



FACT SHEET

FTA Section 5307 Program Formula Grants for Urbanized Areas

Program Purpose

This program provides annual funding to urbanized areas for assistance in public transportation administration, planning, capital, and operating activities.

Eligible Applicants

Public transportation agencies providing general public transportation service in urbanized areas greater than 200,000 in population (large UZA) are eligible for state matching funds only. Large UZAs receive apportionments directly from the FTA and, in cooperation with the local MPO, identify the agencies that will be Direct Recipients of large UZA 5307 funds.

TDOT is the Designated Recipient for 5307 funds in UZAs between 50,000 and 200,000 in population (small UZA) and are eligible for a federal allocation and state matching funds. The MPOs in these small UZAs identify the transit agencies that will be Direct Recipients of 5307 funds.

Eligible Projects

TDOT Multimodal provides state matching funds for 5307 capital projects, including administration, asset investments, preventative maintenance, and planning. In the event that there are state matching funds available in excess of what is needed to provide matching funds for capital projects, TDOT may provide a limited amount of match for 5307 JARC operating activities.

TDOT Multimodal allocates the state's 5307 funds to small urban UZAs by formula based on population, general public ridership, general public revenue miles, and local participation in funding transit.

Match Requirements

Transit agencies are responsible for obligating federal funds directly from the FTA. TDOT provides a state match for capital activities and, if funds are available, for JARC operations. One-year contracts are established with grantees to receive state matching funds.

Capital – 80% Federal, 10% State, 10% Local

ADA Capital – 85% Federal, 7.5% State, 7.5% Local

JARC Operating Only – 50% Federal, maximum 25% State, minimum 25% Local – (if funds are available)

Program Requirements

Program activities must adhere to all state and federal rules and requirements as detailed in the federal program circular as well as meet all grant administration and procurement guidelines.

For small UZAs, TDOT Multimodal has established deadlines for obligating program funds. Annual funds not obligated by the deadline will be reallocated at the discretion of the Commissioner, unless compelling circumstances warrant an exception. Obligation deadlines are available in the most recent 5307 Split Allocation Letter and upon request.