

Low or No Emission Grant Program 2024

PCFO IGAP Grant Snapshot

April 10, 2024

<u>Agency:</u> Department of Transportation (DOT)	<u>Bureau:</u> Federal Transit Administration (FTA)
<u>Application Deadline:</u> April 25, 2024	<u>Max Award:</u> Not listed

Description

The Low-No Program provides funding for the purchase or lease of zero-emission and low-emission transit buses, including the acquisition, construction, and leasing of required supporting facilities such as recharging, refueling, and maintenance facilities. *FTA is releasing this opportunity in a combined Notice of Funding Opportunity with the Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Program.*

Eligible Recipients

- Direct or designated recipients of FTA grants
- States
- Local governmental authorities
- Indian Tribes

Proposals for projects in rural (non-urbanized) areas must be submitted as part of a consolidated state proposal.

Eligible Projects

- Purchase or lease low or no emission buses
- Acquiring low or no emission buses with a leased power source
- Constructing or leasing facilities and related equipment (including intelligent technology and software) for low or no emission buses
- Constructing new public transportation facilities to accommodate low or no emission buses
- Rehabilitating or improving existing public transportation facilities to accommodate low or no emission buses
- Workforce development training (limited to 0.5%)
- Training at the National Transit Institute (NTI) (limited to 0.5%)

For projects related to zero-emission vehicles and related facilities, applicants must also spend 5% of their award on workforce development and training.

For applications related to zero-emission vehicles, applicants are required to submit a Zero-Emission Fleet Transition Plan. FTA has developed an outline for the [Zero-Emission Transition Fleet Transition Plan](#).

Matching Grant Requirements

- 15% matching grant requirement for costs related to leasing or acquiring transit buses
 - 10% matching grant requirement for costs related to acquiring, installing, or constructing vehicle-related equipment or facilities
 - 20% matching grant requirement for all other costs
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New or Existing Program

Existing

Examples of Prior Award Recipients

In FY2023, the Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority received \$9.8 million to buy hybrid electric buses to replace older diesel buses. The project will improve service reliability and improve air quality for residents in living in the Greater Cincinnati region.

Tips for Being Competitive

Applications will be evaluated on the extent to which they advance these three goals: (1) Reduce Energy Consumption; (2) Reduce Harmful Emissions; and (3) Reduce Direct Carbon Emissions.

Labor Requirements

For applicants proposing any project related to zero-emission vehicles (including vehicles, facilities, equipment, etc.), 5% of the total requested funds for zero-emission project components must be used for workforce development to retrain the existing workforce and develop the workforce of the future. FTA will give priority consideration to zero-emission applicants who are able to demonstrate that they have consulted with workforce representatives on all aspects of the workforce section of the fleet transition plan; include steps to provide or connect workers to supportive services; and identify the use of at least one of the following in their plan (1) use of labor-management partnerships for training; (2) use of registered apprenticeship training to support skilling of incumbent and entry-level workers with focus on using registered apprenticeship to advance underrepresented groups.

Partnership Requirements

For applications related to zero-emission vehicles, applicants are required to submit a Zero-Emission Fleet Transition Plan. In this plan, the applicant should describe their partnership with the utility or alternative fuel provider.

Agency Contact

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Upcoming Events

[Previous webinar recordings can be found on the program page.](#)

Total Allocation \$1,103,963,762

**Anticipated Award
Date** July 2024

Resources

- [Program Page - FTA](#)
- [Grant Opportunity - Grants.gov](#)