

**FTA SECTION 5311  
Nonurbanized (Rural) Area Formula Program  
FACT SHEET for Federal Fiscal Year 2009**

**PROGRAM PURPOSE:**

To provide funding for public transit in nonurbanized areas with a population under 50,000 and to support intercity bus service.

**FTA FUNDING:**

Approximately \$3.4 million will be available for the federal share portion in this grant cycle. There is a 15% set aside for 5311(f)—Intercity bus program.

**ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS:**

- Private non-profit organizations;
- State or local governmental authorities;
- Indian tribes;
- Operators of public transportation services;
- Intercity bus operators.

**APPLICANT REQUIREMENTS:**

Applicant must be able to document:

- Experience and history of providing an efficient and effective transportation service;
- Driver training program;
- Vehicle maintenance program;
- Source of the required local match;
- Fiscal and technical capacity to operate its service;
- How project addresses program purpose.

**ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES:**

Operating, project administration and capital expenses that support nonurbanized public transportation services. Examples include fixed-route bus service with complementary ADA paratransit, passenger shelters, bus stop signs, radios & communication equipment, computer hardware or software and accessible buses or paratransit vehicles.

**FUNDING SELECTION PROCESS:**

Applications are reviewed by NHDOT and compiled into a Program of Projects. Priority is given to the continuation of existing viable

transportation services before providing grants to new projects. For applicants that meet the above criteria, the Department determines funding levels based on existing funding to subrecipients, on anticipated or available funding, and on applicants' service measures such as ridership and service hours and miles. To the extent that funding permits, the Department will consider applications for existing, new, or expanded service from all regions of the state. Capital funding is provided on a discretionary basis, depending on the indication of need by subrecipients as reflected in their capital plans.

**PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:**

Successful applicants will enter into an agreement with NHDOT that stipulates the terms and conditions under which the equipment will be procured and operated. The Agreement will remain in effect until the project is terminated and the equipment disposed of.

**ADDITIONAL REFERENCE SOURCES:**

Rail & Transit website:

[www.nh.gov/dot/org/aerorailtransit/railandtransit/index.htm](http://www.nh.gov/dot/org/aerorailtransit/railandtransit/index.htm)

FTA Section 5311 website:

[http://www.fta.dot.gov/funding/grants/grants\\_financing\\_3555.html](http://www.fta.dot.gov/funding/grants/grants_financing_3555.html)

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