

Areas of Persistent Poverty Program

PCFO IGAP Grant Snapshot

February 15, 2023

<u>Agency:</u> Department of Transportation	<u>Bureau:</u> Federal Transit Administration
<u>Application Deadline:</u> March 10, 2023	<u>Max Award:</u> \$850,000

Description

The Areas of Persistent Poverty Program awards grants for planning, engineering, or development of technical or financing plans to assist Areas of Persistent Poverty or Historically Disadvantaged Communities.

Eligible Recipients

Eligible applicants include recipients or subrecipients under any of the following 3 programs: 1) Formula Grants for Rural Areas, 2) Urbanized Area Formula Grants, and 3) Enhanced Mobility of Seniors & Individuals with Disabilities. Recipients include local governments in metropolitan areas as designated by DOT. Entities must be located in Areas of Persistent Poverty (APP) or Historically Disadvantaged Communities (HDC).

FTA has created a [mapping tool](#) to determine if a project area is in an Area of Persistent Poverty and Historically Disadvantaged Community.

Matching Grant Requirements

Cost share is not required. However, FTA may give additional consideration to projects that supply up to 10% cost share.

Eligible Projects

Eligible projects include planning, engineering, or development of technical or financing plans for projects that will assist Areas of Persistent Poverty or Historically Disadvantaged Communities. Examples of eligible projects include planning, engineering, or development of technical or financing plans for:

- improved transit services
- new transit routes
- engineering for transit facilities and improvements to existing facilities
- innovative technologies
- planning for low or no emission buses
- planning for a new bus facility or intermodal center that supports transit services
- integrated fare collections systems
- coordinated public transit human service transportation plans to improve transit service

New or Existing Program

Existing

Tips for Being Competitive

Three of the program's priorities are to address climate change and sustainability, address racial equity and barriers to opportunity, and advance Justice40 and environmental justice. FTA seeks to encourage racial equity in two areas: (1) planning and policies related to racial equity and barriers to opportunity; and (2) engineering, or development of technical or financing plans, for project investments that either proactively address racial equity and barriers to opportunity, including automobile dependence as a form of barrier, or redress prior inequities and barriers to opportunity.

Labor Requirements

None stated

Examples of Prior Award Recipients

In FY2021, the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority was awarded a \$585,000 grant to research barriers to transit access facing people in areas of persistent poverty. The study, which the GCRTA will conduct in partnership with local public agencies and nonprofits, will allow the GCRTA to improve not only transit access, but also economic mobility and quality of life for more than 200,000 individuals.

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Upcoming Events

FTA held informational webinars on February 7 and February 15. The presentation slides are available on the [APP Program Page](#).

Partners Required

There are no required partners, but applicants are encouraged to work with local nonprofit organizations that serve disadvantaged communities.

Total Allocation

\$20 million

Anticipated Award Date

Not stated

Resources

- [Grant Opportunity - Grants.gov](#)
- [Areas of Persistent Poverty Program - FTA](#)
- [Areas of Persistent Poverty Program FY 2023 Notice of Funding Opportunity - FTA](#)
- [Areas of Persistent Poverty Program FY2021 Recipients - FTA](#)
- [Area of Persistent Poverty \(AoPP\) & Historically Disadvantaged Communities \(HDC\) Mapping Tool - FTA](#)