

Federal Transit Administration Grants

FY2022 Request: \$35,260,012

Reference No: AMD 63430

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: 07/01/2021 - 06/30/2026

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Appropriation: Statewide Federal Programs

Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

The original Governor's request was \$10M; true need is \$35,260.012.

Competitive grants from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) that are administered by the department to purchase transit vehicles for elderly and handicapped transportation and operating expenses of transit operators. This appropriation will allow the department to receive an additional \$25.3M in FTA grants in FY2022. DOT&PF's FTA apportionment has been steadily increasing each year and FTA has offered at least two discretionary funding opportunities each year that require subrecipients (e.g., City & Borough of Juneau (CBJ)) to apply through the department. Awards for CBJ are made from FTA to DOT&PF.

Funding:	<u>FY2022</u>	<u>FY2023</u>	<u>FY2024</u>	<u>FY2025</u>	<u>FY2026</u>	<u>FY2027</u>	<u>Total</u>
1002 Fed Rcpts	\$35,260,012						\$35,260,012
Total:	\$35,260,012	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$35,260,012

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Match Required	<input type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - new	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - underway	<input type="checkbox"/> Ongoing
9% = Minimum State Match % Required	<input checked="" 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	0
Totals:	0	0

Prior Funding History / Additional Information:

- Sec5 Ch8 SLA2020 P68 L23 HB205 \$10,000,000
- Sec1 Ch3 SLA2019 P8 L23 HB19 \$10,000,000
- Sec1 Ch19 SLA2018 P11 L13 142 \$10,000,000
- Sec1 Ch1 SLA2017 P9 L13 23 \$10,000,000
- Sec1 Ch2 SLA2016 P18 L7 SB138 \$10,000,000
- Sec1 Ch38 SLA2015 P17 L14 SB26 \$10,000,000
- 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

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Sec13 Ch29 SLA2008 P161 L20 SB221 \$9,000,000
Sec4 Ch30 SLA2007 P105 L12 SB53 \$9,000,000

This funding is not related to Federal COVID relief.

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 governments and the 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, and planning.
- 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 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, and other associated costs. 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.