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:
  
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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TTP Webpage:
https://www.transit.dot.gov/tribal-transit
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: 

- Table 10: FY 2018 Public Transportation on Indian Reservations Apportionments (Full Year): 
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](https://www.acl.gov/about-acl/authorizing-statutes/older-americans-act)

• Medicare card = half fare

• AARP [report](https://www.acl.gov/about-acl/authorizing-statutes/older-americans-act) on social isolation & Medicare impacts

• All FTA funding is eligible for bike/pedestrian projects
Did You Know? (Cont.)


• 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)
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

- **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

Mass Transportation Authority (MTA) in Flint, MI
MTA Rides to Health and Wellness Program
FY 2016 Demonstration Grants

- Demand exceeded available funds
  - FTA received 78 project proposals requesting $28 million from 34 states
- **19 projects** were selected totaling $7,211,518
- Next funding announcement coming soon: https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDOTFTA/subscriber/new
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
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
Regional Liaisons

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

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