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FEDERAL GRANT OPPORTUNITY

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SUBJECT: DOT FTA FY 2019 Low or No Emission Grant Program

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The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) Federal Transit Administration (FTA) has issued a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the **Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 Low or No Emission (Low-No) Grant Program**. FTA will award an estimated \$85 million in total program funding. Although there is no maximum award level provided in the solicitation, FTA notes that the largest amount awarded to a single applicant was \$2.29 million and no State received more than 5 percent of the total funding available under the FY 2018 solicitation. Applicants must share 15 percent of the net project cost for projects involving the acquisition of low- or no-emission buses and 10 percent of the net project cost for projects to acquire related equipment or facilities. The deadline to apply is **May 14, 2019**.

The purpose is to support the purchase or leasing of low- or no-emission buses for transit revenue operations to reduce energy consumption and harmful emissions from public transportation. Eligible projects may include the acquisition of related equipment or the construction, acquisition, leasing, or refurbishing of related recharging, refueling, and maintenance facilities. Zero emission bus technologies include hydrogen fuel-cell buses and battery-electric buses. Eligible applicants include designated recipients of FTA grants as well as units of State, local, and tribal government. Please note that proposals for projects in non-tribal rural areas must be submitted as part of a single consolidated State proposal. Applicants may partner with private entities intending to participate in the projects.

FTA will host a webinar for prospective applicants on April 11, 2019 from 2:00 to 3:30p.m. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT). For more information, please see the <u>Full FY 2019 NOFO</u> or <u>Program Website</u>. Please contact Tara Clark at <u>tara.clark@dot.gov</u> or (202) 366-2623 if you have any programs. We would also be glad to make an inquiry on your behalf. Please us know if you have any interest in applying for this grant opportunity. We look forward to hearing from you.