Tribal Transit Program
Updates from FTA

Wisconsin Tribal Transit Peer Exchange
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• Eligible Recipients: Federally Recognized Tribes

• Eligible Activities:
  
  – **Capital**  Acquisition, Construction, and Improvement of public transit infrastructure, facilities, and equipment
  
  – **Operating**  Costs directly related to systems operations, including fuel, driver & dispatcher salaries and benefits, service agreements
  
  – **Planning**  Developing transit plans and programs, pre-development studies, evaluations, and data exchange
  
  – **Administrative**  Salaries and benefits, insurance and facilities overhead (Indirect Costs funded at BIA approved rate)
5311 Tribal Transit Program

- FTA’s Tribal Transit Program allows grantees to coordinate and assist in regularly providing meal delivery service for homebound individuals, if the delivery service does not conflict with providing public transportation service or reduce service to public transportation passengers. Learn more at https://www.transit.dot.gov/ccam/
5311 Tribal Transit Program

- **Formula Funds ($30M)** Apportioned to 126 Tribes/Tribal Agencies (FY19) with Existing Transit Service
  - No Local Match Required
- **Discretionary Funds ($5M)** awarded competitively
  - NOFO published in the federal register with directions on how to apply. Existing or Proposed Transit Service required.
  - 10% Local Match required for capital and operating projects (No local match required for Planning projects)
5311 Tribal Transit Program

• Funds through the Tribal Transit Program are available for the Fiscal Year allocated plus two years. (FY2017 funds lapse in September, 2019)

• The formula funding amount allocated to a Tribe is based on Vehicle Revenue Miles (VRM) reported to the National Transit Database (NTD) over a two year period. Additional formula funding can be allocated to Tribes with very high VRM and/or significant low-income populations in Tribal areas.
Wisconsin FTA Tribal Grantees

- In the past 5 years, Tribes in Wisconsin have been awarded more than $11 million in direct FTA Funding for operations, bus and van purchases, and facilities.
The chart illustrates the Tribal Transit Formula Program from 2013 to 2019. It shows the number of tribes and the average formula funding for each year.

- **Number of Tribes**:
  - 2013: 83
  - 2014: 110
  - 2015: 114
  - 2016: 124
  - 2017: 127
  - 2018: 121
  - 2019: 126

- **Average Formula Funding**:
  - 2013: $150,000.00
  - 2014: $200,000.00
  - 2015: $250,000.00
  - 2016: $300,000.00
  - 2017: $350,000.00
  - 2018: $300,000.00
  - 2019: $250,000.00
Other programs…

• State Pass-Through…
  – 5310 Enhanced Mobility Program for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities (+innovative projects)
  – RTAP
  – STBG Flex Funds (FHWA)

• 5339 Bus and Bus Facilities Competitive Program

• Major Capital Programs/BUILD Grants

• START PLANNING EARLY!!
  – Contact FTA to discuss projects well ahead of grant deadlines, procurement, incurring costs, etc.
Latest Competitive Awards

• FY18 5339 Bus and Bus Facilities:
  – The **Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin** will receive $180,000 to purchase new buses. The project will replace buses that have exceeded their useful life.

• FY18 5311 Tribal Transit Competitive Program:
  – The **Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Tribe** will receive $41,443 to replace and renovate aging bus shelters, improving safety for passengers.
  – The **Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin** will receive $90,000 to purchase buses to replace vehicles that have exceeded their useful life, expanding access to jobs, school, healthcare and other government services throughout 30 counties.
Other News and Updates

• Buy America domestic content requirement for vehicle procurement is now 65%, will rise to 70% in October 2019

• Small Purchase threshold now at $250,000
  – Micro-purchase threshold raised to $10,000
  – Buy America waiver remains at $150,000

• New Drug and Alcohol Rules:
  – Effective January 1, 2019, the drug testing rate increased from 25 percent to 50 percent of covered employees for employers subject to FTA’s drug and alcohol regulation.
What is Transit Asset Management?

• Transit Asset Management (TAM) uses the condition of assets to guide the prioritization of funding for transit properties in order to keep our transit networks in a State of Good Repair (SGR):
  – Condition in which a capital asset operates at a full level of performance.

• Plan Coordination
  – Tribal Transit provider may participate in a single Group Plan or develop its own TAM Plan
  – A Group Plan participant must collaborate with the sponsor in the development of the plan.
TAM Plans

• Group Plans compiled by a sponsor
  – State DOT or Designated/Direct Recipient

• Each participant designates an Accountable Executive

• TAM Plan Elements for Tribal Providers:
  - Inventory of Capital Assets
  - Condition Assessment
  - Decision Support Tools
  - Investment Prioritization
Targets for Performance Measures

• Targets will be set annually for each asset class
• Supported by data
  – Most recent condition data
  – Reasonable financial projections
• Targets for Group Plans apply to the group as a whole
• Reported annually to National Transit Database (NTD)
# TAM Timelines

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<td>Asset Inventory and Condition Reporting*</td>
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<td>Narrative Report</td>
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- *Only 1/3 of facilities condition assessments are due in NTD report year 2018*
Online Resources:

- https://www.transit.dot.gov/TAM
- https://www.transit.dot.gov/TAM/Resources/PeerLibrary
- https://www.transit.dot.gov/TAM/gettingstarted/htmlFAQs
- https://www.transit.dot.gov/PerformanceManagement
- http://www.ntionline.com/
TrAMS/FACES

• Log in: https://faces.fta.dot.gov/suite/

• Resources and User Guides: https://www.transit.dot.gov/funding/grantee-resources/teamtrams/trams-guidance-training
TrAMS: “Must Have” User Roles

• User Manager*
• Official*
• Attorney*
• Developer
• Submitter*
• FFR Reporter and MPR Reporter
• NTD Reporter

*PIN Number/Documentation
TrAMS Tasks
U.S. Department of Transportation
Federal Transit Administration

All ➤
Starred ★

Applications
TrAMS 1.0 (5)
TrAMS Excel Reports (11)

- Application Budget by ALI Report ★
  Generate Application Budget by ALI Report

- Application Budget Report ★
  Generate Application Budget Report

- Application by Status Report ★
  Generate Application by Status Report

- Create Application ★
  Create New Application Record

- Deobligation by Funding Source Report ★
  Generate Deobligation by Funding Source Report
TrAMS: New Application

• Title

• Executive Summary
  – Which funding source(s) and amounts? (i.e. FY19 5311 Tribal Transit Program Formula funding of $100,000)
  – Local share? (Or “100% federal share”)
  – Brief description of projects
  – Brief description of timeline
  – Description of attachments

• Options:
  – Direct Recipient, Indirect cost rate, pre-award authority, E.O 12372
TrAMS: Application Projects

• How many projects do I need?
• Project Name
• Project Description
• Project Benefits and additional information
• Major Capital Investment Project?
• Project Location
• Project Plan Information
TrAMS: Activity Line Items

• Scope Code (600-00 for all Tribal Transit Program funded line items)
• Activity Type
• Line Item #
  – 30.09.01 for Operating ("Up to 50% Federal Share")
• Extended Budget Description
• 3rd Party Contractors?
• Milestones
  – Start Date and End Date
  – Contract Dates (RFP, Award, Delivery, Completion)
**Project | Add New Budget Activity Line Items (ALIs)**

You can add up to ten (10) line items at a time. Click "Save" to save your current line items and add more. Click "Finish" to save your current line items and return to previous form.

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**+Add Item**

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You must select a scope, activity type and item name for each line item in the grid before saving.
TrAMS: NEPA and Application Documents

- Select Environmental Categories
  - Ask FTA Point of Contact if NEPA Categorical Exclusion applies to project
- You must validate each Project in the Application before you can transmit
- Upload Relevant Documents to an Application
- View-Print Application
TrAMS: Award Processing

- Work with FTA point of contact to review application
- After FTA point of contact makes suggestions, “Validate and Transmit Application”
- FTA conducts initial review process
- After initial review process is complete, “Validate and Submit Application”
- FTA assigns Award ID #, conducts final review, notifies DOL, reserves funds, and completes the Award
- Execute Award
- Post-Award process begins, funds available from ECHO-Web
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https://www.transit.dot.gov/about/regional-offices/region-5
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NADTC.org  866-983-3222

NTIOline.com  848-932-1700

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