

NHDOT Transit Grants Workshop

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- Who’s here and why...

Agenda

- Overview of Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Grant Programs
- NHDOT Grant Application Process
- Compliance
- Q&A

Match Required

<u>Grant type</u>	<u>FTA funds</u>	<u>Local funds</u>
Capital	80%	20%
Operating	50%	50%

Basic Requirements

5310 Program

Must serve elderly or disabled

5311 Program

Services are open to the public

5316 Program

Low income population is served

Access to employment or employment-related opportunities

5317 Program

Targeted toward individuals with disabilities—removes barriers to transportation. Above & beyond ADA requirements

Was not operational before August 10, 2005

Basic Procedures

NHDOT's Transit Grants are a Reimbursement Program

- Reimbursement procedures:
 - Submit monthly invoice on agency letterhead referencing the Grant, State project number and the time period covered
 - Invoice needs to be signed by an agency official
 - Break out allowable Administration, Capital and Operating expenses following the Federal Chart of Accounts
 - Document the specific sources of local revenue
 - Retain adequate reimbursement documentation - payroll detail register, monthly invoices, receipts or invoices. (i.e. monthly telephone bill, invoice for office supplies, receipt for fuel, etc)
 - After invoice is processed, approximately two-week time frame before payment is received.

Section 5310

Elderly Individuals & Individuals with Disabilities Program

- Program Purpose: To provide safe, efficient and coordinated transportation services for elderly individuals and individuals with disabilities for whom public transportation is otherwise unavailable, insufficient, or inappropriate.
- Eligible Applicants: Private non-profits or approved government authorities.

Section 5310

Elderly Individuals & Individuals with Disabilities Program

- Eligible Activities: Accessible buses or vans, radios & communication equipment, hardware & software, transit-related ITS and purchase of service by regional transportation coordinators.
- FFY 2008 Funding Available: \$601,121
- Examples of Projects: Accessible buses for senior centers, mental health centers and public transit providers.

Section 5311

Nonurbanized (Rural) Area Program

- Program Purpose: To provide funding for public transit in nonurbanized areas with a population under 50,000 and to support intercity bus service.
- Eligible Applicants: Non-profits, state or local governmental authorities, operators of public transportation services, or intercity bus operators.

Section 5311

Nonurbanized (Rural) Area Program

- Eligible Activities: Capital, Operating and Administration
- FFY 2008 Funding Available
 - \$3,408,976
- Examples of Projects
 - Fixed-route bus service with complementary ADA paratransit
 - Passenger shelters, bus stop signs, radios & communications equipment, computer hardware or software
 - Accessible buses or paratransit vehicles (currently purchased out of other FTA grant program)

Section 5316

Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC)

- Program Purpose: To improve access to transportation services to employment and employment-related activities for welfare recipients and eligible low-income individuals and to transport residents of urbanized areas and nonurbanized areas to suburban and rural employment opportunities.
- Eligible Applicants: Private non-profits, state or local governmental authorities and operators of public transportation services, including private operators of public transportation services.

Section 5316

Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC)

- Eligible Activities: Capital equipment, Planning, Operating and Mobility Management
- FFY 2008 Funding Available
 - Small urbanized areas \$249,880
 - Rural areas \$130,353
- Examples of Projects
 - ✓ Late night or weekend bus service
 - ✓ Ridesharing
 - ✓ Implementing Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS)
 - ✓ Transportation Brokerages
 - ✓ Demand-responsive van service
 - ✓ Shuttle service
 - ✓ Promoting Transit Voucher Programs
 - ✓ Mobility Management
 - Call Centers
 - Coordinated Services

Section 5317

New Freedom Program

- Program Purpose: To reduce barriers to transportation services and expand the transportation mobility options available to people with disabilities beyond those required by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).
- Eligible Applicants: Private non-profits, state or local governmental authorities and operators of public transportation services including private operators of public transportation services.

Section 5317

New Freedom Program

- Eligible Activities: Capital equipment, Operating and Mobility Management
- FFY 2008 Funding Available
 - Small urbanized areas \$239,119
 - Rural areas \$127,777
- Examples of Projects
 - ✓ Enhance ADA paratransit
 - Increased hours of operation
 - Expanded geographic area
 - Provision of same day service
 - Incremental cost of door-to-door
 - ✓ Feeder service
 - ✓ Travel training
 - ✓ Volunteer driver and aide programs
 - ✓ Mobility Management
 - Call Center operation
 - Transportation Brokerages

Grant Application Milestones

Application Due	March 13, 2009
Application Decisions	April 1, 2009
Contract to Agency	April 20, 2009
Contract Returned to DOT	May 1, 2009
Governor & Council Approval	June 3, 2009
Funds Available	July 1, 2009

NHDOT Grant Application Process

New Hampshire Department of Transportation
PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION GRANT APPLICATION FOR STATE FY 2010-11

1. **SUMMARY INFORMATION**

Complete one summary section

- a. Legal Name of Applicant Agency
- b. Address
- c. Telephone/Fax/E mail
- d. Name and Title of Project Director
- e. Agency Type (private nonprofit, local government, etc.)

2. **MANAGEMENT AND EXPERIENCE**

- a. What experience does your agency have with passenger transportation services?
- b. Who are the project staff that will administer this grant? Describe their experience managing FTA grants, other Federal grants, and state funds.

3. **CIVIL RIGHTS INFORMATION**

- a. List minority population in the service area
- b. Describe any active lawsuits or complaints alleging discrimination on the basis of race, color, or national origin with respect to transportation service
- c. Describe civil rights compliance review activities of your agency that have been conducted in the past three years.

Compliance Items

- Reporting
 - National Transit Database
 - Charter Reports & FTA Charter Rule compliance
 - DOT Quarterly Vehicle Monitoring
 - Ridership, vehicle hours, vehicle miles, operating costs
 - Annual DOT inventory report
- FTA Master Agreement & Contract Clauses
- Third Party Procurement
- Civil Rights
 - Title VI EEO ADA
- Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program
- Drug & Alcohol Program
- Equipment Management & Disposition
- DOT site visits and/or vehicle inspections
- FTA Certification & Assurances
- School Bus Rule

Questions? Want more Info?

Contact:

- Bureau of Rail & Transit

603-271-2468

www.nh.gov/dot/org/aerorailtransit/railandtransit/index.htm

- Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Circulars

www.fta.dot.gov/laws/leg_reg_circulars_guidance.html

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