providing public transportation on tribal lands as identified by the Census where more than 1,000 low income individuals reside (Tier 3)
## Tribal Transit Program
### Formula Funding

**FFY 2015**

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<tr>
<th>Tribe</th>
<th>Tier 1 Allocation</th>
<th>Tier 2 Allocation</th>
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<td>$107,623</td>
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<td>Lac Courte Oreilles</td>
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<td>Menominee</td>
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<td>Oneida</td>
<td>$313,006</td>
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<td>Red Cliff</td>
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Tribal Transit Program
Discretionary Funding

- FFY 2015 funding: $5 million
- Awards based on submission of a successful application to FTA
- Applications not currently accepted (FFY 2014-2015 awards announced Dec 2015)
- Next discretionary application timeframe:
  - Notice: Spring 2016
  - Deadline: Summer 2016?
# Tribal Transit Program
## Discretionary Funding

### FFY 2014-2015

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<th>Tribe</th>
<th>Allocation</th>
<th>Purpose</th>
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<td>Lac du Flambeau</td>
<td>$300,000</td>
<td>Operating assistance and the purchase of new vehicles</td>
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<td>Menominee</td>
<td>$300,000</td>
<td>Replace aging minvans and buses</td>
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<td>$25,000</td>
<td>Planning</td>
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<td>Lac du Flambeau</td>
<td>$200,000</td>
<td>Demand-response service in Chaquamegon Bay area</td>
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<td>Red Cliff</td>
<td>$82,690</td>
<td>Capital items for demand-response &amp; fix route services</td>
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Wisconsin Rural Transit Assistance Program (RTAP)

- Administered by WisDOT contractor
- Eligible projects:
  - Professional training
  - Technical assistance
  - Research
  - Equipment purchases supporting the above
- Program website: [www.wisconsinrtap.com](http://www.wisconsinrtap.com)
- Tribal technical assistance also can be accessed via regional FTA tribal liaison
Wisconsin Rural Transit Assistance Program (RTAP)

- **Training Opportunities**
  - Courses conducted by RTAP contractor
  - Courses offered by 3rd parties
  - Professional development events

- **Contractor-conducted course locations vary**
  - Regional training sites
  - Your site or a neighbor’s site
  - Web-based training

- **Training scholarships awarded on reimbursement basis**
  - Application, review/approval, expense submittal
### Wisconsin Rural Transit Assistance Program (RTAP)

#### Reimbursement Schedule

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<th>Event Type</th>
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<td>Annual statewide transportation association events (WURTA, WRAPP conference &amp; roadeo, WAMM)</td>
<td>100%</td>
<td>Automatic</td>
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<td>WisDOT-sponsored training</td>
<td>100%</td>
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<td>WisDOT-sanctioned training through RTAP contractor</td>
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<td>FTA or NTI training</td>
<td>80% in-state 70% out-of-state</td>
<td>Discretionary</td>
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<td>CTAA / ATPA / Other conference or training</td>
<td>80% in-state 70% out-of-state</td>
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<td>Other event (must be directly related to providing service)</td>
<td>80% in-state 70% out-of-state</td>
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Wisconsin Rural Transit Assistance Program (RTAP)

Representative WisDOT-Sanctioned Training Courses

- Passenger Assistance Techniques
- Defensive Driving
- Emergency Procedures and Evacuations
- Safety and Security
- Americans with Disabilities Act – Implementation in Public Transit
- Drug and Alcohol – Reasonable Suspicion
5304 Statewide Planning Grants

- Administered by WisDOT
- Eligible projects:
  - Transit development plans
  - Feasibility studies
  - Strategic plans
  - Ridership plans
  - Coordination studies
- Funding: 80% of project cost
Contacts

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- RTAP
  - Steve Hirshfeld

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Additional info available at wisconsindot.gov/Pages/doing-bus/local-gov/astnce-pgms/transit
Questions