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NOTICE OF AVAILABLE CAPITAL FUNDS
FTA 5339(c) LOW OR NO EMISSION (Lo-No) PROGRAM

From: Fred Butler
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Subject: FTA 5339(c) Low or No Emission Competitive Grant Opportunity – SFY 2017

To: Public Transit Providers in NH

The New Hampshire Department of Transportation, Bureau of Rail & Transit, announces the availability of funding from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section Low or No Emission Vehicle Deployment ([Lo-No](#)) Program. The purpose of the Low-No Program is to support the transition of the nation's transit fleet to the lowest polluting and most energy efficient transit vehicle technologies, thereby reducing local air pollution and direct carbon emissions, and to support the deployment of technologically advanced U.S.-made transit buses that have been largely proven in testing and demonstrations, but are not yet widely deployed in transit fleets. Program highlights include:

Eligible Applicants:

- Eligible subrecipients include direct recipients of Section 5307 funding and local government authorities that operate fixed route transit service. Section 5307 direct recipients may directly apply. NHDOT will submit a consolidated request on behalf of all 5311 agencies as well as those Section 5307 that choose not to apply directly.

Funding availability:

- \$55 million nationwide
 - Federal Government's participation in the costs of leasing or acquiring a transit bus financed under the Lo-No Program is limited to 85 percent of the total transit bus cost. The proposer may seek a lower Federal contribution.
 - The Federal Government's participation in the cost of leasing or acquiring transit bus-related equipment and facilities under the LoNo Program is limited to 90 percent of the net project cost of the equipment or facilities attributable to compliance with the Clean Air Act.
 - Projects will be selected on a competitive basis, consistent with the criteria outlined in the [Notice](#).

Eligible Activities:

- Eligible projects are projects or programs of projects for purchasing or leasing low or no emission buses, acquiring low or no emission buses with a leased power source, constructing or leasing facilities and related equipment (including intelligent technology and software), for

low or no emission buses, constructing new public transportation facilities to accommodate low or no emission buses, or rehabilitating or improving existing public transportation facilities to accommodate low or no emission buses. All proposed projects must be part of the intended recipient's long-term integrated fleet management plan. Examples of zero emission bus technologies include, but are not limited to hydrogen fuel-cell buses and battery-electric buses.

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FTA Policy Priorities:

- The applicant must demonstrate how the proposed project will support the following Low-No Program objectives: (1) Reduce Direct Carbon Emissions; (2) Reduce Particulate Emissions; (3) Support Deployment of Advanced Propulsion Technologies; (4) Demonstrate Successful Revenue Operation of New Technologies.
- FTA is also interested in projects that use up to 0.5 percent of the award for workforce development activities.

FTA Evaluation Criteria:

1. Demonstration of Need
2. Demonstration of Benefits
3. Planning and Local/Regional Prioritization
4. Local Financial Commitment
5. Project Implementation Strategy
6. Technical, Legal & Financial Capacity

Application Information and Deadline

- Interested applicants must send a letter of intent via email, including a summary of the proposed project and estimated cost, to the Bureau of Rail & Transit at fbutler@dot.state.nh.us by **May 2, 2016**. NHDOT will then work with the agency/agencies to complete a statewide application through www.grants.gov. (Section 5307 direct recipients that intend to apply directly should plan on doing so no later than May 9th. Direct applicants must register on www.grants.gov at least 2-4 weeks prior to applying.) Additional application information can be found in the LoNo opportunity announcement, here: [FFY2016 Low-No Program Notice of Funding Opportunity](#).

Sincerely,



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