Buses and Bus Facilities Program Review

Objective

This document provides a high-level review of the Department of Transportation Federal Transit Authority's (FTA) <u>Buses and Bus Facilities</u> Funded Projects. This program funds projects that replace, rehabilitate, and purchase buses and related equipment.

Program Summary

The FTA Buses and Bus Facilities Program provides federal funding to transit agencies, states, and local governmental authorities to support capital projects that enhance public transportation systems. The core mission is to replace, rehabilitate, and purchase buses, vans, and related equipment, as well as construct and modify bus-related facilities. The program operates on a competitive basis.

Application Deadline	Applications must be submitted by July 14, 2025, by 11:59 PM ET . Grant applications are submitted through <u>Grants.gov</u> .			
Funding Overview	For FY 2025: ""> Total Funding: \$398 million ""> Minimum Award: No minimum ""> Maximum Award: No maximum			
Eligible Uses	 » Replace, rehabilitate and purchase buses, vans, and related equipment » Construct bus-related facilities including technological changes or innovations to modify low or no emission vehicles or facilities » 0.5% of the requests may be used for workforce development and an additional 0.5% may be used for training at the National Transit Institute 			
Eligible applicants	 Designated recipients that allocate funds to fixed-route bus operators States (including territories and Washington D.C.) Local government entities that operate fixed route bus service Indian tribes 			





Cost Sharing
Requirements

» 80% of the net capital project cost unless the grant recipient requests a lower percentage

FY 2025 Program Name NOFO Application Status Open

This program is currently open for interested applicants until July 14, 2025. The full Notice of Funding Opportunity announcement can be found here. If you have additional questions on this program, please submit a question to Kirsten Wiard-Bauer at FTALowNoBusNOFO@dot.gov.

FY24 National-Level Summary

In FY 2024, the program received applications for 263 eligible projects with a total request of \$4.4 billion. 55 projects were funded, awarding 46 recipients a combined total of \$390 million, with award sizes ranging from \$131,168 to \$26,880,000.

Summary of Buses and Bus Facilities Awards Won in Maryland

For the FY24 the Buses and Bus Facilities funding cycle, grant applicants in Maryland received 1 award, for a total of \$ 960,000 including:

Table 1. Local- and County-Level Grant Awards

Local/County Recipient	Project Type	Awarded Funding	Project Description
Howard County	Buses and Bus Facilities	\$ 960,000	The Maryland Department of Transportation, on behalf of Howard County, will receive funding to buy new buses to provide better connections to regional transit services, including MTA's Local Link service with easier access to Baltimore.



