

Federal Transit Administration Funding: Supporting Tribal Transit

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Agenda

Part 1

- Who is Federal Transit Administration (FTA)?
- What Funding is Available?

Part 2

- How to Access FTA Funding
- Common Pitfalls
- Questions



Part 1



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Who is FTA: Mission

Improving America's Communities through Public Transportation



FTA's Roles

- Set Policy
- Develop Guidance

- Financial Assistance
- Technical Assistance
- Oversight of Programs and Funding



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Support:

- Research
- Demonstration
- Innovation Programs

- Regulatory Authority on Safety for Public Transportation

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**Federal Transit
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- One of 9 modal administrations within USDOT
- Approximately 600 staff
- **\$20.4 billion annual budget in 2022**
- **\$69.4 billion in COVID-19 Emergency Relief**
 - \$25 billion in CARES Act funds in 2020
 - \$14 billion in CRRSAA funds in 2021
 - \$30.4 billion in ARP funds in 2021



Who is FTA: Leadership



Nuria Fernandez
Administrator



Veronica P. McBeth
Senior Advisor



Veronica Vanterpool
Deputy Administrator



Matthew Welbes
Executive Director

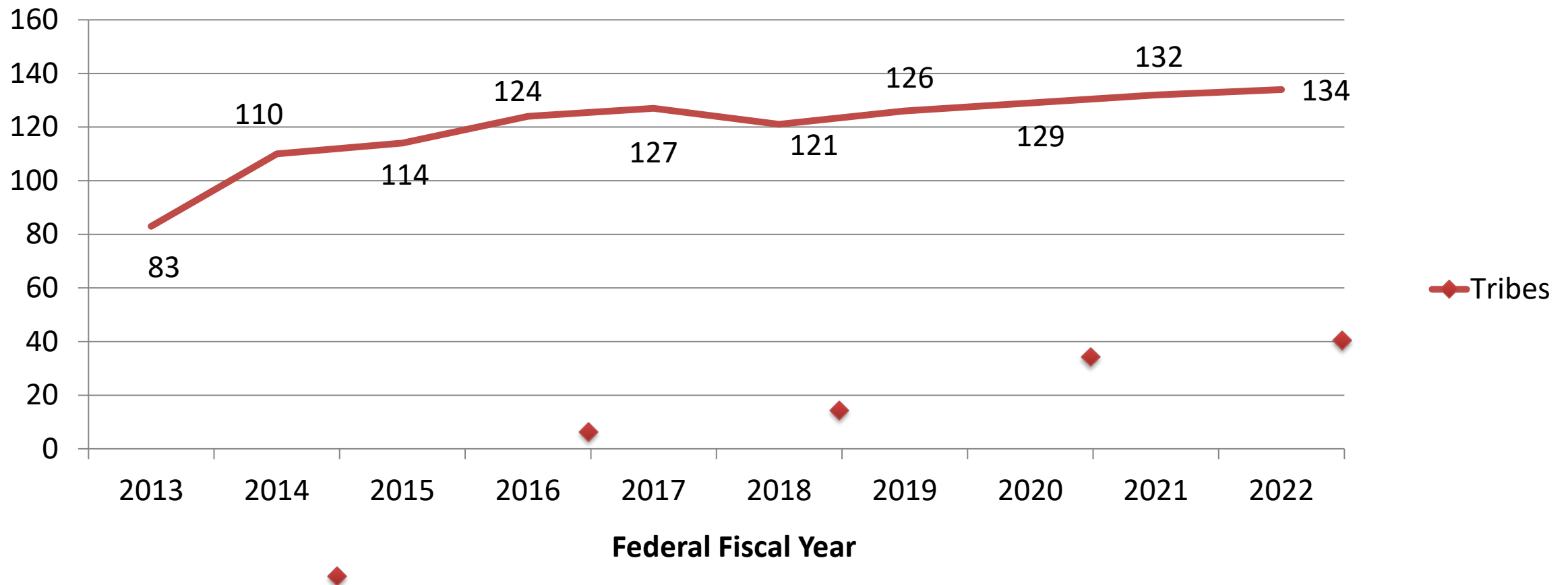
Tribal Transit Recipients Funded in FY 2022

- **134** Active Tribal Recipients as of FY 2022

FTA Region	States Served	Active Tribal Grantees
1	Connecticut, Massachusetts, Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont	4
2	New Jersey, New York	1
3	Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia, D.C.	0
4	Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Puerto Rico, US Virgin Islands	4
5	Illinois, Indiana, Minnesota, Michigan, Ohio, Wisconsin	15
6	Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas	22
7	Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska	6
8	Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, Wyoming	19
9	Arizona, California, Hawaii, Nevada, American Samoa, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands	26
10	Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, Washington	37
	TOTAL	134

FTA Tribal Transit Program: Recipients

Number of Tribes funded under TTP Formula Program by Fiscal Year



Working with FTA

Each grantee is assigned a **Grant Representative / Tribal Transit Liaison** as a main point of contact for the following:

- **Grant-Making Activities**
(including planning and environmental review leading up to grant award)
- **Technical Assistance**
(pre-award and post-award matters)
- **Facilitating contact with subject matter experts**
(Regional and HQ Offices)

Who is FTA: Our Recipients

Typical FTA Recipients (Grantees)

- Transit Agencies
- State Department of Transportation (DOTs)
- Local Governments
 - Cities, Counties, and Boroughs
- Tribal Governments
- Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)
- Non-Profit Transportation Providers
- University Research Centers



Who is FTA: Projects

Typical FTA Projects:

- Operating Assistance
- Preventive Maintenance (Vehicle and Facility)
- Vehicle Purchases
- Stations, Stops, and Terminals
- Administrative and Maintenance Facilities
- Safety and Security projects
- Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessibility projects
- Other Capital Projects (examples: light rail extensions, multimodal facilities, bus rapid transit)



What Funding is Available: Funding Types

Formula



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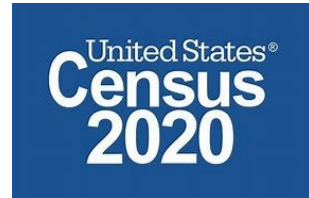
Discretionary

- Competitive
- Congressionally Directed Spending

Formula Funds

Allocation is determined by formula established in law, and mostly based on:

Census data



A combination of:

- Total Population
- Population Density
- Low Income Population

National Transit Database (NTD)*

A combination of data:

- **Bus**
 - Revenue vehicle miles, Passenger miles
- **Fixed guideway (rail, ferry, BRT, etc.)**
 - Revenue vehicle miles, Route miles, and Passenger miles

The National Transit Database (NTD)



* Data used from NTD is dependent upon FTA program

How to Find Formula Fund Allocations

FTA publishes apportionments and allocations for formula funds annually on its website: <https://www.transit.dot.gov/funding/apportionments>

The screenshot shows the Federal Transit Administration website. The header includes the FTA logo and name, a search bar, and navigation links for 'About', 'Funding', and 'Regulations & Programs'. The breadcrumb trail is 'Home / Funding / Apportionments'. A left sidebar contains a 'Funding' menu with options: 'Grant Programs', 'Applying', 'Grantee Tools', and 'Resources'. Below the sidebar is a 'Related Links' section with links to 'Apportionments Overview', 'Archived Apportionments', and 'Press release: Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Delivers Billions in Transit Fundi...'. The main content area is titled 'Fiscal Year 2022 Apportionment Tables (Partial Year)' and lists ten tables. Table 10, 'Public Transportation on Indian Reservations (partial year)', is highlighted with a red rectangular box.

Fiscal Year 2022 Apportionment Tables (Partial Year)

- Table 1: [FTA Appropriations and Apportionments for Grant Programs \(partial year\)](#)
- Table 2: [Section 5303 and 5304 Statewide and Metropolitan Planning Apportionments \(partial year\)](#)
- Table 3: [Section 5307 and 5340 Urbanized Area Formula Appropriations \(partial year\)](#)
- Table 3A: [Section 5307 Operating Assistance Special Rule Operator Caps \(partial year\)](#)
- Table 4: [Section 5307 Apportionment Formula \(partial year\)](#)
- Table 5: [Formula Apportionments Data Unit Values \(partial year\)](#)
- Table 6: [Section 5307 Small Transit Intensive Cities Apportionments \(partial year\)](#)
- Table 8: [Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities \(partial year\)](#)
- Table 9: [Section 5311 and Section 5340 Rural Area Formula Apportionments, Rural Transportation Assistance Program Allocations, and Appalachian Development Public Transportation Assistance Program \(partial year\)](#)
- Table 10: [Public Transportation on Indian Reservations \(partial year\)](#)

How to Find Competitive Funds

Competitive Program Funds are typically allocated based on:

- A set of project selection criteria for specific program published in the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)
- The discretion of the Secretary of Transportation and/or the FTA Administrator



How to Find Competitive Funds (cont'd)

Federal Register Notice

- Notice of funding Opportunity (NOFO)
- Project Selection Announcement
- Specific eligibility requirements for projects and *applicants vs. recipients*

FTA and USDOT Websites

- Funding Opportunities
- Project Selection Announcements
- Project Implementation Instructions



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The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) (formerly the Urban Mass Transportation Administration) was established as an operating administration of the Department of Transportation by section 1 of Reorganization Plan No. 2 of 1968 (5 U.S.C. app. 1), effective July 1, 1968. FTA's mission is to assist in developing improved mass transportation, encourage the planning and establishment of areawide mass transportation systems, and provide financial assistance to State and local governments to finance mass transportation systems and carry out national transit goals and policy.

Agency URL: <http://www.fta.dot.gov/>
Parent Agency: Transportation Department

<https://www.federalregister.gov/agencies/federal-transit-administration>

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Topic Subject

Date	Subject	Document Type	Part
03/22/2022	Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review: Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan	Notice	
03/18/2022	Announcement of Fiscal Year 2021 Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Program Project Selections	Notice	
03/15/2022	Notice of Availability of Initial Guidance Proposals for the Capital Investment Grants Program	Notice	
03/04/2022	FY 2022 Competitive Funding Opportunity: Low or No Emission Grant Program and the Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Competitive Program	Notice	

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March 14, 2022

President Biden and the U.S. Department of Transportation Announce \$409 Million for 70 Transportation Projects in 39 States

Bipartisan Infrastructure Law boosts bus transit funding by \$10 billion over the next five years to modernize America's transit bus fleet

WASHINGTON – Today, President Biden and the U.S. Department of...

March 7, 2022

Biden-Harris Administration and the U.S. Department of Transportation Announce Nearly \$1.5 Billion in Grants Funded by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to Modernize Bus Fleets and Facilities

<https://www.transit.dot.gov/newsroom/press-releases>

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Fiscal Year 2021 Buses and Bus Facilities Projects

State	Project Sponsor	Project Description	Funding Amount
AK	City and Borough of Juneau, Capital Transit	The City of Juneau (Capital Transit) will receive funding to purchase charging equipment for the Juneau Valley Transit Center as it moves from diesel to electric buses. This project will improve air quality as well as safety and reliability for the 32,000 residents who live in Alaska's capital city.	\$1,446,827
AL	City of Mobile	The City of Mobile (Wave Transit System) will receive funding to purchase new buses that will replace aging buses that have exceeded their useful life. The new vehicles will improve the safety and reliability of transit service for residents in the Mobile area.	\$4,850,535
AR	City of Jonesboro, AR	The City of Jonesboro will receive funding to enhance bus stops with infrastructure enhancements that improve safety, security and comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act. The upgrades will improve the passenger experience throughout Jonesboro's public transportation system.	\$752,000
AZ	Northern Arizona Intergovernmental	The Northern Arizona Intergovernmental Transportation Authority (Mountain Line) will receive	\$1,292,118

Related Links

- [Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Program](#)
- [FY2021 Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Project Selections Notice](#)

Contact Us

Office of Program

<https://www.transit.dot.gov/funding/grants/fiscal-year-2021-buses-and-bus-facilities-projects>

FTA Funding Programs

www.transit.dot.gov

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FTA Tribal Transit Program

Tribal Transit Program (TTP) - Section 5311(j)

- Objective: Provide direct funding to federally recognized Indian tribes to provide public transportation service on and around Indian reservations or tribal land in rural areas.
- Eligible Recipients: Federally recognized Indian tribes and Alaska native villages, groups or communities as identified by the US Department of Interior

FTA Tribal Transit Program: Funding History

SAFETEA-LU (FY 2006-2012) – Created the Tribal Transit Program (TTP)

- Discretionary program: **\$15 M** per year

MAP-21 (FY 2013-2015) – Continued and established a Formula Program

- Formula Program: **\$25 M** per year
- Discretionary Program: **\$5 M** per year

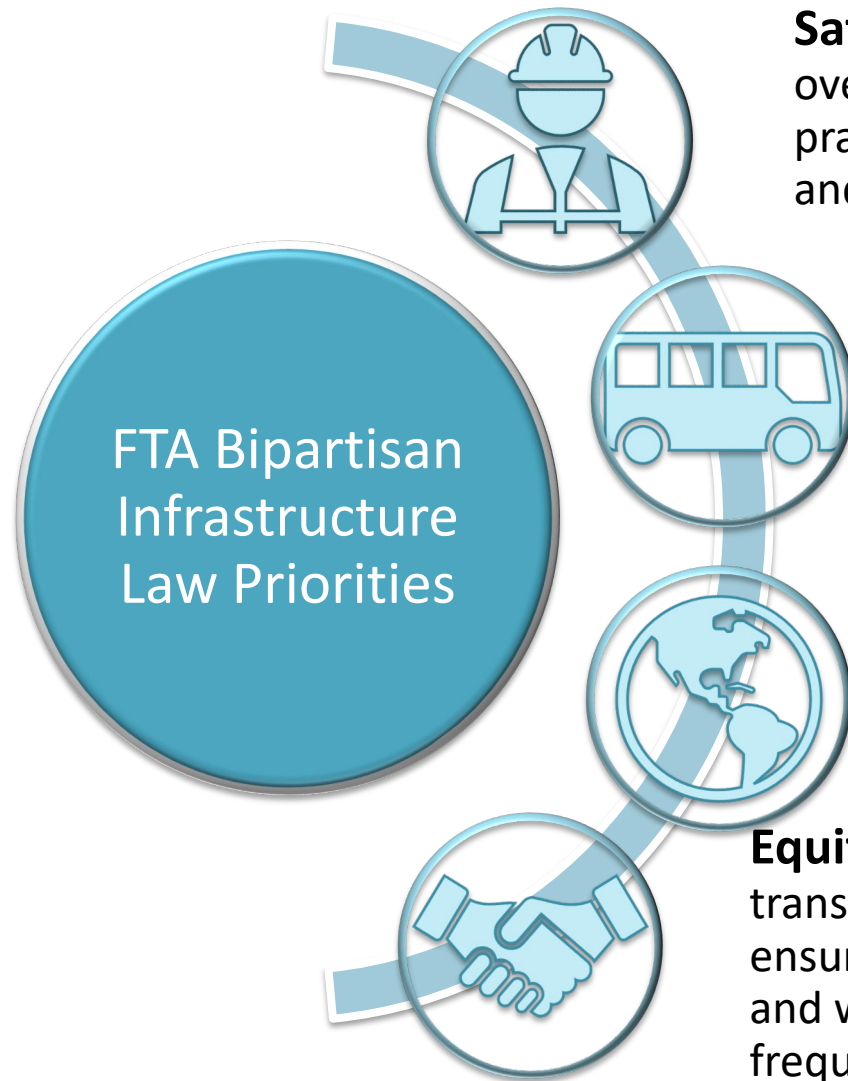
FAST Act (FY 2016-2021) – Increased Formula funding level

- Formula Program: **\$30 M** per year (an increase of \$25 Million per year from MAP-21 funding level)
- Discretionary Program: **\$5 M** per year

IIJA / Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (FY 2022-2026) – Incremental funding levels

- Formula Program: **\$35 M** in FY 2022
- Discretionary Program: **\$8.75 M** in FY 2022

FTA Priorities for Implementation



Safety – The law will enable FTA to enhance state safety oversight programs by strengthening rail inspection practices to protect transit workers and riders from injuries and to ensure safe access to transit.

Modernization – Increased formula and competitive funding will begin to reduce the enormous state of good repair investment backlog in the nation’s transit systems by repairing aging infrastructure and modernizing bus and rail fleets.

Climate – The law includes landmark investments to support the replacement of thousands of transit vehicles, including buses and ferries, with cleaner low- and zero-emission vehicles.

Equity – Investments in equity, including Justice40, will help eliminate transit deserts, improve connectivity to economic and social opportunities, ensure universal accessibility for people with disabilities, support minority and women-owned businesses, and reduce the disparity in quality and frequency of service in underserved communities.

FTA Tribal Transit Program: Funding Overview

Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (FY 2022-2026)

Incremental Funding Levels for both TTP Formula and Discretionary Programs:

- Formula Program: Starting with \$35 M in FY 2022 and ending with \$38.4 M in FY 2026
- Competitive Program: Starting at \$8.75 M in FY 2022 and ending at \$9.6 M in FY 2026

In Millions						
Funding Program	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026
TTP Formula	\$30.0	\$35.01	\$35.74	\$36.68	\$37.43	\$38.39
TTP Competitive	\$5.0	\$8.75	\$8.94	\$9.17	\$9.36	\$9.6

FTA Tribal Transit Program: Formula

How Formula Fund Allocations are Calculated (100% Federal Share)

Tier	Percentage of Formula Funding	Criteria
1	50%	Vehicle Revenue Miles (NTD)
2	25%	Indian Tribes providing at least 200,000 vehicle revenue miles (NTD)
3	25%	Indian Tribes providing public transportation on reservations where more than 1,000 low-income persons reside (2010 Census)

FTA Tribal Transit Program: Formula (cont'd)

How to become TTP Formula Recipient?

- Federally Recognized Indian Tribe or Alaska Native Village as identified in the annual BIA Federal Register Notice: *“Indian Entities Recognized by and Eligible to Receive Services from the United States Bureau of Indian Affairs”*
- Voluntarily report in **National Transit Database (NTD)** for **two years** for funding allocated in the third year

Homeland Security (DHS), publish a Finding to that effect in the **Federal Register** and in the *Customs Bulletin and Decisions*.¹ Under the authority of 19 CFR 12.44(b), CBP may seize and forfeit imported merchandise covered by a Finding.

On December 16, 2020, CBP issued a withhold release order (made effective on December 30, 2020) on “palm oil,” including all crude palm oil and palm kernel oil and derivative products, made wholly or in part with palm oil traceable to Sime Darby Plantation Berhad (“Sime Darby Plantation”), with reasonable evidence demonstrating that the Sime Darby Plantation, including its subsidiaries and joint ventures, primarily located in Malaysia, harvested the fruit and produced the palm oil using forced labor. Through its investigation, CBP has determined that there is sufficient information to support a Finding that Sime Darby Plantation and its subsidiaries are using forced labor on Sime Darby’s plantations in Malaysia to harvest fresh fruit bunches, which are used to extract palm oil and produce derivative products, and that such palm oil and

12.44(b).
B. Articles and Entities Covered by This Finding

This Finding covers palm oil and derivative products made wholly or in part with palm oil classified under Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) subheadings 12.07.10.0000, 1511.10.0000, 1511.90.0000, 1513.21.0000, 1513.29.0000, 1517, 3401.11, 3401.20.0000, 3401.19.0000, 3823.12.0000, 3823.19.2000, 3823.70.6000, 3823.70.4000, 3824.99.41 and any other relevant subheadings under Chapters 12, 15, 23, 29 and 38, which are produced or manufactured wholly or in part by Sime Darby Plantation, its subsidiaries and joint ventures.

The Secretary of Homeland Security has reviewed and approved this Finding.

Dated: January 25, 2022.
John P. Leonard,
Acting Executive Assistant Commissioner, Office of Trade.
[FR Doc. 2022-01779 Filed 1-27-22; 8:45 am]
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Bureau of Indian Affairs
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Indian Entities Recognized by and Eligible To Receive Services From the United States Bureau of Indian Affairs

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.
ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice publishes the current list of 574 Tribal entities recognized by and eligible for funding and services from the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) by virtue of their status as Indian Tribes.

DATES: The list is updated from the notice published on January 29, 2021 (86 FR 7554) and from the notice published of corrections (Tribal name changes) on April 9, 2021 (86 FR 18552).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Laurel Iron Cloud, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Office of Indian Services

FTA Tribal Transit Program: Formula (cont'd)

Eligible Projects

- Any purpose eligible under FTA Section 5311 Program (Rural Area Formula Program), including Capital, Planning, Operating, Job Access and Reverse Commute, and Program Administration

Eligible Federal Share

- 100% (no match required for formula funds)

Funding Availability

- Funds are available for 3 years (the year of appropriation plus 2)

FTA Tribal Transit Program: Formula (cont'd)

	Eligible Projects	Eligible Federal Share	Funding Availability
TTP Formula Funds	Planning	100%	3 years <i>(Year of Appropriation + 2)</i>
	Capital		
	Operating		
	Job Access & Reverse Commute		

FTA Tribal Transit Program: Formula (cont'd)

- FTA published the FY 2022 Full-Year Funding Apportionment Notice on April 28, 2022
 - [Table 10. FY 2022 Public Transportation on Indian Reservations \(Full Year\) | FTA \(dot.gov\)](#)
- Where to find formula funding information?
 - Navigate to FTA's website: www.transit.dot.gov
 - Hover over the “Funding” menu item
 - Click on “Apportionments”



FTA Tribal Transit Program: Competitive (cont'd)

Approximately \$9 M available annually

	Eligible Projects	Eligible Federal Share	Funding Availability
TTP Competitive Funds	Planning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$25,000 cap 	100%	3 years <i>(Year of Appropriation + 2)</i>
	Capital <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Services • Replacement (bus, equip, facility) • Expansion (bus, equip, facility) 		
	Operating <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Services • Existing Services 		

COVID-19 Emergency Relief Funding

- **Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES Act)**
 - Signed into law on March 27, 2020
 - Provided **\$30 M** in Section 5311 TTP Formula Funds
- **Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA)**
 - Signed into law on December 27, 2020
 - Provided **\$30 M** in Section 5311 TTP Formula Funds
- **American Rescue Plan Act (ARP)**
 - Signed into law on March 11, 2021
 - Provided **\$30 M** in Section 5311 TTP Formula Funds

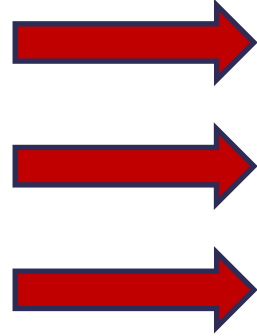
Eligible Formula Programs for Tribes

Section / Funding Program	Direct Grant with FTA	Grant Through State DOT
Section 5310 – Elderly and Persons with Disabilities Program	X	X
Section 5311 – Rural Area Formula Program	X	X
Section 5311(j) – Tribal Transit Program – Formula	X	X
Section 5339(a) – Bus and Bus Facilities Formula Program		X

Eligible Competitive Programs for Tribes

Section / Funding Program	Direct Grant with FTA	Grant Through State DOT
Section 5310 – Access and Mobility Partnership Grants	X	X
Section 5311(j) – Tribal Transit Program	X	
Section 5312 – Integrated Mobility Innovation	X	X
Section 5339(b) – Bus and Bus Facilities	X	X
Section 5339(c) – Low or No Emission Vehicles	X	X

Formula Grants for Rural Areas (Section 5311)



	FY 2021 enacted*** (in millions)	FY 2022 (in millions)	FY 2023 (in millions)	FY 2024 (in millions)	FY 2025 (in millions)	FY 2026 (in millions)
5311 Rural Formula	\$640.47	\$780.77	\$797.08	\$817.90	\$834.79	\$856.01
Tribal Program Formula	\$30.00	\$35.01	\$35.74	\$36.68	\$37.43	\$38.39
Tribal Program Competitive	\$5.00	\$8.75	\$8.94	\$9.17	\$9.36	\$9.60
Appalachian Program	\$20.00	\$26.26	\$26.81	\$27.51	\$28.08	\$28.79
Rural Transit Assistance Program (RTAP)	\$12.13	\$17.49	\$17.86	\$18.32	\$18.70	\$19.18
5311 Program TOTAL*	\$713.30	\$875.29	\$893.58	\$916.91	\$935.85	\$959.64
5340 Growing States**	\$85.78	\$112.05	\$114.39	\$117.38	\$119.80	\$122.85

Totals include oversight takedown of 0.5%.

**5340 Growing State funds are provided using and added to the 5311 Rural formula. Amounts shown for FY22-26 are based on the proportion of 5340 Growing States funds provided in FY 2021.

***FY21 enacted may include additional appropriations above the FAST Act authorized amounts

Section 5339 – Bus & Bus Facilities Program

Applicants must have **fixed route service** to qualify to compete for capital project funds

Grant Program	FY 2021 (in millions)	FY 2022 (in millions)	FY 2023 (in millions)	FY 2024 (in millions)	FY 2025 (in millions)	FY 2026 (in millions)
5339 (a) Formula	\$582.61	\$603.99	\$616.61	\$632.71	\$645.78	\$662.20
5339 (b) Buses and Bus Facilities Competitive	\$414.04	\$375.70	\$383.54	\$393.56	\$401.69	\$411.90
5339 (c) Low or No Emissions Competitive	\$180	\$1,121.56	\$1,123.06	\$1,124.96	\$1,126.51	\$1,128.46
5339 Program TOTAL	\$1,176.65	\$2,101.25	\$2,123.21	\$2,151.23	\$2,173.98	\$2,202,56

Section 5339 – Bus & Bus Facilities Program (cont'd)

What's Changed?

- Applicants should, to the extent possible, utilize **Innovative Procurement tools** authorized under [Section 3019 of the Fast Act](#).
- If less than 5 buses are purchased through a standalone procurement, applicants must provide a written explanation to FTA explaining why they did not utilize the procurement tools authorized.
 - Cooperative or Joint Procurement Contracts
 - State Cooperative Procurement Schedules
- Minimum amount of rural funding has increased from 10% to 15% for the Bus Competitive Program.

Section 5339 – Bus & Bus Facilities Program (cont'd)

What's Changed? *Continued*

- An applicant that is submitting the same project to both Bus and Low-No may propose **partnerships** to satisfy the competitive procurement requirements under Section 5325.
- Both Bus Competitive and Low-No require that for projects related to zero-emission buses, a **zero-emission fleet transition plan** must also be submitted with the application.
 - Dear Colleague Letter issued on December 1, 2021
 - Not less than 25% of Low-No funding must be made available for **low emission vehicles and related facilities**.
 - 5% of all Bus Competitive and Low or No Emissions Competitive grants related to zero-emission vehicles or related infrastructure must be used for **workforce development activities** unless the applicant certifies that less is needed to carry out their zero-emission fleet transition plan.

New! Electric or Low-Emitting Ferry Pilot Program

Funding Level: \$100 M annually (\$50 M advance appropriations, \$50M authorized to be appropriated)

- \$50 M available in FY 2022

Eligible Recipients: Any eligible recipient of Section 5307 or Section 5311 funding

Eligible Activities: Electric or low-emitting ferry vessels that uses alternative fuels or onboard energy storage systems and related charging infrastructure

- “Alternative fuels” is defined as:
 - methanol, denatured ethanol, and other alcohols;
 - a mixture containing at least 85 percent of methanol, denatured ethanol, and other alcohols by volume with gasoline or other fuels;
 - natural gas;
 - liquefied petroleum gas;
 - hydrogen;
 - fuels (except alcohol) derived from biological materials;
 - electricity (including electricity from solar energy); and
 - any other fuel that is not substantially petroleum and that would yield substantial energy security and environmental benefits.



***New!* Ferry Service for Rural Communities Program**

Funding = \$400 M annually (\$200 M advance appropriations, \$200 M authorized to be appropriated)

- \$213 M available for FY 2022

Eligible Recipients: States and Territories in which ferry services are provided

Eligible Activities: Capital and Operating Assistance for a ferry service that both operated a regular schedule at any time during the **5-year period ending on March 1, 2020** and served not less than two rural areas located **more than 50 sailing miles apart**.

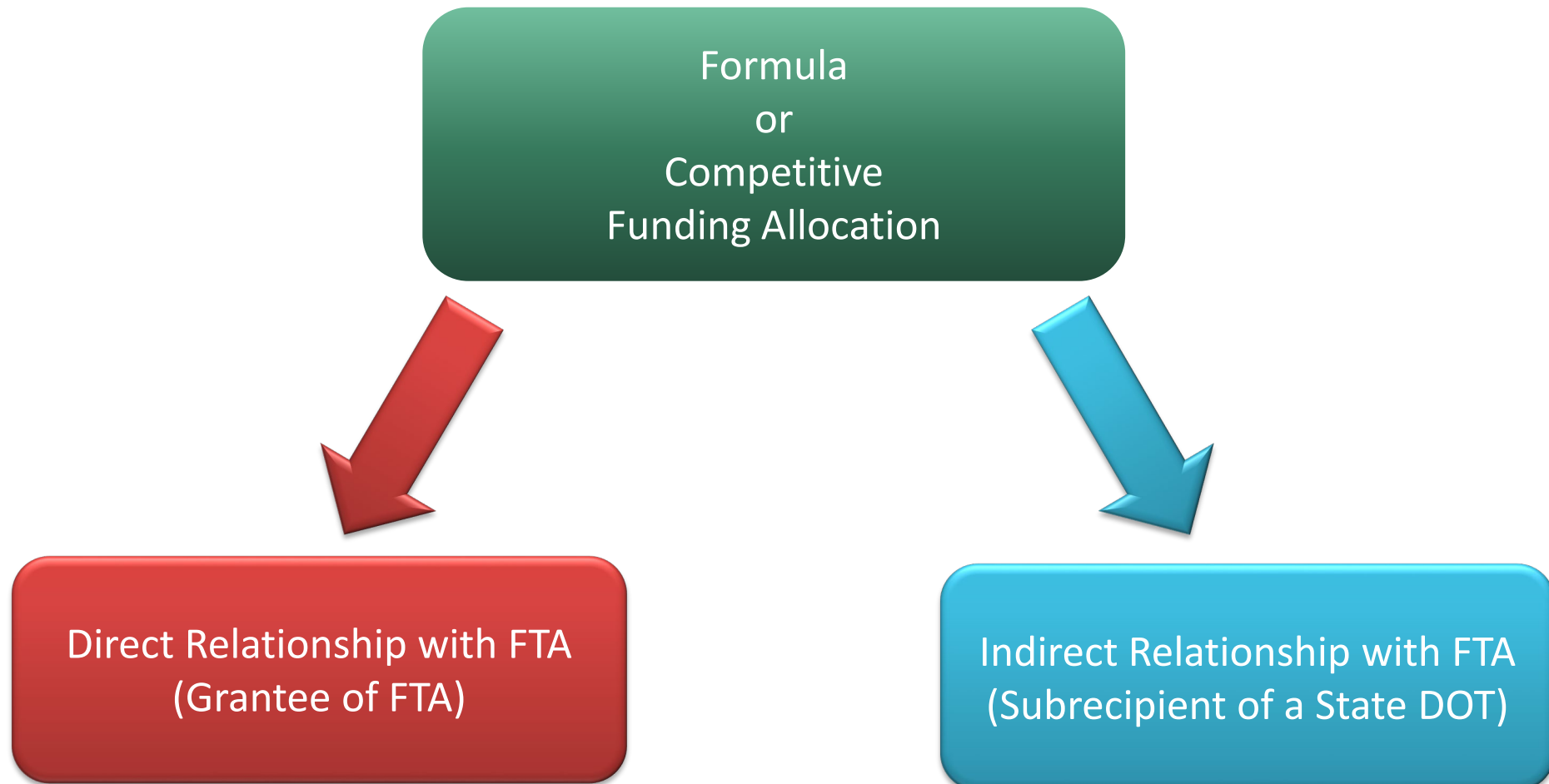
Program requirements are identified in the [July 11, 2022 Notice of Funding Opportunity \(NOFO\)](#)

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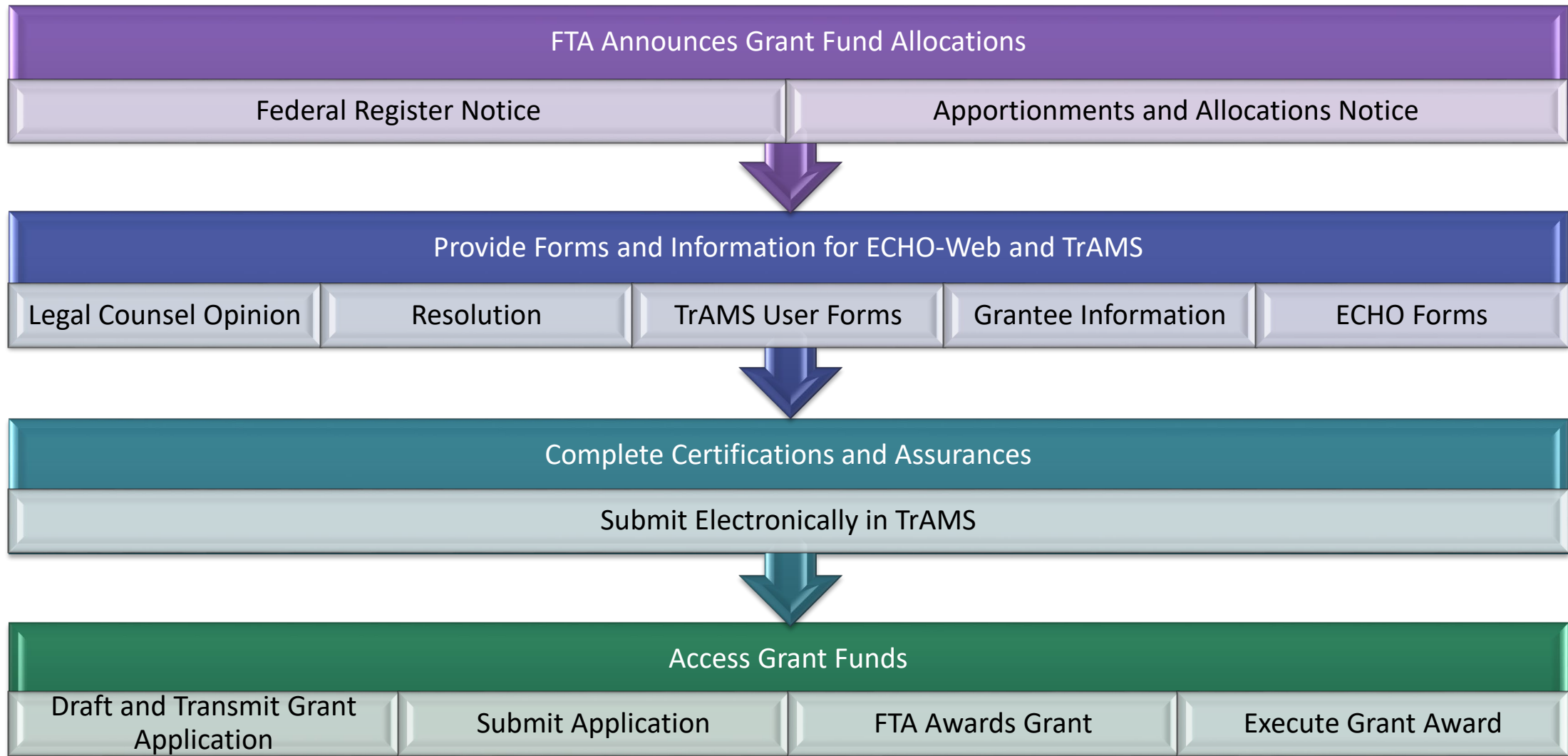


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How to Access FTA Funds?



Grantee Relationship with FTA



Two Paths to Access FTA Funds: Getting Setup

Requirements to Access FTA Funding	Designated / Direct Recipient (including Tribes)	Subrecipient to State DOT
Basic Information including Universal Entity Identification Number (UEI)	Must Provide to FTA	State DOT is responsible for meeting all FTA requirements
Authorizing Resolution		
User Manager, Designation of Signature Authority Forms for TrAMS		
Opinion of Counsel		
ECHO-Web Forms (to set up for financial disbursement)		

Two Paths to Access FTA Funds: Getting Setup

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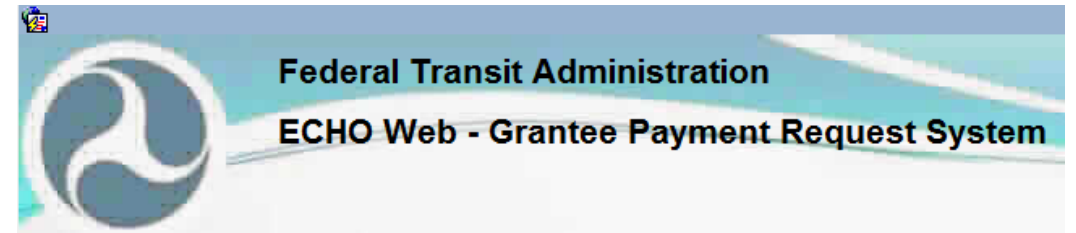
Requirements to Access FTA Funding	Designated / Direct Recipient (Including Tribes)	Subrecipient to State DOT
Required Civil Rights Programs (DBE, Title VI, ADA)	Must Provide to FTA (If a Native Village or Tribe these programs are NOT submitted to FTA for TTP Funding)	State DOT is responsible for meeting all FTA requirements
Annual Certifications and Assurances	Must Provide to FTA	

How to Access FTA Funds: FTA Systems

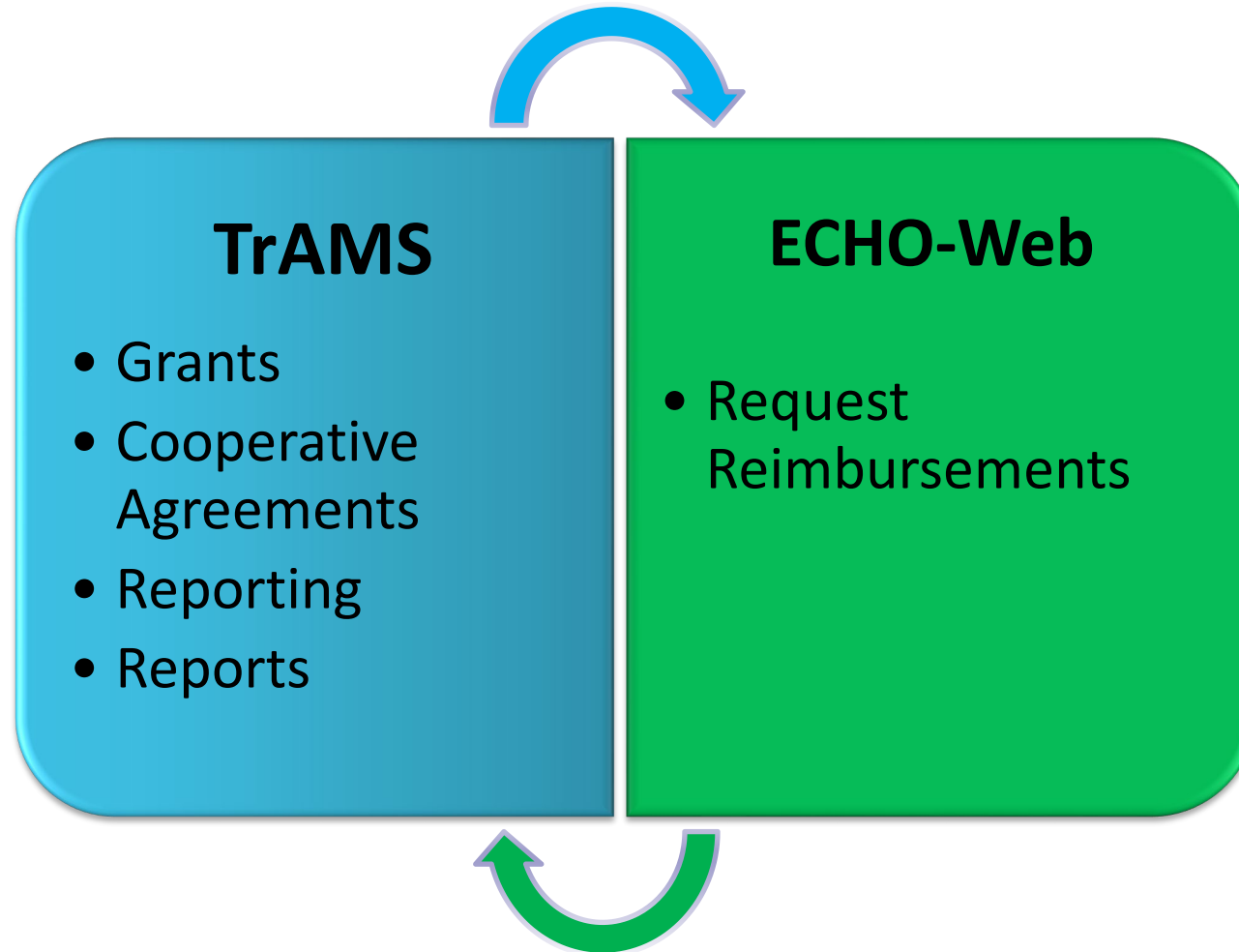
Transit Award Management System
or **TrAMS** (System of Record)



Electronic Clearinghouse Operation
or **ECHO-Web** (Financial System)



How to Access FTA Funds: FTA Systems (cont'd)



How to Access FTA Funds: Pre-Award

Requirements to Access FTA Funding	Designated / Direct Recipient (Including Tribes)	Subrecipient to State DOT
Draft Grant Application in TrAMS	Must Work Directly with FTA	State DOT is responsible for meeting all FTA requirements
Address all FTA Comments		
PIN to Submit		
Initial Federal Financial Report (FFR)		
PIN to Execute		

How to Access FTA Funds: Reimbursement

Once the Grant Award is Executed...

- Reimbursement-based Accounting
- Awarded funds can be drawn down through **ECHO-Web** (to reimburse eligible costs incurred previously)
- Annual reporting and other grants management activities are completed in the TrAMS



How to Access FTA Funds: Post-Award

Cross-Cutting Program Compliance with FTA*	Designated / Direct Recipient (including Tribes)	Subrecipient to State DOT
Complete Federal Financial Reports (FFR) and Milestone Progress Reports (MPR)	Submit to FTA	Submit to State DOT
National Transit Database (NTD) Reporting		
Oversight / Compliance Reviews (Tribal Transit Program Technical Assistance Assessments)		

Common Pitfalls



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I received an award letter; how do I get access to the funds?

- All competitive and formula funding must be included in an executed FTA grant agreement before funds are available for drawdown.

When can I drawdown the FTA funds?

- Recipients must first incur eligible project costs for reimbursement or meet the requirements of the three-day rule before making a drawdown.

When can I start my project?

- A Federally funded project must meet the following requirements:
 - Planning (may be applicable depending on funding program) – including TIP, STIP
 - Environmental Review has been completed

Common Pitfalls

The finance person drew funds from ECHO from the wrong grant, or drew capital funds instead of correct operating funds:

- Tribal Transit Office coordinate with the Tribal Finance Office.
- Ensure finance is reviewing the correct grant with the invoice(s) to be paid.
- Draw from ECHO for the correct project
- Capital expenses include (vans, buses, facility, equipment etc.) Financial Purpose Code (FPC) (00).
- Operating expenses include fuel, oil, salaries, fringe benefits, and licenses. FPC (04).
- Planning expenses use FPC (02).
- If FPC (09) is used for multiple project types, use that when drawing funds.



Common Pitfalls (cont'd)

I need to complete the annual Certifications and Assurances; how do I get my Chairman and Attorney into TrAMS?

- Signature authority roles in TrAMS that require additional documentation:
 - ✓ Submitter
 - ✓ Official
 - ✓ Attorney
- Required Documentation:
 - ✓ Authorizing Resolution identifying the positions that have signature authority
 - ✓ Delegation of Signature Authority assigning a person to the TrAMS user role identified in the Authorizing Resolution

Resources and Technical Assistance

- FTA Regional Offices
- FTA Office of Program Management – TTP Program Manager
- National Rural Transit Assistance Program (NRTAP)
- Community Transportation Association of America (CTAA)
- Transportation Research Board (TRB)
- Transit Cooperative Research Program (TCRP)
- ***Subscribe to FTA Email Updates!***
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