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Tribal Transit Program Background

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FTA Tribal Transit Program

SAFETEA-LU (FY 2006-2012)

- Created the Tribal Transit Program
 - Administered as a discretionary program at approximately \$15 million per year

MAP-21 (FY 2013-2014)

- Continued and Modified TTP
 - Formula Program : \$25 Million per year
 - Discretionary Program: \$5 Million per year

FTA Tribal Transit Program

- FTA consulted with tribes on program framework
 - *Federal Register* soliciting comments published on November 9, 2012
 - Consultation meetings held in November and December 2012
 - May 9, 2013 *Federal Register* announced the guidelines:

TTP and FAST ACT

- On December 4, 2015, President Obama signed the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act, authorizing surface transportation through FY 2020.
- TTP funding increased from \$30M to \$35M per year, a 17 percent increase.
 - \$30M is distributed by Formula
 - \$5M is awarded competitively

Formula Apportionment

- **Eligible Projects**
 - Any purpose eligible under Section 5311
 - Capital, Planning, Operating, Job Access and Reverse Commute
- **Eligible Federal Share**
 - 100% (no match required for formula funds)
- **Funding Availability**
 - Funds are available the year appropriated plus two years (total of three years)

Discretionary Program

- Approximately \$5 million available annually
- FTA solicited proposals for FY 2018 TTP discretionary program on Wednesday July 11th
- Specific eligibility outlined in the (NOFO)
- Proposals are due in Monday September 10th
- Review 2017 Awards at:
<https://www.transit.dot.gov/funding/grants/grant-programs/fiscal-year-2017-tribal-transit-competitive-projects>

TTP Technical Assistance Assessments

- Piloted in 2010 and fully implemented in 2013
- Goal is to provide on-site technical assistance
- Covers key areas such as: grant administration, financial management, procurement, drug and alcohol
- Nearly 50 site visits have been conducted to-date

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Transit & Health Access

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Agenda

- Did You Know?
- Transit & Health Access Initiative
- Technical Assistance
 - National Center for Mobility Management (NCMM)
www.nc4mm.org
 - National Rural Transportation Assistance Program (RTAP)
www.nationalrtap.org
 - National Aging and Disability Transportation Center (NADTC)
www.nadtc.org

Does Your Tribe Receive FTA Funding?

- FY 2017 Tribal Transit Project Selections:
<https://www.transit.dot.gov/sites/fta.dot.gov/files/docs/funding/grants/grant-programs/114721/indian-reservations-fy-17.pdf>
- Table 10: FY 2018 Public Transportation on Indian Reservations Apportionments (Full Year):
<https://www.transit.dot.gov/funding/apportionments/table-10-fy-2018-public-transportation-indian-reservations-apportionments>

FY 2017 Tribal Transit Project Selections

State	Recipient	Project Description	Project ID	Allocation
AK	Holy Cross Village	Holy Cross Village Tribal Transit Planning Grant	D2017-TRTR-001	\$ 25,000
AK	Native Village of Barrow	Start-up capital transit services for the Native Village of Barrow	D2017-TRTR-002	245,755
AK	Native Village of Unalakleet	Expanded Operation and Maintenance of Handicapped-Accessible Van for Tribal Elders	D2017-TRTR-003	45,000
AK	Sitka Tribe of Alaska	Replacement of existing capital for Sitka Tribe transit services	D2017-TRTR-004	250,000
AZ	Kaibab Band of Paiute Indians	Replacement Minivan project	D2017-TRTR-005	25,000
AZ	San Carlos Apache Tribe	Expansion and Improvement of the Existing Fleet Vehicle Wash Rack	D2017-TRTR-006	48,675
AZ	White Mountain Apache Tribe	Expand the Fort Apache Connection Transit Services to implement a public transit	D2017-TRTR-007	200,000

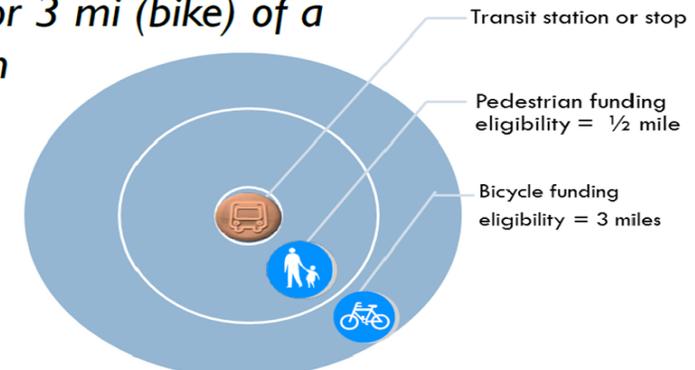
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TABLE 10						
FY 2018 FULL YEAR SECTION 5311(c) PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION ON INDIAN RESERVATIONS FORMULA APPORTIONMENTS						
<i>The total available amount for a program is based on funding authorized under The Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST) and The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018 (Pub. L. 115-141) .</i>						
State	Tribe	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3	Total Allocation	
AK	Chickaloon Native Village	\$40,117	\$0	\$80,140	\$120,257	
AK	Ketchikan Indian Community	\$13,465	\$0	\$55,476	\$68,941	
AK	Gulkana Village Council	\$120,872	\$0	\$0	\$120,872	
AK	Sitka Tribe of Alaska	\$29,805	\$0	\$0	\$29,805	
AK	Native Village of Noatak	\$13,773	\$0	\$0	\$13,773	
AK	Hydaburg Cooperative Association	\$11,950	\$0	\$0	\$11,950	
AK	Tetlin Village Council	\$10,333	\$0	\$0	\$10,333	
AK	Gwichyaa Zhee Tribal Transit Service	\$9,101	\$0	\$0	\$9,101	
AK	Manley Village Council	\$8,220	\$0	\$0	\$8,220	
AK	Nome Eskimo Community	\$4,303	\$0	\$0	\$4,303	
AK	Seldovia Village Tribe	\$3,428	\$0	\$0	\$3,428	
AK	Orutsararmiut Native Council	\$1,572	\$0	\$0	\$1,572	
AL	Poarch Band of Creek Indians	\$23,931	\$0	\$0	\$23,931	
AZ	Navajo Nation	\$438,358	\$192,307	\$300,000	\$930,665	
AZ	San Carlos Apache Tribe	\$265,062	\$192,308	\$180,060	\$637,430	
AZ	Hopi Tribe	\$148,109	\$192,308	\$89,029	\$429,446	
AZ	Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community	\$107,198	\$0	\$67,176	\$174,374	
AZ	Pascua Yaqui Tribe	\$30,545	\$0	\$63,943	\$94,488	
AZ	Hualapai Indian Tribe	\$111,593	\$0	\$0	\$111,593	
AZ	Kaibab Band of Paiute Indians	\$51,420	\$0	\$0	\$51,420	
AZ	Yavapai Apache Nation	\$42,061	\$0	\$0	\$42,061	

Did You Know?

- Using 100% Federal funding: Non-DOT Federal funds can be used as match to FTA Programs (e.g. OAA Title IIIB) <http://www.nadtc.org/news/blog/section-5307-5310-and-5311-using-non-dot-funds-for-local-match/>
 - [Section 5311 \(Rural/Tribal\)](#)
 - [Section 5310 \(Older Adults/PWD\)](#)
 - [Section 5307 \(Urban\)](#)

* ACL's transportation FAQ: <https://www.acl.gov/about-acl/authorizing-statutes/older-americans-act>
- Medicare card = half fare
- AARP [report](#) on social isolation & Medicare impacts
- All FTA funding is eligible for bike/pedestrian projects

If your plan or project is within ½ mi (ped) or 3 mi (bike) of a transit station or stop, then it is an eligible expense for FTA funding.



Did You Know? (Cont.)

Make Medicaid Non-Emergency Medical Transportation Optional

Under current regulations, states are required to provide Non-Emergency Medical Transportation to all Medicaid beneficiaries. The Budget commits to using regulatory authority to change provision of this benefit from mandatory to optional. [No budget impact]

- HHS FY19 budget proposal (pg. 85 & 87) request to make Medicaid non-emergency medical transportation (NEMT) optional <https://www.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/fy-2019-budget-in-brief.pdf>
- Safe Harbor Regulation & NEMT
 - HHS Office of Inspector General granted its final rule regarding financial contributions to & provision of NEMT by medical providers - effectively creating a new safe harbor for 2 types of local transportation:
 - (1) Transportation that is provided for patients; &
 - (2) Shuttle services for patients or others – along a fixed route w/ set schedule

[Webinar recording and informational materials](#)

Did You Know? (Cont.)

- Home delivered meal programs & FTA Section [5310](#) & [5311\(c\)](#) partnerships are encouraged in Federal Transit Law:

(7) Meal delivery for homebound individuals.—A public transportation service provider that receives assistance under this section or section 5311(c) may coordinate and assist in regularly providing meal delivery service for homebound individuals, if the delivery service does not conflict with providing public transportation service or reduce service to public transportation passengers.

- [Fact sheets](#)
- [National Transit Database](#) – reporting OAA mileage can earn more FTA funding for your Tribe
 - Skokomish Indian Tribe (WA)

Other:

- Match can come from [other Federal \(non-DOT\) funds](#). This can allow local communities to implement programs with 100 percent federal funding. One example is [Older Americans Act \(OAA\) Title IIIB Supportive Services Funds](#).
- 5310 program recipients may partner with meal delivery programs such as the OAA-funded meal programs ([find local programs](#)) and the [USDA Summer Food Service Program](#). Transit service providers receiving 5310 funds may coordinate and assist in providing meal delivery services on a regular basis if they do not conflict with the provision of transit services.
- FTA requires its formula grantees to provide [half-fare service for fixed-route service](#) supported with FTA funds to older adults and individuals with disabilities who present a Medicare card.



Transit & Health Access Initiative Demonstration Grants

Notice of Funding Opportunity (81 FR 17549) for Section 3006(b) of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST), Public Law 114-94, Pilot Program, titled Rides to Wellness (R2W) Demonstration and Innovative Coordinated Access and Mobility Grants program

- Purpose: find and test promising, replicable public transportation health care access solutions that support the goals:
 1. increased access to care
 2. improved health outcomes
 3. reduced health care costs



Mass Transportation Authority (MTA) in Flint, MI
MTA Rides to Health and Wellness Program

- Goal: **build partnerships**, stimulate investment, & **drive change** across the health & transportation sectors to ensure that transportation disadvantaged Americans can access NEMT to the health care services they need

Delaware County Connections Program

Iowa DOT received \$130,560 for a rural, volunteer-based transit service to improve the coordination of NEMT & provide health care access for people w/ low income, older adults and individuals w/ intellectual challenges. The project focuses on rides to wellness activities at senior centers, farmers markets & support groups. **Performance Measures:** no-show rates, miles, rides, hours, and costs. **Partners:** Delaware County Supervisors, the City of Manchester, Chamber of Commerce, Economic Development, Veteran's Administration, Police Department, & Regional Medical Center.



Vernon has been taking RTA's Delaware County Connections van to his dialysis appointments at Manchester's Regional Medical Center since July 31, 2017. Vernon finds the van ideal because it allows him time to eat breakfast closer to the time of his appointment.

"They've worked well with me that way. My family is busy working, and my social service worker said they (RTA) will pick you up at the farm. I said okay, I'll do that! They've been great to me! And I like the van because I've had surgery and it's really comfortable to ride in."

- Vernon Becker



Transportation Coordination & Mobility Management for Patients in Southern Illinois

- **Rural Southern IL One-Call/One-Click Center** for patients seeking drug abuse & mental health services in an area w/ a high rate of mental health & substance abuse & a disproportionately low number of healthcare providers. Goal: **close the gap in access to mental health services due to transportation challenges in rural areas**
- **Performance Measures:**
 - Increased access to care: # of trips for patients referred to mobility management services & # of trips compared to previous year; surveys of patients, case-coordination staff & participating behavioral health providers
 - Improved health outcomes: surveys of transportation & health providers, patients & behavioral health providers measuring project effectiveness
 - Reduced health care costs: survey of participating hospitals on **reducing costs due to fewer re-hospitalizations**; survey of behavioral health providers measuring fewer drug abuse & other mental health illness related cases
 - Percentage-based comparison: **# of patient re-hospitalizations referred from participating hospitals compared to same hospitals prior to inception of project**; median cost of re-hospitalization for each participating hospital; & reduced re-hospitalization costs calculated by multiplying cost of hospitalization by % reduction of re-hospitalizations
- **Partners:** MedTrans, Memorial Hospital of Carbondale, Marshall Browning Hospital, Franklin Hospital, Herrin Hospital, Rural Medical Transportation Network of Southern Illinois University School of Medicine-Center for Rural Health, Rides Mass Transit District with funding from Downstate Operating Assistance Program



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Resources



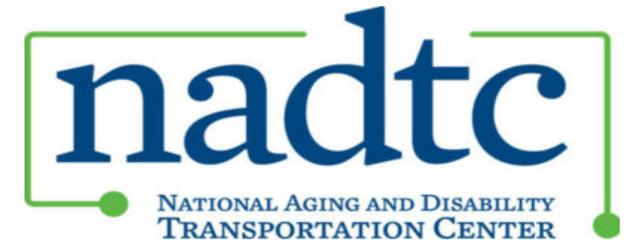
NationalRTAP.org
888-589-6821



NC4MM.org
866-846-6400

**Your NCMM Regional
Liaison:**

<http://nationalcenterformobilitymanagement.org/ncmm-regional-liaisons/>



NADTC.org
866-983-3222



www.acl.gov/programs/transportation/transportation



Sharedusemobilitycenter.org

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Conduct research, provide examples/ peer-to-peer matching, facilitate & present at meetings, share data and resources

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