

November 8, 2021

FFY 2021 FTA SECTION 5305(e) NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY

This notice is to announce the availability of Federal Transit Administration (FTA) grant funding for FTA Section 5305(e) transit planning funding administered by the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT). ADOT's Multimodal Planning Division (MPD) administers the Statewide and Nonmetropolitan transportation planning program (49 U.S.C. 5305(e)). Historically known under Section 5304, Section 5305(e) funds are apportioned annually to states for planning and research. States are charged with statewide planning and planning support for non-urbanized areas.

Program Overview

FTA Section 5305(e) funding will be made available to fund local rural and small urban transit planning needs. The funding will also be available for use by Councils of Government (COGs) and Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) to support these efforts. If awarded, the funding will be added to the agency's work program. Approximately **\$400,000** will be available for planning projects / activities.

Eligible Entities—COGs and MPOs

The COG or MPO will apply for and administer the funds. Local and regional public agencies, tribes, and operators of transit services may coordinate with the COG / MPO, but the COG / MPO must be the lead applicant for this funding application. The COG / MPO will be responsible for administering the awarded project. Rural providers of transit including public, tribal, and non-profit agencies may apply directly to ADOT for transit planning funding through the 5311 application process.

To be eligible for reimbursement, awardees will:

- Add the Project to their Work Program and submit confirmation to ADOT transit.
- Comply with all FTA and program requirements.
- Submit a scope of work to ADOT Transit prior to procurement.
- Manage and procure, where needed, the appropriate planning activity.
- Invite ADOT Staff to serve on the Technical Advisory Committee and notify ADOT of all public outreach activities
- Provide monthly / quarterly updates of the progress and reimbursement requests to ADOT in alignment with the work program requirements.
- Provide all data and study plans to ADOT which may be included in the statewide transit plans.

Application Information

The application cycle will begin **November 9, 2021** and close **December 16, 2021 4 p.m. MST**. Complete the application in E-Grants at egrants.azdot.gov. The E-grants help desk contact is 1-866-449-1425 or azhelpdesk@agatesoftware.com.

Evaluation Criterion:

- Benefit to the Community / Region
- Defined Purpose and Need
- Supporting Documentation
- Community & Local Support
- Alignment with ADOT's Planning Goals and Priorities generally in the following order of priority:
 - Rural transit planning for existing transit agencies
 - New Rural transit plans
 - Regional transit planning and Small Urban Transit Planning

- **In order to ensure that statewide transit planning funds are used throughout the state, communities which are not currently funded with a statewide transit planning grant will be given priority.**

If you have any questions about this notice or the associated program, please feel free to contact Sara Allred, Assistant Transit Manager at sallred@azdot.gov or 602-712-4498. We look forward to receiving your application before December 16, 2021 4 p.m. MST. Thank you for your interest in FTA Transit Planning funding.

Sincerely,



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Arizona Department of Transportation

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