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FFY 2014 FTA SECTION 5311 NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY

The purpose of this notice is to announce the availability of Federal Transit Administration (FTA) grant funding financial assistance for Federal Fiscal Year 2014 (October 2014 – September 2015) administered by the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT).

ADOT's Multimodal Planning Division (MPD) administers the Rural Public Transit Program which makes Federal resources available to rural areas with a population under 50,000 for general public transit.

Program Overview

The Formula Grants for Rural Areas Program, codified at 49 U.S.C. 5311 (Section 5311) is authorized under the provisions set forth in the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21), Public Law 112-141.

Pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 5311, FTA apportions or awards funds to States, Indian tribes, or other eligible recipients located in rural areas for planning, public transportation capital projects, operating costs, job access reverse commute projects, and the acquisition of public transportation service.

Eligible applicants include local governments, non-profits, and Tribal governments. Private transit operators are eligible to apply for intercity funds.

Administration, operating, intercity bus operations, capital and planning funds are included as eligible activities. Aside from planning requests, all new applicants must have a planning feasibility study completed prior to application award.

Funding Available

Available funding amounts are pending FTA release of FFY2014 5311 ***Formula*** fund apportionments. Funds available are estimated at approximately $12 million.

Further details about the Section 5311 grant programs can be found on the ADOT website: www.azdot.gov/transitprograms

Applications will be accepted beginning February 26, 2014. All application materials are to be completed and submitted electronically in ADOT's E-Grants system which can be found at egrants.azdot.gov no later than April 11th by close of business. Late applications will not be accepted.

Evaluation Criterion:

- Appropriateness and Effectiveness of Service
- Financial and Managerial Capability
- Local Commitment to Transit & Accessibility
- Safety and Training
- Coordination

Other Important Information

Those who are awarded FTA funds will:

- Enter into a contract with, and become a Subrecipient of, ADOT.
- Be required to comply with all Federal program requirements.

If you have questions about the Section 5311 Program please contact ADOT program managers, Nicole Patrick, at 602-712-8947 or Npatrick@azdot.gov or Sara Allred at 602-712-4498 or Sallred@azdot.gov.

We look forward to receiving your application in the upcoming months. Thank you for your interest in FTA funding.

Sincerely,

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