

Applications are now being accepted for approximately \$11 million in federal aid for public transportation in North Dakota

Applications for an estimated \$11 million in federal aid for the public transportation (transit) program in North Dakota are currently being accepted by the North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT). The 5311 CFDA No. 20.509, 5310 CDFA No. 20.513 and 5339 CDFA No. 20.526 funds are provided by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and administered by the NDDOT. The NDDOT may adjust the awarded amounts to qualifying public transit operators when the FTA 2021 apportionment is available.

All public transit operators and providers are encouraged to apply. Individuals are not eligible for these funds. All new transit operators applying for funding should review the NDDOT Transit Grant Application Guidelines.

All applications for FTA funding will be administered through NDDOT's BlackCat Grants Software. To review the application guidelines and apply, please go to <http://www.dot.nd.gov/divisions/localgov/transit.htm>

For more information, contact Becky Hanson at bhanson@nd.gov (701) 328-2542, or mail to: North Dakota Department of Transportation, Local Government Division, 608 East Boulevard Avenue, Bismarck, ND 58505-0700

Applications from Urban Transit Providers need to coordinate their submittals through their representative Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO).

- For Grand Forks MPO, contact Teri Kouba, teri.kouba@theforksmpo.org or (701) 746-2660, deadline to submit **Wednesday, December 2, 2020 at 12:00 pm CDT.**
- For Fargo/Moorhead COG, contact Cindy Gray, gray@fmmetrocog.org or (701) 532-5103, deadline to submit **Friday, November 20, 2020 at 12:00 pm CDT.**
- For Bis-Man MPO, contact Kim Riepl, kriepl@bismarcknd.gov or (701) 355-1844, deadline to submit **Friday, November 27, 2020 at 12:00 pm CDT.**

All applications will be accepted from Rural Transit Providers and MPOs until Monday, December 21, 2020 at 12:00 pm CDT.

The NDDOT will consider every request for reasonable accommodation to provide:

- accommodation for people with disabilities
- language interpretation for people with limited English proficiency (LEP)
- translations of written material necessary to access NDDOT programs and information

Appropriate provisions will be considered when the NDDOT is notified at least 15 days prior to the date application is due.

To request accommodations, contact Paula Messmer, Civil Rights Division, NDDOT, at (701) 328-2978 or civilrights@nd.gov. TTY users may use Relay North Dakota at 711 or 1-800-366-6888. Additionally, the Request for Reasonable Accommodations form (SFN 60135) can be accessed at the following NDDOT website location: <http://www.dot.nd.gov/forms/sfn60135.pdf>.