



FACT SHEET

FTA Section 5339 Program Bus and Bus Facilities

Program Purpose

Provide capital funding to support the continuation of public transportation services.

Eligible Applicants

Public transportation agencies in rural and small urban areas providing general public transportation that currently receive Section 5307 or 5311 program funds are eligible.

TDOT is the Designated Recipient for 5339 funds in UZAs between 50,000 and 200,000 in population (small UZA). Direct Recipients in small UZAs are eligible for a federal allocation and state matching funds. Direct Recipients may not pass through any funds to subrecipients.

TDOT is the Direct Recipient of 5339 funds for the FTA Statewide allocation and is limiting these funds to rural transportation agencies only.

Eligible Projects

Eligible capital projects include projects to replace, rehabilitate, and purchase buses and related equipment and bus-related facilities. TDOT is limiting projects for rural agencies to replacing revenue vehicles that have met useful life through either years of service or mileage.

Project Selection

TDOT Multimodal allocates the small UZA 5339 funds by formula based on population, general public ridership, general public revenue miles, and local participation in funding transit.

For rural agencies, the process is competitive and largely driven by data in the Statewide vehicle inventory. Review of each agency's application material and responses, revenue fleet size, age, and other service performance data will be used in selecting project awards. During the selection review process, applicants may be required to provide additional agency and/or project information. The selection process will take into consideration vehicles awarded recently under other programs and vehicles identified to be replaced. TDOT will evaluate applications and select the projects and the amount of funding.

Match Requirements

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

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

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. Obligation deadlines are outlined in the Split Allocation Letter. Annual funds not obligated by the deadline will be reallocated at the discretion of the Director.