

2026 5311 Rural Public Transportation Grant Application FAQ

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Frequently Asked Questions

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QUESTIONS and COMMENTS	RESPONSES
1. We are needing new computer equipment and will need to add this to capital or operating in our grant application?	One time capital purchases are considered capital requests. Ongoing licenses for a computer program or service would be considered an operating request.
2. When will the 2026-2028 application be available in eGrants?	The 2026 Rural Public Transit Grant was made available in eGrants on December 17, 2025. Follow the shared presentation slidedeck or the eGrants subrecipient guidebook for instructions on initiating a new application.
3. What's going on with demand response service and 5339 vehicles?	Demand response routes are no longer eligible for 5339 capital funding. Subrecipients will submit ONE grant application for the rural public transit grant and ADOT will determine what projects are funded with what grant funding based on eligibility and availability of funds. Demand response routes are still eligible for other avenues of funding, like 5311.
4. What is the match ratio for operating?	58 Federal / 42 Local

5. Tribes seeking to transfer funds to the FTA need to provide matching funds in the grant app?	Tribal entities will need to identify in the application the anticipated local funds that will be used to cover the local match needed for your request. This is the same as all Rural Public applicants. However, Tribal entities have the option to request that they have their award transferred to FTA.
6. Do demand response service only agencies need to enter anything under GTFS in the app?	No.
7. What does combining the 5311 and 5339 application look like?	Rural subrecipients will submit one application every two years to request two years of admin, operating, planning, preventive maintenance, complementary paratransit, and other capital projects. ADOT will determine the funding sources and amount to be funded every year based on available funds and eligibility of projects. 5307 small urban agencies will continue to submit an application to the 5307/5339 grant every year.
8. Will capital projects be limited to 3 projects per year?	Generally, yes agencies will be limited to 3 capital projects per year in the grant application, or 6 for two-year cycle.
9. Will this year's 5339 requests be announced before the closure of the rural public transit grant app?	Yes.
10. Do I need to specify which year I want my vehicle to be replaced?	Yes, indicate year 1 or year 2 with the appropriate selection in the column in eGrants.