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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**



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FTA SECTION 5311/5311f (RURAL/INTERCITY) PROJECT SOLICITATION

Application Deadline: **February 21, 2017, 3:00 pm**

The New Hampshire Department of Transportation, Bureau of Rail & Transit, announces the availability of applications for funding from the following Federal Transit Administration (FTA) programs:

- FTA Section [5311](#) -- Formula Grants for Other than Urbanized (i.e., Rural) Areas
 - TWO YEARS (SFY 2018 – 2019: July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2019)
- FTA Section [5311\(f\)](#) -- Intercity Bus
 - ONE YEAR (SFY 2018: July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018)

Eligible Recipients

Local governmental authorities, nonprofit organizations, or operators of public transportation or intercity bus service

Eligible Projects (see FTA Circular [C 9040.1G](#) for guidance)

Rural: Operating, administration, job access and reverse commute projects, and the acquisition of public transportation services for rural areas with populations less than 50,000. *(No capital funds will be made available for 5311 projects. Instead, FTA Section 5339 funds will be made available.)*

Intercity: Operating expenses, administrative costs, and capital projects/equipment for rural intercity bus service

Note: Intercity bus service is defined as regularly scheduled bus service for the general public that operates with limited stops over fixed routes connecting two or more urban areas not in close proximity, that has the capacity for transporting baggage carried by passengers, and that makes meaningful connections with scheduled intercity bus service to more distant points, if such service is available.

Available Funding

	SFY2018	SFY2019	Total
Rural - 5311	\$3,092,878	\$2,971,334*	\$6,064,212
Intercity – 5311f	\$600,000	N/A	\$600,000

Note: Funding availability is approximate and is subject to change.

*Reduction in SFY19 assumes level apportionment and no carryover. NHDOT will seek to identify additional funding, which would likely need to be addressed through contract amendments.

Project Evaluation

Projects will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

		Weight
-	Confirmed that proposed service/projects is eligible for 5311/5311f funding - cite Circular 9040.1G reference if new project.	Y/N
-	Seniors and persons with disabilities have full access to the applicant's services.	Y/N
1	The proposed service effectively addresses a demonstrated community need, and/or the proposed service is a continuation or expansion of existing services.	15%
2	The applicant has the fiscal and technical capacity and adequate budget to operate its service.	15%
3	The applicant has successful experience in providing transportation services.	15%
4	The application shows coordination with other transportation providers in the service area: public, nonprofit, and for-profit.	10%
5	The applicant demonstrates involvement in and support for the project, financial and otherwise, on the part of citizens and local government.	10%
6	The applicant demonstrates effort to involve the private sector in the delivery of transportation services.	10%
7	The applicant successfully demonstrates service efficiency and effectiveness, measured in ridership, service miles and hours, costs, and fare recovery. New applicants must demonstrate the ability to measure performance and achieve goals.	15%
8	The applicant complies with relevant Federal and state regulations, and has a history of compliance with regulations and reporting requirements.	10%

100%

Application Submission

Applications and details are available by contacting the NHDOT, Bureau of Rail & Transit at (603) 271-2468, on the web at www.nh.gov/dot/org/aerorailtransit/railandtransit, or by emailing frederick.butler@dot.nh.gov.

Format: Electronic via email is required. No signature is required on documents if sent from agency head's email address.

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Submit to: Fred Butler, Public Transportation Administrator, at frederick.butler@dot.nh.gov

Additional Information

This project will be administered according to the requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and related statutes to ensure nondiscrimination.