



FFY 2023 Public Transit Program (Vehicle Replacements) FFY 2022 and FFY 2023 Discretionary Grants December 12, 2023



Public Transit Program Recommendations

Formula Allocations + CMAQ:

• Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2023 Transit Program (Vehicle Replacements)

Discretionary Grants:

- FFY 2022 Bus Replacement Discretionary Award
- FFY 2022 Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Discretionary Award
- FFY 2023 Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Discretionary Award



Section 5339 Grants for Bus and Bus Facilities Formula Program

• **Purpose:** Federal Transit Administration (FTA) program that 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



FFY 2023 - Section 5339 Grants for Bus and Bus Facilities

- 5339 Direct Apportionments:
 - Urban (50-200K population) \$1,110,176
 - Statewide \$4,000,000
 - Council Bluffs \$985,645
 - Davenport (IA/IL) \$502,218
 - Des Moines \$779,800



FFY 2023- Section 5339 Grants for Bus and Bus Facilities

- State Apportionments:
 - Urban (50-200K population) \$1,110,176
 - One transit systems, two vehicles
 - Statewide \$4,000,000
 - Ten transit systems, thirty-six vehicles



Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Program (CMAQ)

- **Purpose:** To fund transportation projects in nonattainment or maintenance areas of Clean Air Act Standards. States that have no nonattainment or maintenance areas receive a minimum apportionment of CMAQ funding for either air quality projects or other elements of flexible spending. Funds may be used for any transit capital expenditures otherwise eligible for FTA funding as long as they have an air quality benefit
 - FFY 2023 allocation: \$3,000,000
 - Nine transit systems, fifteen vehicles



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





Summary

- Total capital funds available: \$8,110,176
- Sixteen transit systems will be able to purchase fiftytwo vehicles
- A detailed list of vehicles is included in the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2023 Transit Program (Vehicle Replacements) handout

Transit System Vehicle Replacements





FTA Bus/Bus Facilities and Low and No Emission Discretionary 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)) makes 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.



FTA Bus/Bus Facilities and Low and No Emission Discretionary Grants

- **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 <u>competitive grants</u>.
- Fleet transition plans required for projects related to zero-emission buses.
- Iowa DOT successfully applied for statewide projects for the FFY 2022 and FFY 2023 funding.



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



FTA Available Discretionary Funding

Federal Fiscal Year	2022	2023
Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities (Competitive)	\$376 million	\$384 million
Low or No Emissions Grants (Competitive)	\$1.122 billion	\$1.123 billion



Discretionary Awards to Iowa

- FFY 2022 Bus Replacement Discretionary Award
 - \$12,000,000 for bus replacements
 - Funding recommendation
 - Replace 70 of the oldest vehicles operating beyond their federal useful life at 20 public transit agencies
 - Utilized Public Transit Management System process
 - Points awarded based on age and mileage
 - Prioritize highest points down
- A detailed list of vehicles is included in the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2022 FTA 5339(b) Bus Replacement Discretionary Grant Award handout.



Discretionary Awards to Iowa

- FFY 2022 Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Discretionary Award
 - \$15,844,561
 - Funding recommendation
 - Provide ten zero-emission buses and charging equipment to three public transit agencies (Sioux City Transit, Region 11-HIRTA, Region 13-SWITA)
 - Support construction of a new facility for Region 11 (HIRTA)
 - Support construction of new facility for Region 14 (Southern Iowa Trolley)
 - A detailed list of vehicles is included in the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2022 FTA 5339(b) Bus and Bus Facilities Discretionary Grant Award handout.



Discretionary Awards to Iowa

- FFY 2023 Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Discretionary Award
 - \$17,853,710
 - Funding recommendation
 - Provide 13 zero-emission buses or vehicles and charging equipment to four public transit agencies (Clinton MTA, Region 11-HIRTA, Region 13-SWITA, Coralville)
 - Support construction of a new facility for Riverbend Transit
 - Support construction of new facility for Region 11 (HIRTA)
 - A detailed list of vehicles is included in the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2023 FTA 5339(b) Bus and Bus Facilities Discretionary Grant Award handout.





QUESTIONS?

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