

Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Planning Pilot Program**Funding Authority:**

U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), Federal Transit Administration (FTA)

Funder Type:

Federal Government

Deadline Details:

Applications must be submitted November 3, 2014, by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT).

Award Details:

The estimated funding available for FY14 is \$19.98 million. The minimum funding award is \$250,000; the maximum is \$2,000,000. A project period of 24 months is expected. A cost match/share of 20 percent is required.

Summary:

This program seeks comprehensive planning projects covering an entire transit capital project corridor, rather than proposals that involve planning for individual station areas or only a small section of the corridor. FTA is also prioritizing applications in corridors with significant challenges related to TOD planning, low levels of existing development, or where the cost of the planning work to overcome the challenges exceeds what might be readily available locally. Lastly, FTA is seeking planning efforts that include strategies to support housing affordability and address residential and commercial displacement that can sometimes occur when transit capital projects are implemented.

The Pilot Program is not intended to simply support planning that maintains or increases development adjacent to transit. Instead, the Pilot Program is intended to fund comprehensive planning that supports economic development, ridership, multimodal connectivity and accessibility, increased transit access for pedestrian and bicycle traffic, and mixed-use development near transit stations, thus developing information that addresses the CIG Program's evaluation criteria and increasing the competitiveness of the project for that program's funding. The program also encourages identification of infrastructure needs and engagement with the private sector.

Eligibility Details:

Eligible applicants must be existing direct recipients of FTA grants. An applicant must either be the project sponsor of an eligible transit capital project or an entity with land-use planning authority in an eligible transit capital project corridor.

Additional Information:

Eligible activities include:

- Enhances economic development, ridership, and other goals established during the project development and engineering processes;

- facilitates multimodal connectivity and accessibility;
 - increases access to transit hubs for pedestrian and bicycle traffic;
 - enables mixed-use development;
 - identifies infrastructure needs associated with the eligible project; and
 - includes private sector participation.
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Innovative Public Transportation Workforce Development Program (Ladders of Opportunity Initiative)

Funding Authority:

U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), Federal Transit Administration (FTA)

Funder Type:

Federal Government

Deadline Details:

Proposals must be submitted December 23, 2014, by 11:59 PM Eastern Standard Time (EST).

Award Details:

Approximately \$9,000,000 in total funding is available. This program has an award ceiling of \$1,000,000 and award floor of \$200,000. Cost sharing/matching of at least 50% is required.

Summary:

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) announces the Innovative Public Transportation Workforce Development Program (Ladders of Opportunity Initiative).

This program solicits proposals that promote innovative nationally and regionally significant public transportation workforce development models and programs that invest in America's economic growth and help build ladders of opportunity into the middle class for American workers.

Eligibility Details:

Eligible applicants include:

- Urban and rural transit agencies
- State Departments of Transportation (DOTs) that provide public transportation services
- Metropolitan Planning Organizations
- Indian Tribes
- Nonprofit institutions
- Institutions of Higher Education

Bus and Bus Related Equipment and Facilities Program (Bus Program) (Earmark)

Funding Authority:

U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), Federal Transit Administration (FTA)

Funder Type:

Federal Government

Deadline Details:

This program does not have any current deadlines. Contact your local region Department of Transportation for more information.

Award Details:

Funds remain available for obligation for three fiscal years. This includes the fiscal year in which the amount is made available or appropriated plus two additional years.

Historically, the program has been fully earmarked. However, if the program is not fully earmarked, unallocated or discretionary funds may be available. Such funds may be allocated at the discretion of the Secretary of Transportation.

The Federal share of eligible capital costs is 80 percent of the net capital project cost, unless the grant recipient requests a lower percentage. The Federal share may exceed 80 percent for certain projects related to the ADA, the Clean Air Act (CAA), and certain bicycle projects.

Summary: The transit capital investment program (49 U.S.C. 5309) provides capital assistance for three primary activities:

- New and replacement buses and facilities (Bus and Bus Related Equipment and Facilities program).
- Modernization of existing rail systems (Fixed Guideway Modernization program).
- New fixed guideway systems (New Starts program and Small Starts).

This summary only deals with the Bus and Bus Related and Facilities Program.

The Bus and Bus Related Equipment and Facilities Program (Bus program) provides capital assistance for new and replacement buses, related equipment, and facilities. It is a discretionary program to supplement formula funding in both urbanized and rural areas.

Eligible capital projects include the purchasing of buses for fleet and service expansion, bus maintenance and administrative facilities, transfer facilities, bus malls, transportation centers, intermodal terminals, park-and-ride stations, acquisition of replacement vehicles, bus rebuilds, bus preventive maintenance, passenger amenities such as passenger shelters and bus stop

signs, accessory and miscellaneous equipment such as mobile radio units, supervisory vehicles, fare boxes, computers and shop and garage equipment.

Eligibility Details: Eligible recipients under the Bus program are States and local governments, as well as sub-recipients, such as public agencies, private companies engaged in public transportation and private non-profit organizations.

Additional Information:

Private companies engaged in public transportation are eligible sub recipients of FTA grants. Private operators may now receive FTA funds as a pass through without competition if they are included in a program of projects submitted by the designated public authority acting as the direct recipient of a grant.