



FACT SHEET

TDOT Urban Operating (UROP) Program Fixed Route & Paratransit in Urban Core Areas

Program Purpose

This program provides capital and operating assistance to support fixed route and complementary paratransit service in urban core areas of Tennessee.

Eligible Applicants

Agencies providing fixed route and complementary paratransit public transportation service in urban core areas of Tennessee.

Eligible Projects

Capital (i.e. rolling stock, preventative maintenance, equipment)
Operating (i.e. fuel, salaries, wages, fringe benefits, travel and training)

Project Selection

Annual program funds are approved by the State Legislature and allocated to pre-determined public transportation providers by formula. The formula is based on UZA population reported in the 2010 Census. Population data will be adjusted to reflect only the Tennessee UZA population in the case of multi-state UZAs where another transit agency serving the non-Tennessee population of the UZA.

Match Requirements

First \$1,000,000 in total expenses – 80% state, 20% local
After first \$1,000,000 in total expenses – 50% state, 50% local

Program Requirements

Agencies are required to comply with all state rules and requirements. Monthly, quarterly, and annual submission of information and reports to document compliance and measure project performance is required. Grantees may budget up to \$1 million in UROP funds for capital expenses. Federal funds obligated under the 5307 program for capital and/or operating expenses must be drawn down before invoicing TDOT for UROP funds within the same reimbursement period. Annual contract term dates will be July 1 through June 30.