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NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY: INTERCITY BUS ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM

The intercity bus assistance grant program is a federally funded grant program that provides financial assistance to support intercity bus services that includes stops at non-urbanized locations and makes meaningful connections to the nationwide network.

The program is funded by utilizing 15% of Federal Transit Administration non-urbanized (FTA Section 5311) transit funding and any carryover funds from previous application cycles. Iowa DOT anticipates approximately \$2.63 million available for eligible projects.

Applications submitted by 5:00 p.m. on October 3, 2022, will be reviewed. It is anticipated that recommendations for funding will be presented to the Iowa Transportation Commission in November with Commission action the following month.

The intercity bus program has four funding components under which eligible applicants may apply, in priority order:

- 1) Base level support of existing services (\$0.20 per revenue mile).
- 2) Start-up support for new services (three years at \$0.50 per revenue mile).
- 3) 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).
- 4) Support for intercity bus capital improvements (over the road coaches, vertical infrastructure, vehicle renovations/improvements, ADA improvements to vehicles and facilities).

Private bus companies, companies wishing to start bus service, public transit agencies either operating or proposing to operate bus service, and local communities wishing to support intercity connections to their community to maintain the viability of intercity bus service in the State of Iowa are eligible to apply.

For detailed information on the Intercity Bus Assistance Grant Program and how to apply, please refer to <https://iowadot.gov/transit/Funding-programs-and-applications/applications>.

Please submit applications and required attachments electronically to Rebecca.Law@iowadot.us.