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FTA SECTION 5311 (RURAL) PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION PROJECT SOLICITATION

Application Deadline: **March 15, 2021, 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) program:

- **FTA Section [5311](#) -- Formula Grants for Other than Urbanized (i.e., Rural) Areas**
 - **TWO YEARS (SFY 2022 – 2023: July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2023)**

Program Purpose

The purpose of the FTA Section 5311 program is to support public transportation for people living in any area outside of an urbanized area (UZA) as designated by the Bureau of the Census. Public transportation means regular, continuing shared-ride surface transportation services that are open to the general public or open to a segment of the general public defined by age, disability, or low income.

Eligible Recipients

Local governmental authorities, nonprofit organizations, or operators of public transportation

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

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 for that purpose.)*

Available Funding

SFY2022	SFY2023	Total
\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$10,000,000

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

Project Evaluation

Projects will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

		Weight
-	Confirmed that proposed service/projects is eligible for 5311 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 an NHDOT policy goal (per statewide transit study) and/or the proposed service is a continuation of existing services.	15%
2	The applicant has the fiscal and technical capacity and adequate budget to operate its service, and demonstrates successful experience in providing transportation services.	30%
3	The application demonstrates an effort to involve the private sector in the delivery of transportation services as well as involvement in and support for the project, financial and otherwise, on the part of citizens and local government.	20%
4	The applicant successfully demonstrates service efficiency and effectiveness, measured in ridership, service miles and hours, costs, and fare recovery as applicable. New applicants must demonstrate the ability to measure performance and achieve goals.	15%
5	The application shows coordination with other transportation providers in the service area: public, nonprofit, and for-profit	10%
6	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.J.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.J.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.