Federal Transit Administration Grants **FY2016 Request: $10,000,000**
Reference No: 30643

AP/AL: Allocation
Project Type: Equipment / Commodities
Category: Transportation
Location: Statewide
House District: Statewide (HD 1-40)
Impact House District: Statewide (HD 1-40)
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Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2015 - 06/30/2020
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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.

Funding:	FY2016	FY2017	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021	Total
Fed Rcpts	$10,000,000	$10,000,000	$10,000,000	$10,000,000	$10,000,000	$10,000,000	$60,000,000
Total:	$10,000,000	$10,000,000	$10,000,000	$10,000,000	$10,000,000	$10,000,000	$60,000,000

☐ State Match Required ☐ One-Time Project ☐ Phased - new ☐ Phased - underway ☑ On-Going
0% = Minimum State Match % Required ☐ Amendment ☐ Mental Health Bill

Operating & Maintenance Costs:

	Amount	Staff
Project Development:	0	0
Ongoing Operating:	0	0
One-Time Startup:	0	
Totals:	0	0

Prior Funding History / Additional Information:
Sec1 Ch18 SLA2014 P64 L28 SB119 $10,000,000
Sec1 Ch16 SLA2013 P81 L5 SB18 $9,000,000
Sec1 Ch17 SLA2012 P137 L18 SB160 $9,000,000
Sec1 Ch5 SLA2011 P102 L23 SB46 $9,000,000
Sec7 Ch43 SLA2010 P38 L31 SB230 $9,000,000
Sec1 Ch15 SLA2009 P22 L27 SB75 $9,000,000
Sec13 Ch29 SLA2008 P161 L20 SB221 $9,000,000
Sec4 Ch30 SLA2007 P105 L12 SB53 $9,000,000

There is also a small grant to the State for administering the program. Match for pass-through grants is 9.03% - 43.14% and is provided by the grantee. Match for planning is 20%, provided by the state.

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 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 9.03% local match and are used for administrative overhead such as transit system director's salary, office expenses, insurance, advertising, planning, etc.
3) Capital Funding. Capital expenses include funding for the purchase of vehicles, communication systems, dispatching systems, maintenance, buildings, and shelters. Capital funding requires a 9.03% local match for public transit and 20% match for human service. Capital funds are available to both public 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 43.14% local match.
6) Purchase of Services. These funds are provided to private nonprofit 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.