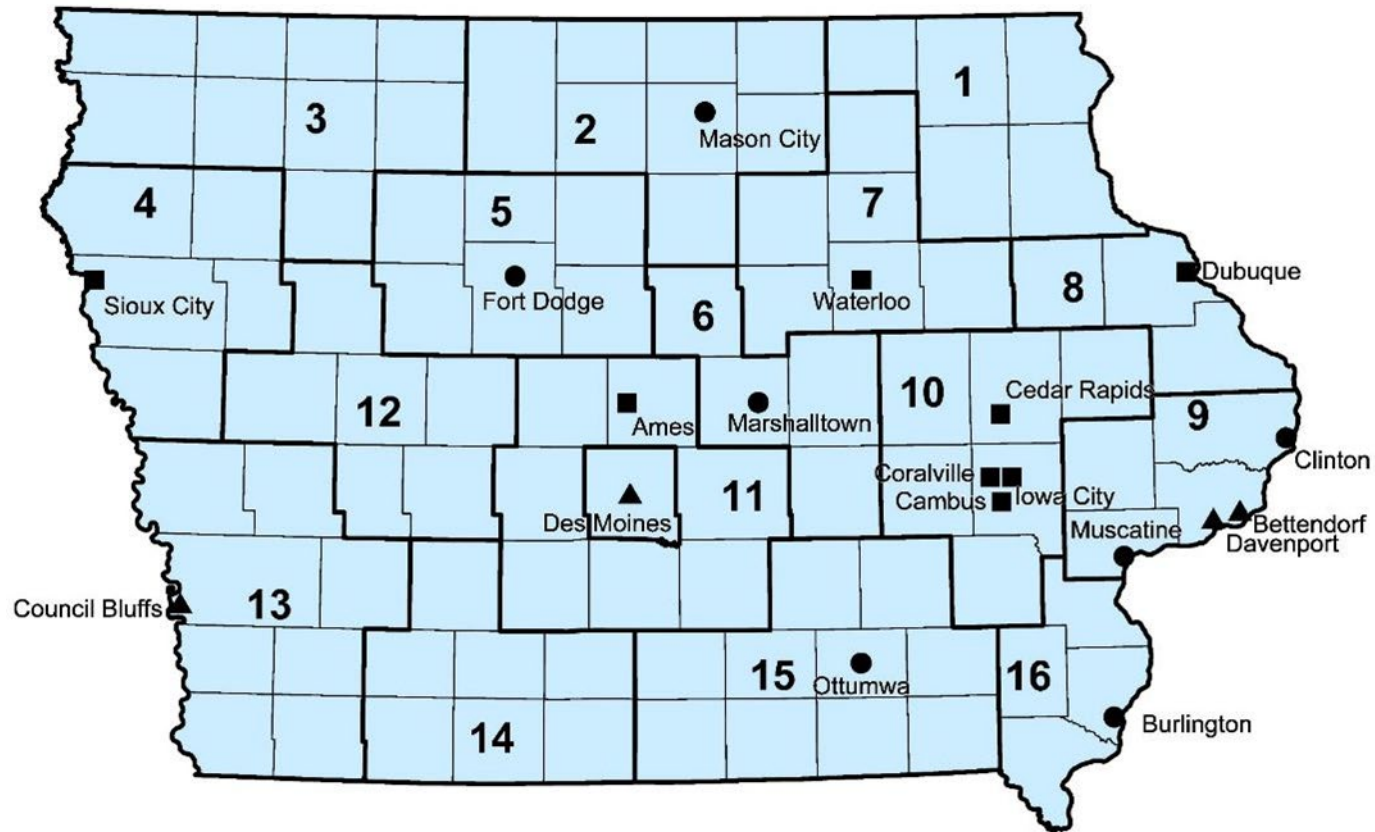


A photograph of two young children standing in front of the open side door of a white transit van. The child on the left is wearing a grey hooded jacket, blue-rimmed glasses, and a green headband. The child on the right is wearing a purple jacket with a fur-lined hood, a pink knit hat, and glasses. The van's interior seats are visible through the open door. On the side of the van, there is a "NO SMOKING" sign and a license plate that reads "MC311813 US DOT 67 Decorah, IA".

Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2026 Public Transit Program FFY 2025 Competitive Grants

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Ridership and Revenue Mile Comparison

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Fiscal Year	Ridership	Percent Change	Revenue Miles	Percent Change
2025	20,304,708	5%	26,118,794	2%
2024	19,284,864	11%	25,569,986	2%
2023	17,341,472	15%	25,123,307	0%
2022	15,106,115	-	25,000,115	-

Ridership and Revenue Mile Comparison Four Year Change (2022-2025)

Fiscal Year	Ridership	Percent Change	Revenue Miles	Percent Change
2022-2025	5,198,593	34%	1,118,679	4%

Federal Funds for Transit Vehicle Replacement

Grants for Bus and Bus Facilities Formula Program – 5339(a) Provides funding to states and transit agencies through a statutory formula to replace, rehabilitate and purchase buses and related equipment and to construct bus-related facilities.

Buses and Bus Facilities Competitive Program – 5339(b) Same as above but distributed through a competitive solicitation.

Low or No Emission Grant Program – 5339(c) Provides funding to state and local governmental authorities through a competitive solicitation for the purchase or lease of zero-emission and low-emission transit buses as well as acquisition, construction, and leasing of required supporting facilities.

Carbon Reduction Program – Provides funding for projects designed to reduce transportation carbon dioxide emissions, including traffic management, public transportation, pedestrian facilities, alternative fuels.

FFY2025 Competitive Grants

Purpose: The Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Competitive Program (49 U.S.C. 5339(b)) and the Low or No Emission Vehicle Program (49 U.S.C. 5339(c)) make federal resources available to states and direct recipients to replace, rehabilitate and purchase buses and related equipment and to construct bus-related facilities, including technological changes or innovations to modify low or no emission vehicles or facilities.

Eligible Applicants: Designated recipients that allocate funds to fixed route bus operators, states, local governmental authorities that operate fixed route bus service, Native American tribes.

Funding is provided through competitive grants.

Iowa DOT successfully applied for the Buses and Bus Facilities Program and the Low or No Emission Vehicle Program.

Project Evaluation Criteria

Demonstration of need for capital investment in bus vehicles and/or supporting facilities.

Demonstration of benefit for how the project will improve transit system condition, service reliability, and enhance access and mobility.

Demonstration of how the project is consistent with transit priorities identified in the long range plan.

Local financial commitment.

Project implementation strategy.

Demonstration of technical, legal and financial capacity to undertake the project.

Competitive Grant Awards to Iowa

FFY 2025 Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Competitive Award

\$27,834,685 for replacement of 85 transit vehicles operating beyond their federal useful life at 14 public transit agencies.

Utilized Public Transit Management System process.

Points awarded based on age and mileage

Prioritize highest points down

FFY 2025 Low or No Emission Vehicle Program

\$19,892,534 for five hybrid public transit vehicles and three public transit facilities.

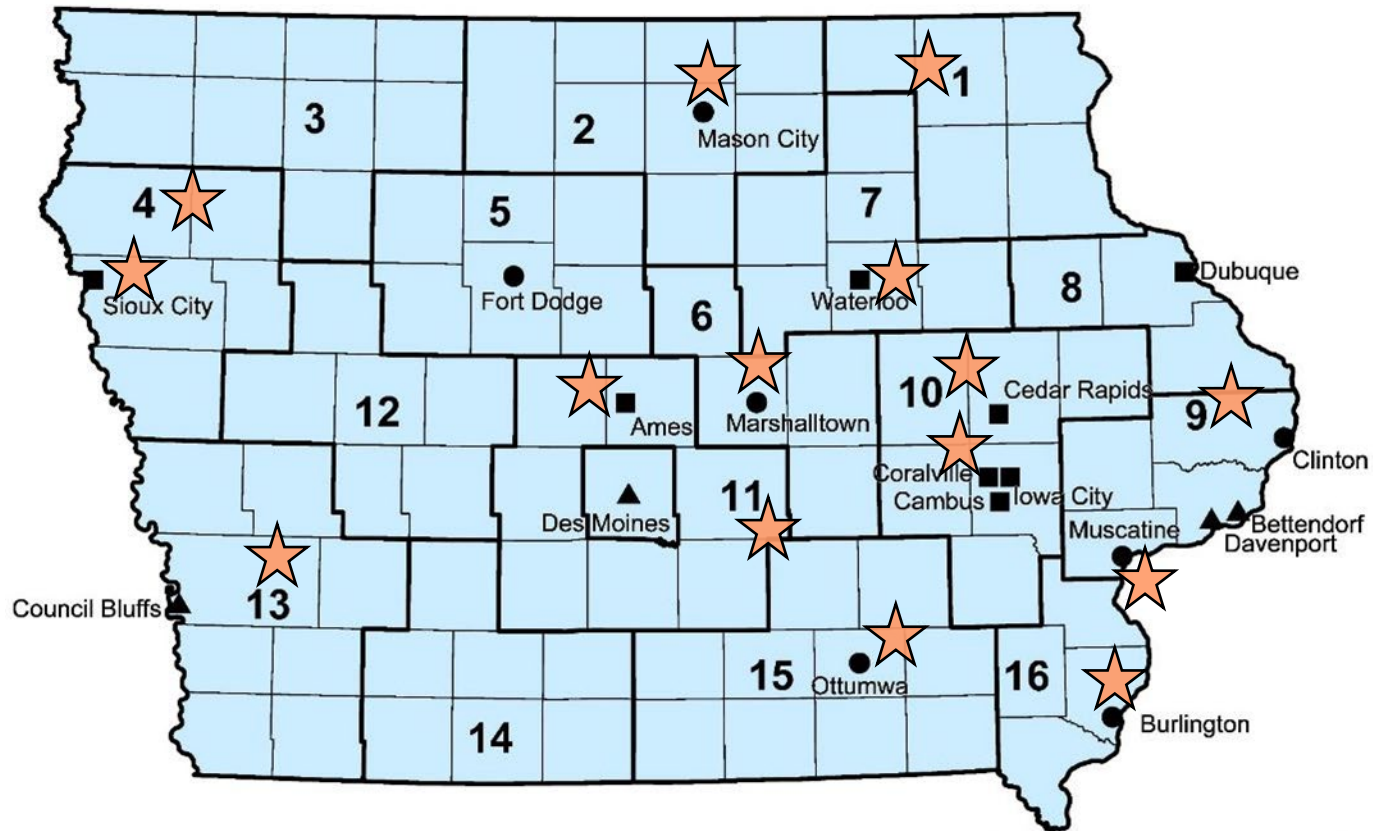
A detailed list of the projects is included in Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2025 Discretionary Grants and RIIF Allocation Handout.



Recommendation

- Total FTA capital funds available and recommended: \$47,727,219
- Sixteen public transit systems will be able to purchase 90 vehicles, and two transit systems will be able to construct three transit facilities.
- A list of vehicles and facilities is included in the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2025 Competitive Grants and RIIF Allocation Handout

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FFY 2026 Public Transit Program

5339(a) State Apportionments + CRP:

- 5339(a) Urban (50-200K population)
 - \$1,322,927
- 5339(a) Statewide Non-urban
 - \$4,000,000
- Carbon Reduction Program
 - \$3,000,000
- Total Available
 - \$8,322,927

Project Distribution Criteria

Funds are distributed for bus replacement based on the Public Transit Management System (PTMS) process and the availability of local match

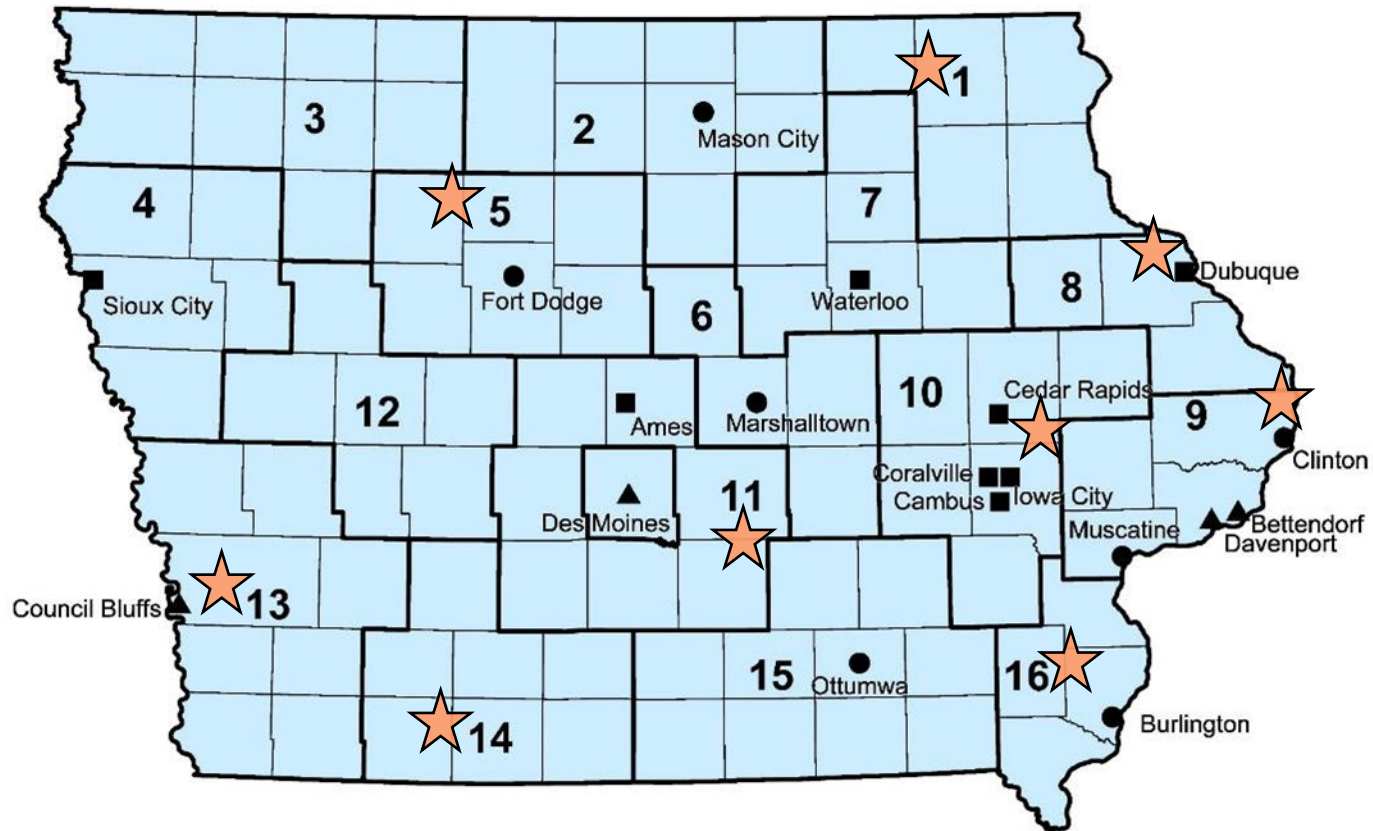
- Prioritizes vehicle replacements based on the degree to which each vehicle exceeds the useful life for that particular vehicle type in terms of both age and accumulated mileage
- The age, vehicle type, and mileage are maintained for all vehicles within the PTMS database



Recommendation

- Total FTA capital funds available and recommended: \$8,322,927
- Nine public transit systems will be able to purchase 36 vehicles
- A list of vehicles is included in the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2026 Transit Program (Vehicle Replacements) Handout

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Questions?

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For more information on Iowa's public transit program, visit iowadot.gov/modes-travel/transit