Low or No Emission Vehicle & Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Competitive Program Webinar

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Objective

Provide information on how to apply and participate in the Low or No Emission Vehicle as well as the Buses and Bus Facilities Competitive Programs

Agenda

- 1. Funding & Program Overview
- 2. Eligibility Information
- 3. Evaluation Criteria
- 4. Additional Selection Considerations
- 5. Application Requirements & Documents
- 6. Questions

DOT Program Priorities

Renew Our Transit Systems



Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions from Public Transportation



Advance Racial Equity



Maintain and Create Good-paying Jobs with a Free and Fair Choice to Join a Union; and



Connect Communities



Authorized Funding: Buses and Bus Facilities Formula, Competitive, and Low-No Program (Section 5339)

| Program Component | FY 2022 (in millions) | FY 2023 (in millions) | FY 2024 (in millions) | FY 2025 (in millions) | FY 2026 (in millions) |
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| Formula | \$603.99 | \$616.61 | \$632.71 | \$645.78 | \$662.20 |
| Buses and Bus Facilities Competitive | \$375.70 | \$383.54 | \$393.56 | \$401.69 | \$411.90 |
| Low or No Emissions Competitive | \$1,121.56 | \$1,123.06 | \$1,124.96 | \$1,126.51 | \$1,128.46 |
| 5339 Program TOTAL | \$2,101.25 | \$2,123.21 | \$2,151.23 | \$2173.98 | \$2,202.56 |

Please Note: Funding amounts before subtracting administrative and oversight takedown.

FY2023 Total Funding

FY23 TOTAL AVAILABILITY *AFTER OVERSIGHT TAKEDOWN, ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS, AND PRIOR YEAR'S FUNDS



Competitive Program Descriptions

Low-No Program

Buses and Bus Facilities Competitive Program

"The Low-No Program (5339(c)) provides funding for the purchase or lease of zeroemission and low-emission transit buses, as well as for the acquisition, construction, or leasing of supporting facilities and equipment." "The Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Program (5339(b)) authorizes FTA to award grants to assist in the financing of buses and bus facilities capital projects including:

- 1) Replacing, rehabilitating, purchasing, or leasing buses or related equipment
- 2) Rehabilitating, purchasing, constructing, or leasing bus-related facilities"

Previous Year FY 2022 Competitions

FTA received **530** eligible project proposals (approximately 380 unique projects) in 51 States / territories and the District of Columbia, requesting approximately **\$7.71 billion**.



2023 Low-No & Buses and Bus Facilities Competition

Available Funding: Approximately \$1.7 billion

- Buses and Bus Facilities Competitive: Approximately \$469 million
- Low or No Emissions: \$1.22 billion (\$357 million for low emission projects*)

| Important Dates | | | | |
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| Notice of Funding Opportunity | January 27, 2023 | | | |
| Applications Due | 11:59pm EST April 13, 2023 | | | |
| Project Evaluations | April – May 2023 | | | |
| Award Announcement | No Later than June 28, 2023 | | | |
| Pre-Award Authority | Starts on date of project announcement | | | |
| Available for Obligation | The year of award plus 3 years – September 30, 2027 | | | |

***Please note:** Due to less funding being requested than was available for low-emission projects in 2022, this amount includes approximately \$69 million in FY22 funds reserved for low-emission projects as required by statute.

Low Emission Set Aside – 25 Percent

- As required by Federal public transportation law (<u>49 U.S.C. 5339(c)(5)</u>), a minimum of 25 percent of the amount awarded under the Low-No Program will be awarded to **low-emission projects** other than zero-emission vehicles and related facilities.
- \$69,192,987 of FY 2022 funding for low-emission projects remains available, in addition to the \$287,920,295 available for FY 2023 – totaling \$357,113,282 total in available funds for low emission projects in 2023.
- Eligible projects include (but not limited to):
 - Hybrid Electric / Gas or Hybrid Electric / Diesel Buses
 - Compressed Natural Gas or Liquified Natural Gas Buses
 - Ethanol, Propane, and Other Alternative Fuel Buses
 - Constructing or Leasing Facilities Specifically for Low Emission Buses
 - Rehabilitating / Improving Existing Public Facilities to Accommodate Low Emission Buses

Why a Joint Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)?



Joint NOFO – <u>IMPORTANT</u> Application Information



An applicant may submit a low or no emissions project to **<u>both</u>** the Buses and Bus Facilities Competitive Program and the Low-No Program.

• If a project submitted for consideration under both programs is selected for funding, FTA will exercise its discretion to determine under which program the project will receive funding.





May choose to submit to only one of the two programs.

Please note if submitting to both programs, the same application package must be submitted to both Bus and Low-No **Opportunity IDs** in Grants.Gov.



Low-No/Bus Competitive Statutory Requirements in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)

Applies to Buses and Bus Facilities Competitive (5339(b)) and Low-No (5339(c)):

- Zero-Emission Fleet Transition Plan (for <u>any</u> zero-emission project)
- 5% for Workforce Development for Zero-Emission Projects
- Continuation of the Partnership Provision

Low-No only:

 A minimum of 25% of the amount awarded will be awarded to low emission projects other than zero emission vehicles and related facilities



Eligibility Information



Eligible Applicants (Section C.1)

Recipients

Designated recipients, states, local governmental authorities or federally recognized Indian Tribes are eligible.

• **Buses and Bus Facilities Competitive**: Recipients listed above must allocate funds to or operate fixed route service.

Rural areas must submit as part of a consolidated state application, unless the applicant is a tribe.

Subrecipients

Same as recipients above, with these exceptions for Buses and Bus Facilities only:

- Private nonprofit organizations engaged in public transportation are eligible.
 - The fixed route requirement does **NOT** apply to subrecipients.

Partnership Provision (Section C.1)

An applicant proposing <u>a low or no emission project under both the Buses and Bus</u> <u>Facilities Competitive Program and the Low-No Program or under just the Low-No</u> <u>Program</u>, may include partnerships with other entities that intend to participate in the implementation of the project.



The competitive selection process satisfies the requirements for a competitive procurement for the partners named in the application.



Examples of partnerships include, but are not limited to, specific vehicle manufacturers, equipment vendors, owners or operators of related facilities, or project consultants.



If proposing a low or no emission project for **only** the Buses and Bus Facilities program, the partnership provision does not apply.



Cost Sharing or Matching (Section C.2)

| Federal Match Max 85% | Vehicles compliant with the Clean Air Act (CAA) or Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) |
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| Federal Match Max 90% | Equipment or facilities that are compliant with the Clean Air Act (CAA) or Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Costs associated with related equipment and facilities must be itemized in application to receive maximum federal share |
| Federal Match Max | All other projects, including workforce development/NTI training |

80%

Eligible Projects (Section C.3)

- Replace, rehabilitate, purchase, or lease buses, vans and related equipment
 - This includes leasing power sources (i.e., batteries)
- Rehabilitate, purchase, construct, or lease bus-related facilities
- Rehabilitating or improving existing facilities to accommodate low or no emission buses and vehicles
- Costs incidental to the acquisition of buses or construction of a facility
 - Including activities such as functional landscaping (green space)



Please Note: Projects to the **Low-No Program** must be for low or no emission projects only.

Eligible Projects: Workforce Development

Workforce Development (Non-Zero Emission Projects):

- Recipients are permitted to use up to 0.5% of the requested grant award for workforce development activities.
- An additional 0.5% can be used training at the National Transit Institute.
- NEW: Supportive services, such as dependent care and transportation assistance for participants, may be an eligible use of program funds under 49 U.S.C. 5314(b). Please see new FAQ's posted at: www.transit.dot.gov/funding/grants/federal-transit-administration-faqs-

supportive-services



See 49 U.S.C. 5314(b)

Examples Include:

- On-the-job training ٠
- Apprenticeships •
- Research for training programs •
- Employment outreach programs •

Eligible Projects: Workforce Development (cont.)

Workforce Development for **Zero-Emission Projects**:

• 5% of the requested Federal award must be used for workforce development, unless the applicant explains in the application why less funding is needed.

» **Example:** If the total capital costs of vehicles and equipment = \$95,000, an additional \$5,000 should be included in the budget for these expenses for a total project cost of \$100,000.

- NEW: Supportive services, such as dependent care and transportation assistance for participants, may be an eligible use of program funds within this 5%. Please see new FAQ's posted at: <u>www.transit.dot.gov/funding/grants/federal-transit-administrationfaqs-supportive-services</u>
- These amounts are additional, not a take-down, from other eligible project expenses.



Ineligible Projects

Projects not eligible for funding:

- Non-public transportation projects (e.g., school buses, prisoner transport, intrafacility shuttles, services not open to the general public, see: 49 U.S.C. § 5302(14))
- Operating expenses
- Preventive maintenance
- Development or deployment of prototype/demonstration vehicles
- Previous project expenses
- Mobility management
- Planning and design studies



Evaluation Criteria



Evaluation Criteria (Section E.1)

Demonstration of Need

- How will the proposed project address an unmet need for capital investment?
- What substantiating evidence can be provided to support these statements?

Demonstration of Benefits*

- <u>Low-No</u>: **How** will the proposed project support the program objectives to reduce energy consumption and harmful emissions?
- <u>Buses and Bus Facilities Competitive</u>: **How** will the proposed project improve safety? The condition of the transit system? Reliability of transit service? Enhance access and mobility?



***Please note** that this is the only criteria where the requested information is different for each program. In order to apply for **both** an applicant must respond to both Demonstration of Benefits sections with responses applicable to the request in the NOFO for that program.

Evaluation Criteria (Section E.1)

Planning and Local/Regional Prioritization

- **How** is the proposed project consistent with local and regional long range planning documents?
- How is the proposed project consistent with local government priorities?
 - Applicants are encouraged to also consult DOT's Promising Practices for Meaningful Public Involvement in Transportation Decision-Making at: https://www.transportation.gov/priorities/equity/promising-practicesmeaningful-public-involvement-transportation-decision-making
- Zero-Emission applicants:
 - Did the applicant include a zero-emission fleet transition plan that includes all 6 required elements?



Evaluation Criteria (Section E.1)

| Local Financial Commitment | When will the funds be fully secured? What is the source of the local share? |
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| Project Implementation Strategy | How soon can the proposed project be obligated (within 12 months)? How will the project be implemented? |
| Technical, Legal, & Financial Capacity | Does the applicant have the know-how to carry out the proposed project? What technical, legal, or financial capacity issues exist, if any? |

Review and Selection (Section E.2)



Additional Selection Considerations (Section E.2)

FTA could consider in conjunction with the criteria rating:

- Geographic diversity
- Diversity in size of the population of the service area
- Small Urban, Rural or Tribal
- For Zero-Emission projects, prioritize projects with a plan for full fleet transition.
- Receipt of other competitive awards
- Administration Priorities
 - Climate Change
 - Workforce Development/Good Paying Jobs
 - Procurement methods that reduce customization
 - Workforce Development Component of Zero-Emission Transition Plan
 - Justice 40





Administration Priority: Climate Change

For Buses and Bus Facilities Competitive Projects Only

For Both Programs *NEW*

FTA will give priority consideration to applications that are expected to create significant community benefits relating to the environment. For vehicle applications that include **at least twenty zero-emission 40-foot buses**, FTA will give priority consideration to applications that identify greater emission reductions.

To be considered for priority consideration, vehicle applications for at least twenty zero-emission 40foot buses must use the FTA FY 2023 Bus and Low-No Emission Reduction Calculator which can be found <u>here</u>, attach the file, and include the amount of reductions per vehicle in the supplemental form.



Administration Priority: Creating Good-Paying Jobs Facility Projects (UPDATED)



Identify whether the applicant will commit to registered apprenticeship positions and use apprentices on the funded project (e.g., requiring that a certain percent of all labor hours will be performed by registered apprentices)





Detail partnerships with high-quality workforce development programs with supportive services to help train, place, and retain underrepresented communities in jobs and registered apprenticeships on the project

Administration Priority: Procurement Methods to Reduce Customization

NEW



FTA will provide priority consideration to applicants that identify their intent to use a procurement method that reduces customization, such as a joint procurement or procurement using an existing schedule



The applicant should identify the proposed approach, other partners if applicable, and how the procurement approach reduces vehicle customization



FTA will evaluate each project on its own merits and selection of one participant indicating their intent to pursue a joint procurement will be independent of selection of other potential participants

Administration Priority: Justice40 Initiative

NEW – As a Consideration for Selection



FTA will also give priority consideration to projects that support the Justice40 initiative.



Applicants should identify how they considered the benefits and potential burdens a project may create, who would experience them and how they may be measured over time, with a specific focus on how the benefits and potential burdens will impact underserved/disadvantaged communities



———— AND -



Identify how the applicant used a meaningful public involvement process, inclusive of disadvantaged populations, throughout the lifecycle of a project.

Administration Priority: Zero-Emission Fleet Transition Plan Development

Zero Emission Projects (UPDATED)



Among zero-emission applications, FTA will give priority consideration to zero-emission applicants that are able to demonstrate that they have consulted with workforce representatives on all aspects of the workforce section of the fleet transition plan



Include steps to provide or connect workers to supportive services (such as childcare and transportation assistance)

AND



Identify the use of at least one of the following in their plan:

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- 1. Use of labor-management partnerships for training;
- 2. Use of registered apprenticeship training to support skilling of incumbent and entry-level workers with focus on using registered apprenticeship to advance Black, Hispanic, Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islanders, tribal, women, and other groups facing systemic barriers to employment that may be underrepresented in the current workforce, especially in higher-paying jobs.

Zero-Emission Fleet Transition Plan Required Components



Zero-Emission Fleet Transition Plan

All applications related to zero-emission are required by law to submit a Zero-Emission Fleet Transition Plan. This includes vehicle and equipment procurements as well as facility projects that support zero-emission vehicles.

This plan must include the following six elements identified in law:



Zero-Emission Fleet Transition Plan: Element 1

Element 1: Demonstrate a long-term fleet management plan with a strategy for how the applicant intends to use the current application and future acquisitions.

Examples of how applicants may address this element (not exhaustive):

- Include excerpt or describe how long-term fleet management plan aligns with the zero-emission application.
- Describe how the procurement plan aligns with the zero-emission application.



Element 2: Address the availability of current and future resources to meet costs for the transition and implementation.

Examples of how applicants may address this element (not exhaustive):

- Provide an overview of current funding levels and sources and how that will support/impact the transition.
- Describe planning or other efforts underway to secure additional resources.

Zero-Emission Fleet Transition Plan: Element 3

Element 3: Consider policy and legislation impacting relevant technologies.

Examples of how applicants may address this element (not exhaustive):

- Listing of any state or local policies or legislation that support or hinder the implementation of relevant technology the applicant is looking to implement.
- Analysis of future policy or legislation that the agency is considering that will support the implementation.

Please Note: A brief description of the research performed leading to a finding that the applicant does not believe policy or legislation impacts the relevant technologies is acceptable, if applicable.
Zero-Emission Fleet Transition Plan: Element 4

Element 4: Include an evaluation of existing and future facilities and their relationship to the technology transition.

Examples of how applicants may address this element (not exhaustive):

- Capital inventory relevant to fleet transition that includes information on the state of existing facilities and the scope and timing for future upgrades and/or expansion.
- Analysis of existing facilities relevant to fleet transition and their ability to integrate relevant technology for both current and future acquisitions.



Zero-Emission Fleet Transition Plan: Element 5

Element 5: Describe the partnership of the applicant with the utility or alternative fuel provider.

Examples of how applicants may address this element (not exhaustive):

- Letters of support, contract information, communications, etc. with the fuel/energy provider.
- Analysis of ongoing coordination with providers and plans for integration/cooperation.
- Identification that based on the size of the vehicle fleet that no partnership is needed.

Zero-Emission Fleet Transition Plan: Element 6

Element 6: Examine the impact of the transition on the applicant's current workforce by identifying skill gaps, training needs, and retraining needs of the existing workers of the applicant to operate and maintain zero-emission vehicles and related infrastructure and avoid the displacement of the existing workforce.

Examples of how applicants may address this element (not exhaustive):

- Usage of the Workforce Evaluation Tool.
- Coordination efforts with existing employee representation and/or members.
- Employee retention and agency workforce planning strategies.
- Identification of type of training and training provider.

Zero-Emission Fleet Transition Plan (cont.)

- For agencies with smaller fleets, a Zero-Emission Fleet Transition Plan need not be complex and should be tailored as applicable but <u>must address all six elements</u>.
 - It could be 1-2 pages for example.
- For applications from State Departments of Transportation, the state may provide a Zero-Emission Fleet Transition Plan that covers some or all of the subrecipients, attach individual plans developed by the subrecipients, or a combination of both.
- FTA will rate a zero-emission project higher if the applicant is able to demonstrate how the proposed project and Zero-Emission Fleet Transition Plan support the conversion of the agency's overall fleet to zero emissions.
- Applicants must ensure that the plan contains the six distinct elements, and they are labeled appropriately.
- Applicants may use an existing plan with a cover letter or addendum identifying the location of the six elements and/or adding any missing elements.

FY23 Bus & Low-No Emission Reduction Calculator

- For applications including at least 20 zero-emission 40-foot buses, FTA will give priority consideration to applicants that identify greater emission reductions. Applicants for at least 20, 40-foot vehicles *must* complete the calculator to receive priority consideration. The calculator is linked in the NOFO and available on FTA's website.: <u>FY 2023 Bus and Low-No Emission Reduction Calculator | FTA (dot.gov)</u>
- Applicants should attach the completed file and include the amount of reductions per vehicle in the supplemental form.

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Useful Zero-Emission Fleet Transition Plan Resources

- FTA's website includes resources for applicants developing Zero Emission Fleet Transition Plans: <u>FTA Zero-Emission Fleet Transition Plan Resources</u>
- The Transit Workforce Center offers an initial set of building blocks for creating a comprehensive workforce development plan for ZEB transition, a plan that should cover all affected transit frontline workers: <u>Transit Workforce Center Resources and</u> <u>Best Practices for a Zero Emission-Workforce Fleet Transition Plan</u>
- The Joint Office of Energy and Transportation connects stakeholders with a suite of data and tools for transit agencies and offers new technical assistance to transit agencies shifting their fleets to low- and no-emission vehicles: <u>Technical Assistance</u> <u>and Resources for Transit Agencies · Joint Office of Energy and Transportation</u> (driveelectric.gov)

Transit Vehicle Technical Assistance

Direct technical assistance for eligible transit agencies to plan for and deploy clean transit buses

Transition Transit Buses to Low- or No-Emission Models

The Federal Transit Administration's Low or No Emission (Low-No) Vehicle Program provides \$5.6 billion over 5 years (2022 – 2026) to help modernize bus fleets and bus facilities across the country, focused on helping transit agencies purchase or lease low- or no-emission vehicles and necessary charging or fueling infrastructure. Entities currently receiving Low-No funds, planning to apply for Low-No funds, or using other FTA program funds for clean buses can contact the Joint Office for <u>technical assistance</u> to plan for and deploy clean transit buses.

driveelectric.gov/transit



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Use this contact form to submit a media inquiry, ask a general question about Joint Office of Energy and Transportation resources and activities, or request technical assistance for states, tribal nations, or clean school buses or transit buses.

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Low-No Emissions Transit Vehicle Technical Assistance

<u>Transit vehicle technical assistance</u> is only available for eligible entities currently receiving Low-No funds, planning to apply for Low-No funds, or using other Federal Transit Administration (FTA) program funds for clean transit buses.

Transit funding *

Name*

| Currently receiving Low-No funds |
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None of the above

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Examples of How the Joint Office Can Help

Coordinating with electric utilities

Identifying available funding and incentives Analyzing charging infrastructure needs

Conducting route analysis and planning

Conducting training and workforce development

Resiliency (V2X)

Analyzing energy needs and grid impact Identifying solar and battery storage opportunities



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FTA Notice of Funding Opportunity

FTA NOFO Page contains:

- Summary Description
 - Application requirements
 - Eligibility
- Supplemental Form
- Links to Grants.gov
- Links to Program Information
- Other references and links

Link and Instructions for attaching the supplemental form to the SF-424: All applicants must complete the attached supplemental form and attach it to their submission in GRANTS.GOV.

https://www.transit.dot.gov/funding/grants/notices



FTA NOFO provides hyperlinks to Grants.gov opportunity notice, related documents, and application package.



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