

WisDOT Transit Program Updates

April 2019

Public Transit Assistance Program (5311/5307/85.20/85.205/5339)

Operating and capital assistance for rural and urban public transit systems
Final 2019 operating assistance funding distribution just posted
2019 capital awards announced last month
Tribes in distribution: Menomonee, Bad River & Red Cliff (indirectly)
Forest County Potawatomi Community is joining for 2020
2020 applications available in August or September, due mid-December

Rural Transit Assistance Program (5311 (b) (3))

Passenger assistance train-the-trainer programs currently being planned for coming months
Initial eLearning modules for transit managers in development
Program info (training calendar, scholarships, contacts, resources) available at wisconsinrtap.com

Bus & Bus Facility Grant Program / Low- and No-Emission Vehicle Grant Programs

Annual discretionary federal grant programs
2019 Low/No grant applications due May 14; WisDOT may apply
2019 Bus/Bus Facility grant applications window expected to open soon; WisDOT may apply

Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program (5310/85.22)

Operating and capital assistance available to public agencies and non-profits
Statewide program, but Appleton, Green Bay, Madison, and Milwaukee MPOs administer programs for their respective urban areas
Cycle 44 (aka 2019-2020) applications available in mid-June, due mid-August

County and Tribal Elderly and Disabled Transportation Assistance Programs (85.21/85.215)

Annual state fund allocations that can be used to support any relevant transportation service(s)
2020 applications available September, due mid-December

Wisconsin Employment Transportation Assistance Program (WETAP) (5311/85.24/106.26)

Grants for nonprofit agencies providing employment transportation for low income workers
Eligible projects include service operations, loan programs, mobility management and vehicle leasing
2020 applications available in August

Statewide Transit Planning Grant Program

Grants available for studies and planning related to new or existing transit service
Applications accepted on a rolling basis, evaluated every January and July

Additional WisDOT Updates

Possible change in grants management system (currently BlackCat) effective July 2019
Recently-updated transit management & federal compliance resources on our website:

- Drug & Alcohol – *new*
- Title VI – *updated*
- Procurement – *updated*
- Asset Management (vehicle disposal guidance) – *updated*

Info/contacts for all programs at

<https://wisconsin.gov/Pages/doing-business/local-government/assistance-programs/transit/default.aspx>