



ALASKA COMMUNITY TRANSIT OFFICE

5311 RURAL TRANSIT GRANTS AND 5339 BUS & BUS FACILITIES GRANTS

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of Transportation &
Public Facilities
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SFY2026 NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Section 5311 program is to support general public transportation in rural areas. This is complemented by 5339 Bus & Bus Facilities capital funds. The goals of the program are to

- Encourage the maintenance, development, improvement, and use of public transportation systems
- To encourage and facilitate the most efficient use of all federal funds used to provide passenger transportation in rural areas through the coordination and consolidation of programs and services
- Assist in the development and support of intercity bus transportation

ELIGIBLE PROJECTS AND MATCH RATES

Eligible projects include transit capital, operating assistance, and program administration through the States, to non-urbanized areas (less than 50,000 in population) for public transportation.

- Administration (90.97/9.03 match rate)
- Operating (56.86/43.14 match rate)
- ADA Paratransit (90.97/9.03 match rate)
- Preventive Maintenance (90.97/9.03 match rate)
- 5339 Capital (80/20 match rate)

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

The applicant can be a federally recognized tribe, a local public body, and agency thereof, a private-nonprofit or private for-profit (inter-city only), or an organization and operator of public transportation services; **AND** is a current 5311 sub-recipient with Alaska DOT&PF.

ESTIMATED FUND SOURCES AND AVAILABLE FUNDING SFY2026

\$10,700,000 FTA Section 5311 Funds

\$10,000,000 FTA Section 5339 (Capital) Funds

AWARD PERIOD

July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025

APPLICATION DEADLINE

EXTENDED DEADLINE: December 20, 2023 –Due by 4:30 p.m. Late applications will not be accepted.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- A completed application in BlackCat
- Limited Waiver of Sovereign Immunity (if applicable)
- Ranked Priority of Capital Projects

EVALUATION CRITERIA

- Establishes, preserves, or improves public transportation services for all members of the community or service area.
- Defines specific performance measures the applicant will use to determine the success of their projects.
- Addresses a recognized need within a community and reflects a community-led process of coordination and input.
- Leverages funds for other sources and/or documents local commitment to support and implement the project.
- Connections to other transportation systems and/or Modes.
- Contributes to the state’s effort to maintain the number of public transportation vehicles within their minimum useful life. (for vehicle purchase projects only)
- Describes sufficient applicant experience managing transportation projects and grant awards.
- Describes sufficient financial capability and resources by the applicant to implement and carry out the project.

IMPORTANT DATES

Oct. 14, 2024	5311 Rural Transit Grant applications available in BlackCat.
Nov. 15, 2024	Q&A Webinar
Dec. 20, 2024	Extended Deadline Application Due at 4:30 pm in BlackCat
Dec. 20, 2024 –	2024DOT&PF staff reviews applications and recommends awards
Dec. 23, 2024	
April 10, 2024	Intent to Award Notice
June 16, 2025	Grant Agreements sent out.
July 1, 2025	Award Period Begins

QUESTIONS?

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