



# 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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### SFY2027 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, an 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 SFY2027

\$10,845,973 FTA Section 5311 Funds

\$4,000,000 FTA Section 5339 (Capital) Funds

#### AWARD PERIOD

July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027

#### APPLICATION DEADLINE

**EXTENDED DEADLINE: December 19, 2025 –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 from 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

**August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025**

**October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

**June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

**Intent to Apply opens.**

**Intent to Apply due by 4:30PM**

**Notifications of eligibility to apply sent.**

**Application period opens.**

**Applications due by 4:30PM**

**Intent to Award notice announced**

**Agreements (Including necessary attachments such as Certifications and Assurances) and electronic Billing Summaries to sub-recipienst.**

## QUESTIONS?

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