

Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Competitive Program

PCFO IGAP Grant Snapshot

<u>Agency:</u> Department of Transportation	<u>Bureau:</u> Federal Transit Administration
<u>Application Deadline:</u> May 31, 2022	<u>Max Award:</u> None

Description

The Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Program makes federal resources available to states and direct recipients to replace, rehabilitate and purchase buses and related equipment and to construct bus-related facilities including technological changes or innovations to modify low or no emission vehicles or facilities. The Low or No Emission Grant Program is a sub-program.

Eligible Recipients

- State governments
- City or township governments
- Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized)
- County governments
- Other designated recipients that allocate funds to fixed route bus operators
- Eligible subrecipients include all otherwise eligible applicants and also private nonprofit organizations engaged in public transportation

Matching Grant Requirements

The matching requirement for eligible capital costs is 20% of the net capital project cost, unless the grant recipient requests a lower percentage.

Matching requirements may be lower than 20% for certain projects related to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), the Clean Air Act (CAA), and certain bicycle projects.

Eligible Projects

Capital projects to replace, rehabilitate and purchase buses, vans, and related equipment, and to construct bus-related facilities, including technological changes or innovations to modify low or no emission vehicles or facilities.

A single application may include both vehicle and facility components, along with associated equipment and workforce development activities.

For applications related to zero-emission vehicles, applicants are required to submit a Zero-Emission Fleet Transition Plan.

New or Existing Program	Existing program
Tips for Being Competitive	Projects will be evaluated based on the quality and extent to which they demonstrate how the proposed project will address an unmet need for capital investment in vehicles and/or supporting facilities. Projects will also be evaluated on the quality and extent to which they improve the condition of, or otherwise modernize, the transit system; improve the reliability of transit service for its riders; improve the resilience of transit facilities, enhance access and mobility within the service area, particularly for low-income or underserved communities; and expand accessibility for people with disabilities.
Examples of Prior Award Recipients	<p>In FY2020, the Greater Dayton Regional Transit Authority (GDRTA) in Ohio received over \$4.3 million in funding to purchase new buses to replace aging buses that have exceeded their useful life. The new buses will allow GDRTA, which serves Montgomery and Greene counties, to improve service for riders, reduce maintenance costs and keep its fleet in a state of good repair.</p> <p>To view all projects funded in FY2020, please visit this link.</p>
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Upcoming Webinars and Information Sessions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March 22, 2022; 2:00-3:30 PM ET: “Webinar for FY 2022 Low-No & Bus Program Combined NOFO with focus on Zero-Emission Fleet Transition Plans” • March 23, 2022; 1:00-2:30 PM ET: “Urban Applicants Webinar for FY 2022 Low-No & Bus Program Combined NOFO” • March 30, 2022; 2:00-3:30 PM ET: “Rural and Tribal Applicants Webinar for FY 2022 Low-No & Bus Program Combined NOFO”
Types of Partners Required	None
Total Allocation	\$372 million for FY2022
Links to Grant Opportunity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grant Opportunity on Grants.gov • Notice of Funding Opportunity • Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Competitive Program Homepage