

# CY 2018 Intercity Bus Program

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15% of state's federal non-urbanized (5311) transit funding must be used for support of intercity bus services (unless the Governor certifies need has been met). Average yearly funds available is \$2 million.

Intercity bus services must include stops at non-urbanized locations and must make meaningful connections to nationwide network.

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Eligible participants in the program:

- Private intercity bus companies
- Companies wishing to start intercity bus service
- Public transit agencies either operating or proposing to operate intercity bus services
- Local communities wishing to support intercity bus connections to their community.

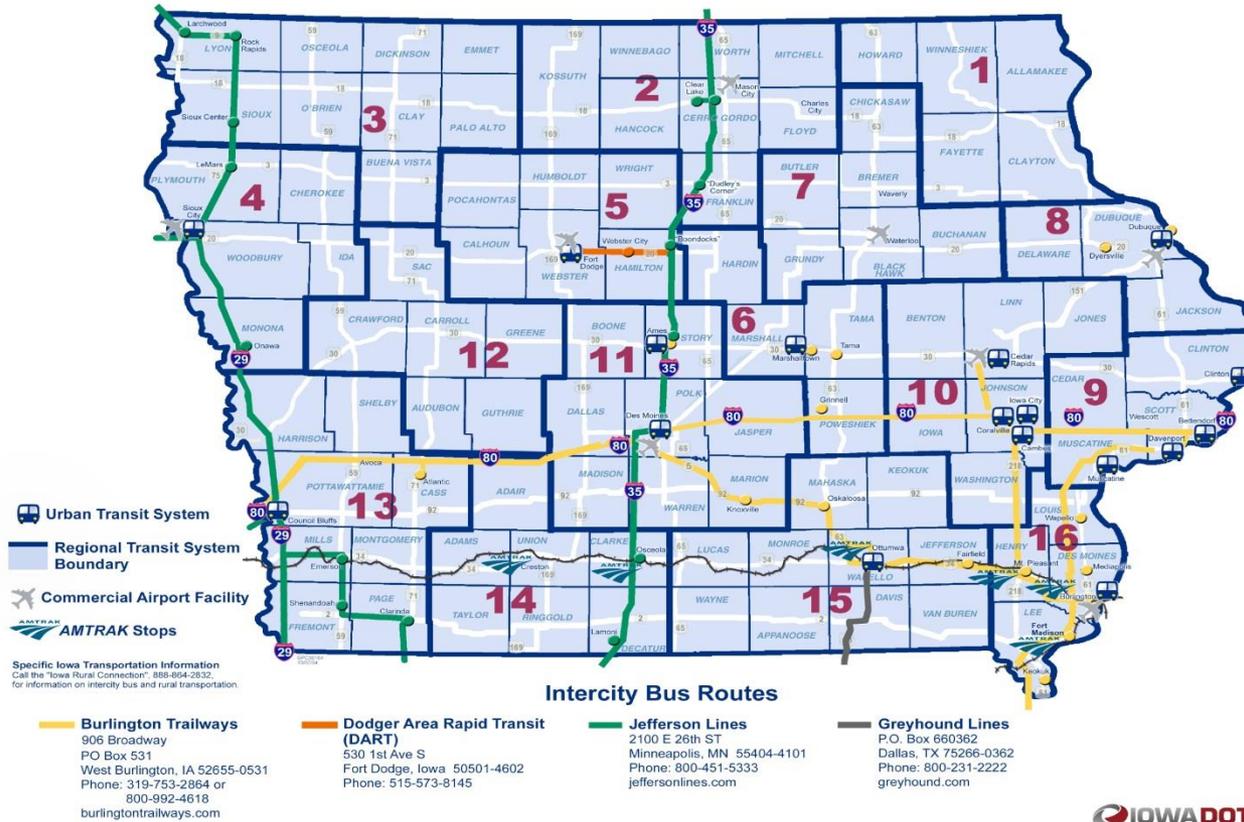
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Iowa's program has four components in priority order:

- Base level support of existing services (\$.20 per revenue mile)
- Start-up support for new services (three years at \$.50 per revenue mile)
- Support for marketing of intercity bus services and interlined services (maximum \$7,500 for existing routes per agency and \$12,000 per each new route with 20% local match required)
- Support for intercity bus capital improvements (over the road coaches, vertical infrastructure, vehicle renovations/improvements, ADA improvements to vehicles and facilities). Vehicles require a 15% local match while all other capital projects require 20% local match.

# Intercity Bus Map

## Iowa Passenger Transportation Services



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Total available funds for CY 18: \$2,231,433

11 applications received requesting \$2,318,820

- Burlington Trailways
- MIDAS (Region 5 Public Transit)
- City of Dubuque Public Transit
- Jefferson Lines

Recommending 9 projects for \$2,231,433

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<u>Burlington Trailways</u>	<u>Requested</u>	<u>Recommendation</u>
• Existing Service Support	\$328,772	\$328,772
• 2 Over-the-Road Coaches	\$834,240	\$828,726
• Marketing	\$7,500	\$7,500
• Diesel Particulate Cleaning System	\$42,560	\$0
<u>City of Dubuque Transit</u>		
• Marketing-Intermodal Facility	\$7,500	\$7,500
<u>Midas Council of Government</u>		
• Marketing-Existing Service	\$7,500	\$7,500

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<u>Jefferson Lines</u>	<u>Requested</u>	<u>Recommendation</u>
• Existing Service Support	\$156,948	\$156,948
• Marketing-Existing Service	\$7,500	\$7,500
• Operating Iowa Travel Center	\$33,800	\$0
• Two Over-the-Road Coaches	\$892,500	\$886,987

# Summary of Funding Recommended

Burlington Trailways	\$1,164,998
City of Dubuque Transit	\$7,500
MIDAS Council of Governments	\$7,500
Jefferson Lines	\$1,051,435
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,231,433</b>

# CY 16 Ridership/Cost per Ride

## Jefferson Lines

Ridership –64,356

Revenue Miles –615,192

Funds for Operating Expenses - \$165,231

Operating Cost per Ride - \$2.56

# CY 16 Ridership/Cost per Ride

## Burlington Trailways

Ridership –209,503

Revenue Miles –1,416,249

Funds for Operating Expenses -\$283,251

Operating Cost per Ride - \$1.35

## Questions?

- For more information on Iowa's public transit programs, visit [www.iatransit.com](http://www.iatransit.com).

