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
2009 “Stimulus” American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)”

- Federal Register Notice March 23, 2009
- $17 million for Capital Projects Only
- Applications due May 22, 2009
- Many additional reporting requirements
- 1511 Certification by Tribal Official
- Report on Use, quarterly within 10 days
- Central Contractor Registration database (CCR)
- Periodic Reports as required
- 1609 NEPA reporting
- Other Reports as needed
2009 TTP

- Federal Register Notice April XX, 2009
- $15 million for Tribal Transit
- Funding for planning, operations and capital
- Applications due June xx, 2009
Tribal Transit Program

- Funding Levels
  - FY 2006 - $8 Million
  - FY 2007 - $10 Million
  - FY 2008 - $12 Million
  - FY 2009 - $15 Million
Other Grant Programs

- 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
- Section 5309 – Capital Bus & Bus Facilities
2008 Funding Nationwide

- $12 Million Available / $24 million proposed
- 71 out of 89 tribes competed successfully for funds
  - Planning $620,000
  - Start-Up/New Service $557,500
  - Enhancement/Expansion $10,822,500
FY 08 Funding

Selected projects

- National  71
- Region 10  22 (31%)
- Idaho  2 (3%)
- Washington  11 (15%)
- Oregon  3 (4%)
- Alaska  6 (8%)
2008 Tribal Transit Invited to Fund

- 6 from Alaska
  - The Sitka Tribe - $172,900
  - Tetlin Village Council - $225,000
  - Orutsararmiut Native Council (ONC) - $175,000
  - Gulkana Village Council - $200,000

- Planning
  - Central Council Tlingit and Haida Tribes of Alaska - $250,000
  - Georgetown Tribal Council - $25,000
2008 Tribal Transit Invited to Fund (cont’d)

- 3 from Oregon
  - Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation - $200,000
  - Klamath Tribe - $150,000
  - Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon - $198,110
2008 Tribal Transit Invited to Fund (cont’d)

- 11 from Washington
  - Cowlitz Indian Tribe - $200,000
  - Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians - $150,000
  - Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation - $442,373
  - Kalispel Tribe of Indians - $208,296
  - Swinomish Tribe - $225,000
  - Confederated Tribes of the Colville Nation - $155,000
  - Lummi Indian Business Council - $200,000
  - Squaxin Island Tribe - $146,564
  - Quinault Indian Nation - $200,000
  - Spokane Tribe - $25,000
  - Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe - $25,000
2008 Tribal Transit Invited to Fund (cont’d)

• 2 from Idaho
  - Coeur d’Alene Tribe $225,000
  - Nez Perce Tribe of Idaho $250,000
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

- **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

- FTA Tribal Transit Program *Federal Register* – Vol. 72, No. 64 Public Transportation on Indian Reservations Program; Tribal Transit Program issued April 4, 2007 http://www.fta.dot.gov/laws/leg_reg_federal_register.html
- 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 Website http://www.fta.dot.gov
- FTA Master Agreement for Tribal Programs
FTA – Region 10 Profile

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