

Federal Transit Administration Grants**FY2009 Request: \$9,000,000****Reference No: 30643****AP/AL:** Allocation**Project Type:** Equipment**Category:** Transportation**Location:** Statewide**Contact:** Frank Richards**House District:** Statewide (HD 1-40)**Contact Phone:** (907)465-3900**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2008 - 06/30/2013**Appropriation:** Statewide Federal Programs**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

Competitive grants from the Federal Transit Administration that are administered by the department for transit vehicles for elderly and handicapped transportation and capital and operating expenses of transit operators. This project contributes to the Department's Mission by improving the mobility of people and goods.

Funding:	FY2009	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013	FY2014	Total
Fed Rcpts	\$9,000,000	\$9,000,000	\$9,000,000	\$9,000,000	\$9,000,000	\$9,000,000	\$54,000,000
Total:	\$9,000,000	\$9,000,000	\$9,000,000	\$9,000,000	\$9,000,000	\$9,000,000	\$54,000,000

<input type="checkbox"/> State Match Required	<input type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - new	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - underway	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On-Going
0% = Minimum State Match % Required		<input type="checkbox"/> Amendment	<input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health Bill	

Operating & Maintenance Costs:

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Staff</u>
Project Development:	0	0
Ongoing Operating:	0	0
One-Time Startup:	0	
Totals:	0	0

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

There is also a small grant to the State for administering the program. Match for pass-through grants is 20% - 50% and is provided by the grantee. Match for state administration and planning is 20%, provided by the state. FY2008 - \$9,000,000; FY2007 - \$9,900,000; FY2006 - \$2,136,000; FY2005 - \$4,123,600; FY2004 - \$3,136,000; FY2003 - \$1,780,000; FY2002 - \$1,162,000; FY2001 - \$1,121,000; FY2000 - \$930,000; FY1999 - \$930,000.

Project Description/Justification:

This program provides federal funding from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to implement and maintain coordinated public transportation throughout Alaska.

Recipients of the funds described in Items two to six below must apply to the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF) transit planning office and compete statewide. Applications are solicited and then reviewed by a committee of transit-oriented Alaskans from the state, local government, transit providers, and public. The applications are scored with an emphasis on coordinated transportation, where opportunities to leverage related services are recognized.

Funds are used for the following activities:

- 1) State Administration. Federal funds are provided to administer the program.
- 2) Project Administration. DOT&PF passes through these funds to public transit systems. These funds require a 20% local match and are used for administrative overhead such as transit system director's salary, office expenses, insurance, advertising, planning, etc.

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- 3) Capital Funding. Capital expenses include funding for the purchase of vehicles, communication systems, dispatching systems, maintenance, buildings, and shelters. Capital funding requires a 20% local match. Capital funds are available to both public transit systems and private nonprofit organizations.
- 4) Jobs Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) Funding. These funds are used to offset a community's cost of providing transportation for low-income people to and from work.
- 5) Operating Expenditures. This category includes the cost of fuel, driver salary, dispatcher, etc. These funds require a 50% local match.
- 6) Purchase of Services. These funds are provided to private-non-profit and public organizations for the purchase of transportation services.
- 7) Training and Technical Assistance (No match required)

A local government may purchase public transportation services from private companies.