



RIIF Local Match Funding Distribution Recommendation



Senate File 2484

Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund

- On June 2, 2026, Governor Kim Reynolds signed Senate File 2484, the legislation allocating the state's Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund money for Fiscal Year 2027
 - The bill included funding to assist Iowa's public transit agencies with money necessary to fully match the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) competitive bus and bus facility grants awarded in 2025

e. For matching the funding requirements necessary to receive federal grants awarded to improve public transit by replacing vehicles and constructing or expanding vehicle facilities, notwithstanding section 8.57, subsection 3, paragraph "c":

FY 2026-2027:

..... \$ 1,600,000

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- Iowa's public transit systems and the Iowa Public Transit Association advocated for this funding due to continued steep bus price increases raising the required local match beyond what the transit agencies had budgeted.

Recommendation

- Two FTA Bus and Bus Facility grants were awarded to the Iowa DOT on behalf of Iowa's public transit systems in 2025, totaling over \$47 Million.
 - 90 vehicles
 - 3 facilities
- Iowa DOT recommends using the RIIF funding to make up the difference between the budgeted local match amount and the increased local match amount required due to rising bus prices.

Recommendation

- Example:
 - A 40-foot heavy duty bus originally included in the competitive grant project list:
 - \$712,000 total cost
 - \$605,200 (85%) FTA funding
 - \$106,800 (15%) Local match
 - Using the updated bus programming guidance, that same bus:
 - \$1,038,400 total cost
 - \$882,640 (85%) FTA funding
 - \$155,760 (15%) Local match... \$48,960 more than budgeted
- The RIIF funding will make up the difference between the two local match amounts for all 90 vehicles able to be funded through the grants, with the remainder of the funding helping with local match for the three facilities

Recommendation

- FY27 RIIF funding: \$1,600,000
- Local match assistance for 90 buses (at 15 transit agencies): \$1,460,292
- Local match assistance for 3 facilities (at two transit agencies): \$139,708

A list of included bus and facility projects will be distributed at the Commission Workshop.

Questions?

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