Tribal Transit Program

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Provide financial assistance through grants to develop new public transportation systems and improve, maintain, and operate existing systems.

The FTA consists of 10 program offices, headquartered in Washington, DC, and field offices in 10 regions.
Tribal Transit Program

- Established the Public Transportation on Indian Reservation Program (referred to as the Tribal Transit Program (TTP))

- Authorizes direct grants to Indian tribes for any purpose eligible under this section” (Section 5311 non-urbanized formula program)
  - Capital, planning and operating assistance for rural/remote public transit service
  - Acquisition of public transportation services, including service agreements with private providers of public transportation services
Tribal Transit Program

• Funding Levels
  - FY 2006 - $8 Million (Proposals Selected)
  - FY 2007 - $10 Million (Proposals selected 3/5/08)
  - FY 2008 - $12 Million
  - FY 2009 - $15 Million
Other Grant Programs FY 07

• Section 5310 - Elderly and Persons with Disabilities – managed by states - Rural
• Section 5311 – NonUrbanized Formula – managed by states - Rural
• Section 5316 – Job Access Reverse Commute – managed by the states - Rural
• Section 5317- New Freedoms – managed by the states – Rural
Other Grant Programs
FY 07 (cont’d)

• Section 5309 –
  – Capital Bus & Bus Facilities
2007 Funding Nationwide

• $10 Million Available / $21 million proposed
• 65 out of 75 tribes competed successfully for funds
  – Planning $399,963
  – Start-Up/New Service $904,666
  – Enhancement/Expansion $8,695,371
FY 07 Funding

Selected projects

- National 65
- Region 10 22 (34%)
- Idaho 2 (3%)
- Washington 7 (11%)
- Oregon 3 (5%)
- Alaska 10 (15%)
2007 Tribal Transit Invited to Fund

• 10 from Alaska
  - The Sitka Tribe - $172,900
  - Asa’Carsarmiut - $165,366
  - Orutsararmiut Native Council (ONC) - $136,370
  - Gulkana Village Council - $200,000

• Planning
  - Healy Lake Village - $25,000
  - Kenaitze Indian Tribe - $25,000
  - Manley Village Council - $25,000
  - Nenana Native Council - $25,000
  - Northway Village - $25,000
  - Tetlin Village Council - $25,000
2007 Tribal Transit Invited to Fund (cont’d)

• 3 from Oregon
  – Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation - $150,000
  – Klamath Tribe - $150,000
  – Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon - $198,110
2007 Tribal Transit Invited to Fund (cont’d)

- 7 from Washington
  - Cowlitz Indian Tribe - $200,000
  - Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians - $94,355
  - Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation - $400,000
  - Kalispel Tribe of Indians - $208,296
  - Snoqualmie Tribe - $250,130
  - Confederated Tribes of the Colville Nation - $155,000
  - Lummi Indian Business Council - $200,000
2007 Tribal Transit Invited to Fund (cont’d)

• 2 from Idaho
  - Coeur d’Alene Tribe $225,000
  - Nez Perce Tribe of Idaho $250,000
Proposed vs. Invited to Fund 2007

- **Planning**
  - $424,963 Nationwide
    - $399,963
  - $150,000 Region 10 (100%)
    - $150,000

- **Start-up/New Service**
  - $3,467,733 Nationwide
    - $904,666
  - $165,366 Region 10 (100%)
    - $165,366

- **Enhancement/Expansion**
  - $17,162,312 Nationwide
    - $8,695,371
  - $4,642,736 Region 10 (64%)
    - $2,990,161
2006

- $7.92 Million Available
- 63 out of 95 tribes competed successfully for funds
  - Planning $834,965
  - Start-Up/New Service $3,168,861
  - Enhancement/Expansion $3,916,354
2006

Selected projects

• National  63
• Region 10  17 (27%)
• Idaho      0
• Washington 10 (16%)
• Oregon  3 (5%)
• Alaska  4 (6%)
2006

- **Planning 2006**
  - $834,965  Nationwide
    - $834,965
  - $224,797  Region 10  (100%)
    - $224,797  (8 out of 8)

- **Start-up/New Service**
  - $7,660,251  Nationwide
    - $3,168,681
  - $3,260,057  Region 10  (56%)
    - $1,824,239  (7 out of 9)

- **Enhancement/Expansion**
  - $10,842,370  Nationwide
    - $3,916,354
  - $2,203,938  Region 10  (19%)
    - $421,207  (2 out of 7)
Application General Information

• Applications must be submitted to FTA and received by August 2, 2007.

• 3 ways applications can be submitted:
  – Hard Copy *Overnight* (sent via mail to Lorna Wilson, Washington, DC) NOTE Address change
  – E-mail to FTA.tribalprogram@dot.gov
  – (Copy sent to Regional Office)
Application General Information

- Tribes may apply for multi years but likely only FY 07 considered due to demand
- Priority for FY 07 funding to continuation for start-up projects
- All tribes must submit a grant application in FY 07
- Tribes applying for continuation may incorporate by reference materials submitted in FY 06
- Funds good for year of appropriation plus 2 years
Planning Application Criteria

• Need for the planning study
  – Is the Tribe committed to planning for transit?
  – Is the scope of the proposed study for Tribal Transit?
  – Describe the need and scope of the study in no more than 3 pages

• Evaluation will be pass/fail
  – Every effort will be made to award a grant for as many qualified applicants as possible.
Start-up/Enhancement Application Criteria

• Project Planning and Coordination
  – describe & demonstrate there is sound basis for project
  – project is ready to implement if funded.

• Demonstration of Need
  – demonstrate Tribal transit needs
  – discuss how proposed transit improvements will address identified transit needs of Tribe
Start-up/Enhancement Application Criteria

• Benefits of Project - identify expected project benefits (i.e. increased ridership and daily trips, improved service)

• Financial Commitment and Operating Capacity - Identify any other funding sources used by Tribe to support existing or proposed transit services, including human service transportation, IRR, and/or FTA program funding.
Eligibility Information

• **Eligible Applicants/Direct Recipients** - Federally Recognized Indian Tribes or Alaska Native Villages, groups or communities as identified by Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA)

• **Eligible Projects** - any purpose under Section 5311 Non-Urbanized (rural) formula program

• **Funding Available**
  - Start-up/New Services
  - Existing Transit Services
  - Planning Studies (limited to $25,000)
  - Capital Expense – Acquisition, Construction, etc.

• **No Local Match**
Terms and Conditions

- Common Grant Rule
- Civil Rights Act of 1964
- Section 504 and ADA
- Drug and Alcohol Testing
- Charter Service and School Bus Transportation
- National Transit Database Reporting
- Bus Testing
- DOL 5333(b) Special Warranty Certification
Application Contact Information

- Name of federally-recognized Tribe
- Dun & Bradstreet Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS)
- Contact name, address, & phone/fax number
- Description of public transportation service currently provided by Tribe including areas served.
- Name of person(s) authorized to apply on behalf of Tribe
Application Information

• Legal Capacity
  – provide documentation to show applicant is a federally recognized Tribe
  – who is authorized representative to execute legal agreements on behalf of Tribe
Application Information

• Technical Capacity
  – Give examples of the Tribe’s management of other Federal projects.
  – Resources Tribe has to implement transit projects

• Financial Capacity
  – Financial systems and controls Tribe has in place to adequately receive and manage Federal grants
Application Project Information

• Budget
  – Federal amount requested for each purpose (specify if multi-year)
  – IF multiple projects, separate and prioritize them to allow partial funding

• Project Description (indicate category)
  – provide summary description of proposed project
  – how will it be implemented?
  – how will it be maintained?
  – Start-up/Enhancement projects limit planning to 15% of grant award

• Project Timeline - milestones
Resources

- BIA Tribal Eligibility *Federal Register* – 70 FR 71194 issued November 25, 2005 (Indian Entities Recognized and Eligible to Receive Services from the US BIA)
- FTA Section 5311 Non-Urbanized Formula Program Guidance
- FTA Program Management Circular 5010
- Becoming a Region 10 New Grantee Packet
- FTA Master Agreement for Tribal Programs
FTA – Region 10 Profile

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