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KENTUCKY TRANSPORTATION CABINET OFFICE OF TRANSPORTATION DELIVERY SOLICITATION OF PROPOSALS FOR FEDERAL TRANSIT GRANTS STATE FISCAL YEAR 2027 (July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027) NOTICE DATE: January 6, 2026

The Office of Transportation Delivery of the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet is seeking proposals from public and non-profit entities to assist in the delivery of public and specialized transportation services. Services would be provided under 49 U.S.C. Sections 5303, 5304, 5310, 5311, and 5339, including all amendments.

Section 5303 provides Federal transit planning assistance with required local match to assist with the development of long-range transportation plans and transportation improvement programs for metropolitan planning areas of the State as well as the establishment of performance targets that address national transit performance measures issued by the US DOT and based on goals outlined in law.

Section 5304 provides Federal statewide and non-metropolitan transit planning assistance with required local match to encourage and promote the safe and efficient management, operation, and development of surface transportation systems that will serve the mobility needs of people while working and coordinating with the State, regional transportation planning organizations and public transit operators.

Section 5311 provides Federal operating, planning and capital assistance with required local match for general public transportation assistance in rural areas with populations less than 50,000. Section 5311 coordinates programs and services to improve service levels in areas with minimal service and assists in the maintenance and improvement of public transportation systems in rural areas. This program also provides services to low-income individuals for job access and reverse commute projects. Grants to support public transportation in the Appalachian region are also available under this program. Federal regulation requires that 15% percentage of these funds be reserved each year to support an Intercity Bus Program [5311(f)], unless the Governor of a state certifies that intercity bus needs in the state are being met. Through the Rural Transit Assistance Program (RTAP) funds are distributed to aid in the implementation of training and technical assistance of projects and support services tailored to meet the needs of the transit operators in these non-urbanized areas.

Section 5339 provides funding to replace, rehabilitate and purchase buses and related equipment and to construct bus-related facilities. This program requires up to a 20% local match.



Section 5310 provides Federal capital assistance with required local match (20%) for eligible agencies that help increase the mobility of seniors and individuals with disabilities in urban or non-urbanized areas where transportation services are unavailable, insufficient, or inappropriate. At least 55% of program funds MUST be spent on these types of capital programs. The remaining 45% of the State allocation MAY be used to provide funding for services for individuals with disabilities that go above and beyond the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). These funds may be used for operating expenses at a 50% local match or for capital expense with a 20% required match. Local transit providers must participate in the development of a Coordinated Public Transit-Human Service Transportation Plan.

COORDINATED PUBLIC TRANSIT-HUMAN SERVICE PLAN: All applicants must be part of and included in an approved, locally-developed Coordinated Plan.

Final Applications for these programs are due in the Office of Transportation Delivery by April 1, 2026 for the 2027 State Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2026. All proposals and related documents shall be subject to financial assistance between the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet and the United States Department of Transportation /Federal Transit Administration. Transportation entities receiving Federal assistance will be required to comply with all applicable Federal, State and local laws and regulations. To apply for assistance as a first-time applicant under any of these Sections, please notify Tabitha Martin at tabitha.martin@ky.gov by February 16, 2026, of your intent to submit a proposal. Proposals are subject to availability of funding. In addition, new applicants shall submit a completed feasibility study in addition to completing a formal application.

Final applications may be submitted online at <https://kyotd.intelligrants.com/IGXLogin> or via mail at KYTC/Office of Transportation Delivery, Attention: Vickie Bourne, 200 Mero Street, Frankfort, KY 40622. All applications must be received by end of the day on April 1, 2026. For questions, please contact our Office at (502) 564-7433.

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's goal is to "provide a safe, efficient, environmentally sound and fiscally responsible transportation system which promotes economic growth and enhances the quality of life in Kentucky." The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet is an equal opportunity employer M/F/D.