

Low or No Emission Grant 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 Low or No Emission competitive program provides funding to state and local governmental authorities for the purchase or lease of zero-emission and low-emission transit buses as well as acquisition, construction, and leasing of required supporting facilities.

Eligible Recipients

All designated recipients of FTA grants, including:

- States
- Local governmental authorities
- Indian Tribes

Except for projects proposed by Indian Tribes, proposals for funding eligible projects in rural (non-urbanized) areas must be submitted as part of a consolidated state proposal. States and other eligible applicants also may submit consolidated proposals for projects in urbanized areas.

Matching Grant Requirements

For purposes of complying with or maintaining compliance with the Clean Air Act or Americans with Disabilities Act:

- Project costs related to leasing or purchasing a transit bus: 15% matching minimum
- Project costs related to leasing or acquiring low- or no-emission bus-related equipment and facilities: 10% matching minimum

For other project costs: 20% matching minimum

Eligible Projects

- Purchasing or leasing low or no emission buses;
- Acquiring low or no emission buses with a leased power source;
- Constructing or leasing facilities and related equipment for low or no emission buses;
- Constructing new public transportation facilities to accommodate low or no emission buses; or
- Rehabilitating or improving existing public transportation facilities to accommodate low or no emission buses

FTA will consider only eligible projects relating to the acquisition or leasing of low or no emission buses or bus facilities that make greater reductions in energy consumption and harmful emissions than comparable standard buses or other low or no emission buses.

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 advance the following goals: (1) Reduce Energy Consumption; (2) Reduce Harmful Emissions; and (3) Reduce Direct Carbon Emissions.

Examples of Prior Award Recipients

In FY2021, METRO Regional Transit Authority received \$616,000 in funding to purchase battery electric buses to replace older buses that have reached their useful life. The project will improve service reliability and air quality for Summit County residents.

To view a complete list of FY2021 recipients, please visit this [link](#).

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Upcoming Webinars and Information Sessions

- [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

\$1.1 billion for FY2022

Links to Grant Opportunity

- [Grant Opportunity on Grants.gov](#)
- [Notice of Funding Opportunity](#)
- [Low or No Emission Grant Program Homepage](#)