

FTA Tribal Transit Program



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Tribal Transit Program Overview

- The Tribal Transit Program provides direct funding to federally recognized American Indian and Alaskan Native Tribes for public transportation services on and around Indian reservations or tribal lands in rural areas.
- Eligible activities under the program includes: planning, operating and capital projects
- Tribal Transit Program has two components:
 - Formula funding is apportioned to tribes who report transit data to the National Transit Database (NTD). Census data is also used under the formula program.
 - Competitive funding is made available in a Notice of Funding Opportunity each year.



Tribal Transit Program Funding

- **The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (FY 2022-2026)**

- Continued and increased the Tribal Transit Program by nearly 83%
- Currently supports 134 American Indian and Alaskan Native Tribes with transit service

Fiscal Year	2022 (in millions)	2023 (in millions)	2024 (in millions)	2025 (in millions)	2026 (in millions)
Public Transportation on Indian Reservations (Formula)	\$35	\$36	\$37	\$37	\$38
Public Transportation on Indian Reservations (Competitive)	\$9	\$9	\$9	\$9	\$10

FY2022 Tribal Transit Competitive Program

- FTA published a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) on February 16, 2022
- Approximately \$8.75 million is available in FY22
- Application period closed on **May 25, 2022**
- **FTA received 47 applications, totaling \$18M**
- **Project selections are expected to be announced in the Fall**



Low or No Emission and Buses and Bus Facilities Competitive Programs—Tribes are Eligible

- In FY 2022, over \$1.7 **billion** is available in combined funding (\$1.1 billion for Low-No and \$372 million for Bus)
- Eligible applicants include designated recipients, states, local governmental authorities, and Tribes
- FTA published a joint [Notice of Funding Opportunity](#) (NOFO) on March 4, 2022.
- Applications were due on **May 31, 2022**.
- Project selections were announced on **August 15, 2022**

Targeted FTA Technical Assistance for Tribes

- FTA's [Tribal Governments Landing Page](#) contains concise information for Tribes who are interested in becoming FTA recipients
- Regional Tribal Liaisons in each FTA regional office provide targeted technical assistance to Tribal grantees
- Conducted Buses and Bus Facilities and Low or No Emissions competitive program webinars targeted specifically to rural and Tribal applicants in 2022
- Published and distributed resources explaining how Buses and Bus Facilities and Low or No Emissions competitive programs differ from the Tribal Transit competitive program
- For unselected applicants, FTA offers debriefs which includes ways for applicants to improve their competitive grant program proposals

National Rural Transit Assistance Program



- FTA 5311-funded technical assistance center which provides targeted technical assistance to rural transit providers, including Tribes
- Collaborates with FTA and Tribes to provide resources to ensure Tribal Transit programs are successfully implemented
- Offers training and technical assistance on grant writing for competitive funding opportunities eligible to Tribes
- Conducts Tribal Transit trainings and workshops throughout the country specifically tailored to address the technical assistance needs of the Tribes in that region
- Attends Tribal Transit conferences and provides training assistance on topics such as transit facility planning and capital project development
- Develops training modules for tribal transit agencies



Technical Assistance Assessments

- As part of the Tribal Transit Program, FTA offers targeted technical assistance through the Tribal Transit Technical Assistance Assessments Initiative
- FTA collaborates with Tribal Transit recipients to review processes and identify areas in need of improvement and then assists to offer solutions to address these needs
- These assessments include:
 - Discussions of compliance areas pursuant to the Master Agreement and TTP program requirements,
 - Site visit,
 - Promising practices reviews, and
 - Ongoing technical assistance from FTA and its contractors.

Links and Resources

- [Tribal Transit Formula Grants - 5311\(c\)\(1\)\(B\) | FTA \(dot.gov\)](#)
- [Public Transportation on Indian Reservations Program; Tribal Transit Program | FTA \(dot.gov\)](#)
- [Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Program | FTA \(dot.gov\)](#)
- [Low or No Emission Vehicle Program - 5339\(c\) | FTA \(dot.gov\)](#)
- [Formula Grants for Rural Areas - 5311 | FTA \(dot.gov\)](#)
- <https://www.nationalrtap.org/>
- [Tribal Governments Landing Page](#)



Questions

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