

March 9, 2016

FFY 2016 SECTION 5311 NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY UPDATED

The purpose of this notice is to announce the availability of Federal Transit Administration (FTA) grant funding financial assistance for Federal Fiscal Year 2016 and 2017 (to be allocated to subrecipients October 2016-September 2018) 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 and intercity transportation.

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 Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act), Public Law 112-141.

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

Eligible applicants include local governments, non-profits, and Tribal governments. Private operators are eligible to apply for intercity funds through this program. Aside from planning requests, all other new applicants must have a planning feasibility study completed prior to application award.

Funding Available

The Remaining FTA partial apportionment of FFY 2015 5311 Formula fund and the FTA Apportionment of 2016 5311 funds will be awarded and are approximately \$15 million. Project applications will also be ranked for funding once the FTA FFY 2017 5311 Formula Funds become available which are estimated at approximately \$12 million. STP and Statewide Planning funds may also be awarded.

Further details about the Section 5311 grant programs can be found on the ADOT website <http://azdot.gov/planning/TransitProgramsandGrants>.

Attend a mandatory application workshop. Information and registration can be found at: <https://www.azta.org/conference/overview/5310-5311-transit-application-workshops>

Applications will be accepted beginning March 9, 2016. All application materials are to be completed and submitted electronically in ADOT's E-Grants system which can be found at <https://egrants.azdot.gov> no later than April 22, 2016. Late applications will not be accepted.

Evaluation Criterion

- Appropriateness and Effectiveness of Service
- Benefit to Rural Communities
- Financial and Managerial Capability
- Local Commitment to Transit and 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's 5311 Program Managers, Sara Allred at Sallred@azdot.gov or 602-712-4498 or Tina Muñoz at TMunoz@azdot.gov or 602-712-7318.

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

Sincerely,



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