



FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION

The Passenger Ferry Grant Program

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Program Overview

Section 5307(h) Passenger Ferry Grant Program

Authorizes FTA to make awards on a competitive basis for passenger ferry projects that support passenger ferry systems in urbanized areas, such as ferry vessels, terminals, and related infrastructure.

The Passenger Ferry Grant Program is a set-aside from the Section 5307 – Urbanized Area Formula Program.

Funding Available:

\$30 million authorized per year thru FY 2020.

2017 & 2018 Ferry Competition

Quick Facts:

- **22** project proposals from **12** states
- Total of **\$65.4** million requested
- **20** projects funded for a total of \$58.2 million
- Largest award was \$6 million
- List of funded projects on the FTA website:
<https://www.transit.dot.gov/funding/grants/passenger-ferry-grant-program-section-5307>
- Watch FTA's [Video](#) highlighting the Passenger Ferry Grant Program

2019 Important Program Dates

- Notice of Funding Opportunity: February 12, 2019
- Applications Due: **April 15, 2019 by 11:59 P.M. EDT**
 - Application Package can be found at www.grants.gov by searching for keyword “Passenger Ferry” or “Ferry Program”. Applicants should register on www.grants.gov **at least 4 weeks prior** to applying to ensure system access.
- Award Announcements: Summer 2019

Funding Award Information

- A total of \$30 million has been made available for ferry projects that support the evaluation criteria.
- Projects will be selected on a competitive basis, consistent with the criteria outlined in the notice.
- Funding available for obligation for year of award plus five years
- FY19 competition obligation deadline = September 30, 2024
- Pre-award authority starts on the date that selected projects are announced.

Cost Share

Cost Sharing or Matching: 80% Federal / 20% Local

Exceptions:

- **85%** for net project costs for acquiring vehicles (including clean-fuel or alternative fuel) attributable to compliance with the Clean Air Act (CAA) or attributable to compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990
- **90%** for net project costs for vehicle-related equipment or facilities (including clean-fuel or alternative-fuel vehicle-related equipment or facilities) attributable to compliance with the CAA or ADA
- Eligible sources of local match are listed in the NOFO

Eligibility Information

Eligible Applicants:

- Designated Recipients
- Direct Recipients of Section 5307 funds (or those eligible to become such recipients)
- States (including Territories of the United States)
- Federally-recognized Tribes

Eligibility Information

Eligible Projects:

- Capital projects to purchase, replace, or rehabilitate passenger ferries, terminals and related infrastructure and equipment (including fare equipment, communication devices).
- Projects must support public transportation ferry systems serving an urbanized area.
- Vehicles ferries are eligible if they also accommodate walk-on passengers.

Ineligible Projects:

- Planning
- Operating expenses
- Preventive maintenance

Evaluation Criteria

1. **Demonstration of Need**

What is the age, condition, and performance of assets to be replaced or rehabilitated?

What are the capacity constraints and/or demand for new or expanded service?

2. **Demonstration of Benefits**

How will the proposed project improve state of good repair, safety, ridership and reliability of service?

Does the proposed project connect to other modes?

3. **Planning and Local/Regional Prioritization**

How is the proposed project consistent with local and regional priorities?

Is the project in the long range plan and TIP/STIP?

Are there letters of support from local stakeholders?

Evaluation Criteria

4. **Local Financial Commitment**

How will the local funds be secured?

What is the source of the local share, and is it available and set aside for the project?

5. **Project Implementation Strategy**

Is the implementation strategy detailed, reasonable, and complete?

What is the status of planning and environmental work?

6. **Technical, Legal, and Financial Capacity**

Does the applicant demonstrate the ability to carry out the proposed project?

Does the applicant have experience with projects of comparable size/scope/requirements?

Selection Process

Departmental Objectives may also be considered during project selection

- Innovative approaches to improve safety and expedite project delivery
- Supporting economic vitality
- Attracting non-Federal sources of investment
- Accounting for life-cycle costs
- Accountability for performance and meeting specific, measurable outcomes

Other Considerations

- Provision of an “over-match” (description misplaced in Section E.I of NOFO)
- Geographic Diversity and System Size
- Other Competitive Awards

Application and Submission

Federal Register:

<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2019-02-12/pdf/2019-01951.pdf>

Application Information:

<https://www.transit.dot.gov/funding/grants/passenger-ferry-grant-program-section-5307>

Applications must include:

1. SF-424 Application for Federal Assistance
2. Supplemental Form
3. Supporting Documentation

Applications must be submitted through Grants.gov **by 11:59 PM EDT on April 15, 2019.**
Late applications may not be accepted.

Key Takeaways

- Use the NOFO
- Documentation is crucial
- Tell your story



Questions

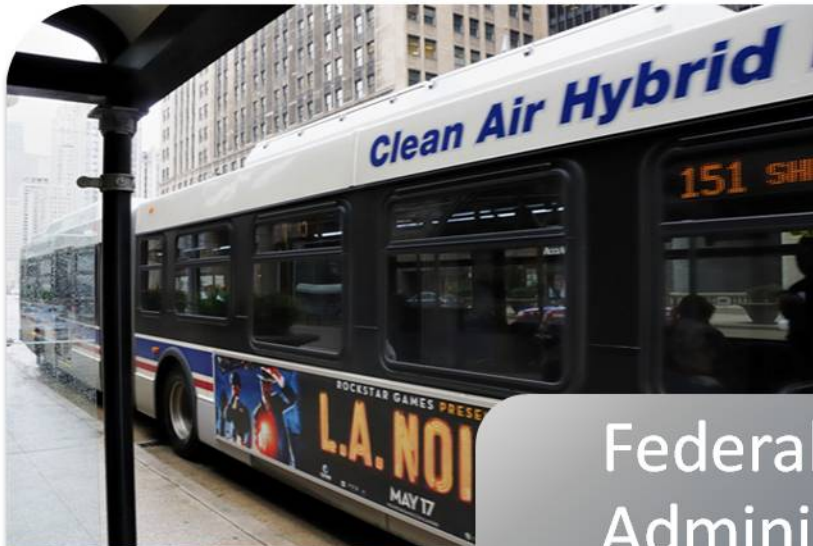
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