

Application

Federal Award Identification Number (FAIN)	RI-2024-002-00
Temporary Application Number	1388-2024-3
Award Name	FFY 2023 - Section 5310 & 5311 Vehicles, Technical Assistance and Operating
Application Status	Final Concurrence / Reservation
Application Budget Number	0

Period of Performance Start Date	N/A		
Original Period of Performance End Date	12/31/2026		
Current Period of Performance End Date	12/31/2026	Revision #: 0	Approved?: No

Budget Period Start Date	N/A		
Budget Period End Date	12/31/2026		

Part 1: Recipient Information

Name: RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Recipient ID	Recipient OST Type	Recipient Alias	UEI	DUNS
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Part 2: Application Information

Title: FFY 2023 - Section 5310 & 5311 Vehicles, Technical Assistance and Operating

FAIN	Application Status	Award Type	Application Cost Center	Date Created	Last Updated Date	From TEAM?
RI-2024-002-00	Final Concurrence / Reservation	Grant	Region 1	3/14/2024	3/14/2024	No

Application Executive Summary

This is a Rhode Island Public Transit Authority (RIPTA) request for \$4,951,858 in 5310 and 5311 formula funds for a program of projects that includes vehicle purchases, operating assistance and technical assistance. Funds are allocated across the following four projects in the amounts detailed below. RIPTA has certified that the State of Rhode Island's intercity bus service needs are being adequately met and therefore will not spend 15% of its Section 5311 funds for intercity bus projects.

Purpose: The purpose of this award is to fund RIPTA's purchase of replacement paratransit vehicles, operating assistance for non-urban routes and technical assistance

Activities to be performed:

- Purchase of seventeen (17) accessible paratransit vehicles (P1: \$3,808,082 Total / \$3,046,466 Federal / \$761,617 Local; P2: \$196,226 Total / \$156,981 Federal / \$39,245 Local)
- Non-Urban Operating Assistance (P3: \$3,184,008 Total / \$1,592,004 Federal / \$1,592,004 Local)
- Rural Transit Assistance Program (P3: \$156,407 Total)

Expected Outcomes: Funds included in this award will allow RIPTA to purchase replacement vans to continue reliable and timely service for our paratransit passengers, as well as passengers who reside in rural areas of Rhode Island. The RTAP funds from this award allow RIPTA to provide technical assistance for rural service.

Intended Beneficiaries: The intended beneficiaries of this award are RIPTA's senior and disabled passengers as well as those passengers who reside in non-urban areas of Rhode Island.

Subrecipient Activities: None.

Project 1: Urbanized Area 5310 funds:

\$3,046,466 in 5310 funds to support replacement of seventeen (17) paratransit vehicles

FFY 2022 5310 - Norwich - New London, CT-RI UZA: \$33,043

FFY 2023 5310 - Norwich - New London, CT-RI UZA: \$32,106

FFY 2022 5310 - Providence, RI-MA UZA: \$1,489,335

FFY 2023 5310 - Providence, RI-MA UZA: \$1,491,982

Project 2: State Apportioned 5310 funds

\$156,981 in 5310 funds to support replacement of one (1) paratransit vehicle

FFY 2022 5310 - Rural: \$79,102

FFY 2023 5310 - Rural: \$77,879

Project 3: Rural/5311 and RTAP funds apportioned to state

\$1,592,004 in 5311 funds to support rural transit service

\$156,407 in RTAP funds to provide technical assistance for rural service initiatives

FFY 2022 5311 Rhode Island/State: \$786,731

FFY 2023 5311 Rhode Island/State: \$805,273

FFY 2022 RTAP Rhode Island/State: \$78,069

FFY 2023 RTAP Rhode Island/State: \$78,338

Match for all projects will come from RIPTA Operating funds, primarily through gas tax receipts, of which, the Authority receives approximately \$40 million annually. \$2,392,865 of gas tax will be set aside to support these expenditures.

Frequency of Milestone Progress Reports (MPR)

Quarterly

Frequency of Federal Financial Reports (FFR)

Quarterly

Does this application include funds for research and/or development activities?

This award does not include research and development activities.

Pre-Award Authority

This award is using Pre-Award Authority.

Does this application include suballocation funds?

Recipient organization is the Designated Recipient and can apply for and receive these apportioned funds.

Will this Grant be using Lapsing Funds?

Yes, this Grant will use Lapsing Funds.

Will indirect costs be applied to this application?

This award does not include an indirect cost rate.

Indirect Rate Details: N/A

Requires E.O. 12372 Review

No, this application does not require E.O. 12372 Review.

Delinquent Federal Debt

No, my organization does not have delinquent federal debt.

Award Description

Purpose

The purpose of this award is to fund RIPTA's purchase of replacement paratransit vehicles, operating assistance for non-urban routes and technical assistance.

Activities to be performed:

- Purchase of seventeen (17) accessible paratransit vehicles (P1: \$3,808,082 Total / \$3,046,466 Federal / \$761,617 Local; P2: \$196,226 Total / \$156,981 Federal / \$39,245 Local)
- Non-Urban Operating Assistance (P3: \$3,184,008 Total / \$1,592,004 Federal / \$1,592,004 Local)
- Rural Transit Assistance Program (P3: \$156,407 Total)

Expected outcomes:

Funds included in this award will allow RIPTA to purchase replacement vans to continue reliable and timely service for our paratransit passengers, as well as passengers who reside in rural areas of Rhode Island. The RTAP funds from this award allow RIPTA to provide technical assistance for rural service.

Intended beneficiaries:

The intended beneficiaries of this award are RIPTA's senior and disabled passengers as well as those passengers who reside in non-urban areas of Rhode Island.

Subrecipient Activities:

None.

Application Point of Contact Information

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Application Budget Control Totals

Funding Source	Section of Statute	CFDA Number	Amount
5310 - Mobility of Sr. & Indv. w/ Disabilities Formula	5310-1A	20513	\$3,046,466
5310 - Mobility of Sr. & Indv. w/ Disabilities Formula at 100% share	5310-1C	20513	\$156,981
5311 - Rural Area Formula	5311-1A	20509	\$1,748,411
Local			\$2,392,865
Local/In-Kind			\$0
State			\$0
State/In-Kind			\$0
Other Federal			\$0
Transportation Development Credit			\$0
Adjustment			\$0
Total Eligible Cost			\$7,344,723

Application Budget

Project Number	Budget Item	FTA Amount	Non-FTA Amount	Total Eligible Amount	Quantity
RI-2024-002-01-00	111-00 (111-A1) BUS - ROLLING STOCK	\$3,046,466.00	\$761,616.00	\$3,808,082.00	17
RI-2024-002-01-00	BUY 11.12.04 REPLACEMENT <30 FT BUS	\$3,046,466.00	\$761,616.00	\$3,808,082.00	17
RI-2024-002-02-00	111-00 (111-A2) BUS - ROLLING STOCK	\$156,981.00	\$39,245.00	\$196,226.00	1
RI-2024-002-02-00	BUY 11.12.04 REPLACEMENT <30 FT BUS	\$156,981.00	\$39,245.00	\$196,226.00	1
RI-2024-002-03-00	300-00 (300-A3) OPERATING ASSISTANCE	\$1,592,004.00	\$1,592,004.00	\$3,184,008.00	0
RI-2024-002-03-00	30.09.01 UP TO 50% FEDERAL	\$1,592,004.00	\$1,592,004.00	\$3,184,008.00	0

SHARE						
RI-2024-002-03-00	435-00 (435-A4)	RURAL TRANSIT ASST PROGRAM	\$156,407.00	\$0.00	\$156,407.00	0
RI-2024-002-03-00	43.50.02	TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE	\$156,407.00	\$0.00	\$156,407.00	0

Discretionary Allocations

This application does not contain discretionary allocations.

Part 3: Project Information

Project Title: Urbanized Area Funds

Project Number	Temporary Project Number	Date Created	Start Date	End Date
RI-2024-002-01-00	1388-2024-3-P1	3/14/2024	3/31/2023	7/1/2025

Project Description

RIPTA is requesting to obligate \$3,046,466 of federal transit funds apportioned to the Providence urbanized area to support the enhanced mobility of seniors and individuals with disabilities (Section 5310 funds). \$3,046,466 of RIPTA's 5310 funds is being requested for the purchase of paratransit vehicles for the replacement of aging vehicles which have exceeded their useful life. These vehicles will be used to operate statewide paratransit service. RIPTA has elected to contribute match to these federal funds. All vehicles being purchased will comply with Buy America, Clean Air Act, and ADA rules. The vehicles being replaced will have exceeded their useful life by both years and miles. Attached to this application is a list of vehicles RIPTA is targeting for retirement. Total expenditures across Project 1 and 2 are \$4,004,309.

FFY 2022 5310 - Norwich - New London, CT-RI UZA: \$33,043

FFY 2023 5310 - Norwich - New London, CT-RI UZA: \$32,106

FFY 2022 5310 - Providence, RI-MA UZA: \$1,489,335

FFY 2023 5310 - Providence, RI-MA UZA: \$1,491,982

Project Benefits

Both projects ensure a state of good repair of RIPTA's assets. The paratransit fleet has exceeded its useful life and has become costly to operate. Quality, reliable service is essential to RIPTA's mission and ensuring vehicles are in a state of good repair is critical to accomplishing this goal.

Likewise, preventative maintenance funds assist RIPTA in maintaining all vehicles and facilities (apart from paratransit vehicles) also in support of RIPTA's mission.

Additional Information

N/A

Location Description

State of Rhode Island.

Project Location (Urbanized Areas)

UZA Code	Area Name
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440000	Rhode Island
440070	Boston, MA--NH--RI (Discontinued)
440310	Providence, RI-MA
441450	Norwich--New London, CT--RI (Discontinued)

Congressional District Information

District	State
1	Rhode Island
2	Rhode Island

Program Plan Information

STIP/TIP

Date: 5/23/2023

Description: STIP

UPWP

Date: 6/30/2023

Description: UPWP Appendix D

Long Range Plan

Date: 12/31/2020

Description: Long Range Plan

Project Control Totals

Funding Source	Section of Statute	CFDA Number	Amount
5310 - Mobility of Sr. & Indv. w/ Disabilities Formula	5310-1A	20513	\$3,046,466
Local			\$761,616
Local/In-Kind			\$0
State			\$0
State/In-Kind			\$0
Other Federal			\$0
Transportation Development Credit			\$0
Adjustment			\$0
Total Eligible Cost			\$3,808,082

Project Budget

Project Number	Budget Item	FTA Amount	Non-FTA Amount	Total Eligible Amount	Quantity
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RI-2024-002-01-00	111-00 (111-A1)	BUS - ROLLING STOCK	\$3,046,466.00	\$761,616.00	\$3,808,082.00	17
RI-2024-002-01-00		BUY 11.12.04 REPLACEMENT <30 FT BUS	\$3,046,466.00	\$761,616.00	\$3,808,082.00	17

Project Budget Activity Line Items

Budget Activity Line Item: 11.12.04 - BUY REPLACEMENT <30 FT BUS

Scope Name / Code	Line Item #	Line Item Name	Activity	Quantity
BUS - ROLLING STOCK (111-00)	11.12.04	BUY REPLACEMENT <30 FT BUS	BUY REPLACEMENTS - CAPITAL BUS	17

Extended Budget Description

RIPTA requests to obligate \$1,522,378 of 2022 FTA Section 5310 funding and \$1,524,008 of 2023 FTA Section 5310 funding (\$3,046,466 in total) for the purchase of seventeen (17) paratransit buses (<30') at an estimated price of \$183,813.21 each. These vehicles will be ordered in FY 2024 with expected delivery in FY 2025. These vehicles will replace seventeen (17) older diesel buses, which entered service in 2016 and will have reached their useful life of 5-years or 150,000 miles by the time these vehicles are delivered to RIPTA.

All vehicles purchased will be fully complaint with the Clean Air Act, The Americans with Disabilities Act, and Buy America. RIPTA follows disposition requirements as outlined in circular 5010.1E. All vehicles will be purchased from a certified Transit Vehicle Manufacturer (TVM). All vehicles being purchased with this grant will have a useful life of 5-years or 150,000 miles.

Will 3rd Party contractors be used to fulfill this activity line item?

Yes, 3rd Party Contractors will be used for this line item.

Propulsion	Fuel Type	Vehicle Condition	Vehicle Size (ft.)
N/A	Gasoline	New	<30'

Funding Source	Section of Statute	CFDA Number	Amount
5310 - Mobility of Sr. & Indv. w/ Disabilities Formula	5310-1A	20513	\$3,046,466
Local			\$761,616
Local/In-Kind			\$0
State			\$0
State/In-Kind			\$0
Other Federal			\$0
Transportation Development Credit			\$0
Adjustment			\$0
Total Eligible Cost			\$3,808,082

Milestone Name	Est. Completion	Description
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Date		
RFP/IFB Issue Date	3/31/2023	Date vehicle bid issued.
Contract Award Date	6/30/2023	Date the vehicle contract is planned to be awarded by the board.
Initial Delivery Date	7/24/2024	Date first vehicle will be delivered.
Final Delivery Date	10/24/2024	Date last vehicle will be delivered.
Contract Completion Date	7/1/2025	Date contract was completed.

Project Environmental Findings

Finding: Class II(c) - Categorical Exclusions (C-List)

Class Level Description

Class II(c) consists of projects that do not have a significant environmental impact on the human or natural environment and are therefore categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or an environmental impact statement. FTA requires a sufficient project description to support a CE determination. The project may require additional documentation to comply with other environmental laws.

Categorical Exclusion Description

Type 07: Acquisition, installation, rehabilitation, replacement, and maintenance of vehicles or equipment, within or accommodated by existing facilities, that does not result in a change in functional use of the facilities, such as: equipment to be located within existing facilities and with no substantial off-site impacts; and vehicles, including buses, rail cars, trolley cars, ferry boats and people movers that can be accommodated by existing facilities or by new facilities that qualify for a categorical exclusion.

Date Description	Date
Class IIc CE Approved	

Scope Name / Code	Line Item Number	Line Item Name	Quantity	FTA Amount	Total Eligible Cost
BUS - ROLLING STOCK (111-00)	11.12.04	BUY REPLACEMENT <30 FT BUS	17	\$3,046,466.00	\$3,808,082.00

Project Title: Statewide Funds - Vehicle Replacement

Project Number	Temporary Project Number	Date Created	Start Date	End Date
RI-2024-002-02-00	1388-2024-3-P2	3/15/2024	3/31/2023	7/1/2025

Project Description

RIPTA is requesting to obligate \$156,981 of federal transit funds apportioned to Rhode Island to support the enhanced mobility of seniors and individuals with disabilities (Section 5310 funds). RIPTA has elected to contribute match. RIPTA will use these funds for the purchase of paratransit vehicles. All vehicles being purchased will comply with buy America, Clean Air Act, and ADA rules. The vehicles being replaced will have exceeded their useful life by both years and miles. Attached to this application is a list of vehicles RIPTA is targeting for retirement. Total Expenditures is \$156,981. The funds within this project that exceed

the intended purchase of 17 vehicles from project 1 will be put toward the purchase of paratransit vehicles in future awards. Funds will be used form the following apportionments:

FFY 2022 5310 - Rural: \$79,102
 FFY 2023 5310 - Rural: \$77,879

Project Benefits

The paratransit fleet has exceeded its useful life and has become costly to operate. Quality, reliable service is essential to RIPTA's mission and ensuring vehicles are in a state of good repair is critical to accomplishing this goal.

Additional Information

N/A

Location Description

State of Rhode Island.

Project Location (Urbanized Areas)

UZA Code	Area Name
440000	Rhode Island
440070	Boston, MA--NH--RI (Discontinued)
440310	Providence, RI-MA
441450	Norwich--New London, CT--RI (Discontinued)

Congressional District Information

District	State
1	Rhode Island
2	Rhode Island

Program Plan Information

STIP/TIP

Date: 5/23/2023
 Description: STIP

UPWP

Date: 6/30/2023
 Description: UPWP Appendix D

Long Range Plan

Date: 12/31/2020
 Description: Long Range Plan

Project Control Totals

Funding Source	Section of Statute	CFDA Number	Amount
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5310 - Mobility of Sr. & Indv. w/ Disabilities Formula at 100% share	5310-1C	20513	\$156,981
Local			\$39,245
Local/In-Kind			\$0
State			\$0
State/In-Kind			\$0
Other Federal			\$0
Transportation Development Credit Adjustment			\$0
Total Eligible Cost			\$196,226

Project Budget

Project Number	Budget Item	FTA Amount	Non-FTA Amount	Total Eligible Amount	Quantity
RI-2024-002-02-00	111-00 (111-A2) BUS - ROLLING STOCK	\$156,981.00	\$39,245.00	\$196,226.00	1
RI-2024-002-02-00	BUY 11.12.04 REPLACEMENT <30 FT BUS	\$156,981.00	\$39,245.00	\$196,226.00	1

Project Budget Activity Line Items

Budget Activity Line Item: 11.12.04 - BUY REPLACEMENT <30 FT BUS

Scope Name / Code	Line Item #	Line Item Name	Activity	Quantity
BUS - ROLLING STOCK (111-00)	11.12.04	BUY REPLACEMENT <30 FT BUS	BUY REPLACEMENTS - CAPITAL BUS	1

Extended Budget Description

RIPTA requests to obligate \$156,981 (\$156,981 local match) of 2024 FTA Section 5310 funding with a total budget of \$196,226 for the purchase of one (1) paratransit bus (<30') at an estimated price of \$183,813. The vehicle will be used to support statewide paratransit services.

The vehicle ordered in FY 2025 with an expected delivery within the same fiscal year. This vehicle will replace one (1) older diesel bus, which entered service in 2019 and will have reached its useful life of 5-years or 150,000 miles by the time this vehicle is delivered to RIPTA. The vehicle purchased will be fully compliant with the Clean Air Act, The Americans with Disabilities Act, and Buy America. RIPTA follows disposition requirements as outlined in circular 5010.1E. All vehicles will be purchased from a certified Transit Vehicle Manufacturer (TVM). All vehicles being purchased with this grant will have a useful life of 5-years or 150,000 miles.

The VIN of the vehicle being retired with these funds is; 2C7WDGBG3JR362979

Will 3rd Party contractors be used to fulfill this activity line item?

Yes, 3rd Party Contractors will be used for this line item.

Propulsion	Fuel Type	Vehicle Condition	Vehicle Size (ft.)
N/A	Gasoline	New	<30ft

Funding Source	Section of Statute	CFDA Number	Amount
5310 - Mobility of Sr. & Indv. w/ Disabilities Formula at 100% share	5310-1C	20513	\$156,981
Local			\$39,245
Local/In-Kind			\$0
State			\$0
State/In-Kind			\$0
Other Federal			\$0
Transportation Development Credit			\$0
Adjustment			\$0
Total Eligible Cost			\$196,226

Milestone Name	Est. Completion Date	Description
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Contract Award Date	6/30/2023	Date the vehicle contract is planned to be awarded by the board.
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Date	Description	Date
	Class IIc CE Approved	

Scope Name / Code	Line Item Number	Line Item Name	Quantity	FTA Amount	Total Eligible Cost
BUS - ROLLING STOCK (111-00)	11.12.04	BUY REPLACEMENT <30 FT BUS	1	\$156,981.00	\$196,226.00

Project Title: Rural Operating and Technical Assistance

Project Number	Temporary Project Number	Date Created	Start Date	End Date
RI-2024-002-03-00	1388-2024-3-P3	3/15/2024	10/1/2022	12/31/2026

Project Description

RIPTA is requesting to obligate \$1,592,004 (\$1,592,004 local match) of Section 5311 rural funding and \$156,407 of Rural Transportation Assistance Program (RTAP) funding. Funds will be used from the following apportionments:

FFY 2022 5311 Rhode Island/State: \$786,731
 FFY 2023 5311 Rhode Island/State: \$805,273

FFY 2022 RTAP Rhode Island/State: \$78,069
 FFY 2023 RTAP Rhode Island/State: \$78,338

Operating assistance funding will be used to support rural service (described further in activity line item).

Project Benefits

These funds will support rural transit operations, increasing mobility options for Rhode Islanders.

Additional Information

No more than 10% of funding amount will be used towards program administration, related planning, and technical assistance.

Location Description

State of Rhode Island.

Project Location (Urbanized Areas)

UZA Code	Area Name
440000	Rhode Island
440070	Boston, MA--NH--RI (Discontinued)
440310	Providence, RI-MA
441450	Norwich--New London, CT--RI (Discontinued)

Congressional District Information

District	State
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1	Rhode Island
2	Rhode Island

Program Plan Information

STIP/TIP

Date: 5/23/2023

Description: STIP

UPWP

Date: 6/30/2023

Description: UPWP Appendix D

Long Range Plan

Date: 12/31/2020

Description: Long Range Plan

Project Control Totals

Funding Source	Section of Statute	CFDA Number	Amount
5311 - Rural Area Formula	5311-1A	20509	\$1,748,411
Local			\$1,592,004
Local/In-Kind			\$0
State			\$0
State/In-Kind			\$0
Other Federal			\$0
Transportation Development Credit			\$0
Adjustment			\$0
Total Eligible Cost			\$3,340,415

Project Budget

Project Number	Budget Item	FTA Amount	Non-FTA Amount	Total Eligible Amount	Quantity
RI-2024-002-03-00	300-00 OPERATING ASSISTANCE (300-A3)	\$1,592,004.00	\$1,592,004.00	\$3,184,008.00	0
RI-2024-002-03-00	30.09.01 UP TO 50% FEDERAL SHARE	\$1,592,004.00	\$1,592,004.00	\$3,184,008.00	0
RI-2024-002-03-00	435-00 RURAL TRANSIT ASST PROGRAM (435-	\$156,407.00	\$0.00	\$156,407.00	0

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RI-2024-002-03-00	43.50.02	TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE	\$156,407.00	\$0.00	\$156,407.00	0

Project Budget Activity Line Items

Budget Activity Line Item: 30.09.01 - UP TO 50% FEDERAL SHARE

Scope Name / Code	Line Item #	Line Item Name	Activity	Quantity
OPERATING ASSISTANCE (300-00)	30.09.01	UP TO 50% FEDERAL SHARE	OPERATING ASSISTANCE	0

Extended Budget Description

This is a request for \$1,592,004 (\$1,592,004 local match) of FFY 2022 and 2023 Section 5311 funds that were apportioned to the state of Rhode Island for a total budget of \$3,184,008. RIPTA provides transit service in the non-urban areas of Rhode Island. The non-urban segments of these routes have been identified for inclusion in this grant: RIPTA provides transit service in the non-urban areas of Rhode Island. The non-urban segments of these routes have been identified for inclusion in this grant:

1. Portions of Route 9 operating to Pascoag and mill villages in Burrillville and Gloucester
2. Portions of Route 14 serving rural areas of North Kingstown
3. Portions of Route 66 serving North and South Kingstown and Exeter
4. Portions of Rural Ride Route 301 serving Richmond and Hopkinton
5. Portions of Route 95 serving Ashaway and Hopkinton
6. Portions of Route 61 serving Tiverton.
7. Portions of Route 10 serving North Scituate
8. Flex service in parts of Burrillville and N. Smithfield
9. Portions of Route 59 serving Slatersville and N. Smithfield

This project is found in the TIP on page 493 as Project ID #7005 under TIP element Rural Operations/ Intercity Bus. RIPTA will use its Gas Tax Revenue as Local Match of \$1,592,004 (50%).

Will 3rd Party contractors be used to fulfill this activity line item?

No, 3rd Party Contractors will not be used for this line item.

Funding Source	Section of Statute	CFDA Number	Amount
5311 - Rural Area Formula	5311-1A	20509	\$1,592,004
Local			\$1,592,004
Local/In-Kind			\$0
State			\$0
State/In-Kind			\$0
Other Federal			\$0
Transportation Development Credit			\$0
Adjustment			\$0
Total Eligible Cost			\$3,184,008

Milestone Name	Est. Completion	Description
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Date		
Start Date	6/1/2026	Date expenditures are expected to commence.
End Date	12/31/2026	Date expenditures are expected to be completed.

Budget Activity Line Item: 43.50.02 - TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Scope Name / Code	Line Item #	Line Item Name	Activity	Quantity
RURAL TRANSIT ASST PROGRAM (435-00)	43.50.02	TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE	RURAL TRANSIT ASST PROGRAM	0

Extended Budget Description

This is a request for \$156,407 (100% No match required) FFY 2022 and FFY 2023 Section 5311 RTAP Funds for technical assistance.

RIPTA is requesting funds for technical assistance to develop RTAP activities through a process that provides maximum opportunity for the participation of rural transit employees who work with and in our rural areas, both public and private, in identifying and establishing priority areas of need for transportation research, technical assistance, and training and related support services in rural areas. Program objectives include promoting delivery of transportation services, offering assistance and training, providing peer-to-peer networks and connections, coordinating public, private, specialized and human service transportation.

Delivery could include: Assistance by in-house state staff, contracts with private consultants, universities, nonprofit organizations, state transit associations, tuition and expenses for people to attend training courses or workshops or other ways as RIPTA develops.

This project is included in the FFY 2022-2031 TIP dated 05/23/2023; ID 7006; Page 494 Rural Technical Assistance Program (RTAP).

Will 3rd Party contractors be used to fulfill this activity line item?

No, 3rd Party Contractors will not be used for this line item.

Funding Source	Section of Statute	CFDA Number	Amount
5311 - Rural Area Formula	5311-1A	20509	\$156,407
Local			\$0
Local/In-Kind			\$0
State			\$0
State/In-Kind			\$0
Other Federal			\$0
Transportation Development Credit			\$0
Adjustment			\$0
Total Eligible Cost			\$156,407

Milestone Name	Est. Completion Date	Description
Start Date	10/1/2022	Date expenditures are expected to commence.
End Date	10/1/2024	Date expenditures are expected to end.

Project Environmental Findings

Finding: Class II(c) - Categorical Exclusions (C-List)

Class Level Description

Class II(c) consists of projects that do not have a significant environmental impact on the human or natural environment and are therefore categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or an environmental impact statement. FTA requires a sufficient project description to support a CE determination. The project may require additional documentation to comply with other environmental laws.

Categorical Exclusion Description

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Date Description	Date
Class IIc CE Approved	

Scope Name / Code	Line Item Number	Line Item Name	Quantity	FTA Amount	Total Eligible Cost
OPERATING ASSISTANCE (300-00)	30.09.01	UP TO 50% FEDERAL SHARE	0	\$1,592,004.00	\$3,184,008.00

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RURAL TRANSIT ASST PROGRAM (435-00)	43.50.02	TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE	0	\$156,407.00	\$156,407.00

Part 4: Fleet Details

Fleet Type: Paratransit

Fleet Comments

None provided.

		Current Value
I.	Active Fleet	
	A. Peak Requirement	65
	B. Spares	4
	C. Total (A+B)	69
	D. Spare Ratio (B/A)	6.15%
II.	Inactive Fleet	
	A. Other	0
	B. Pending Disposal	0
	C. Total (A+B)	0
III.	Total (I.C and II.C)	69

Fleet Type: Fixed Route

Fleet Comments

None provided.

		Current Value
I.	Active Fleet	
	A. Peak Requirement	175
	B. Spares	35
	C. Total (A+B)	210
	D. Spare Ratio (B/A)	20%
II.	Inactive Fleet	
	A. Other	0
	B. Pending Disposal	15
	C. Total (A+B)	15
III.	Total (I.C and II.C)	225

Part 5: FTA Review Comments

FTA Comments for DOL

Comment By Mina Nair

Comment
Type

DOL Review for Information

Date

6/18/2024

This is a Rhode Island Public Transit Authority (RIPTA) request for \$4,951,858 in 5310 and 5311 formula funds for a program of projects that includes vehicle purchases, operating assistance and technical assistance. Funds are allocated across the following four projects in the amounts detailed below. RIPTA has certified that the State of Rhode Island's intercity bus service needs are being adequately met and therefore will not spend 15% of its Section 5311 funds for intercity bus projects.

Purpose: The purpose of this award is to fund RIPTA's purchase of replacement paratransit vehicles, operating assistance for non-urban routes and technical assistance

Activities to be performed:

- Purchase of seventeen (17) accessible paratransit vehicles (P1: \$3,808,082 Total / \$3,046,466 Federal / \$761,617 Local; P2: \$196,226 Total / \$156,981 Federal / \$39,245 Local)
- Non-Urban Operating Assistance (P3: \$3,184,008 Total / \$1,592,004 Federal / \$1,592,004 Local)
- Rural Transit Assistance Program (P3: \$156,407 Total)

Expected Outcomes: Funds included in this award will allow RIPTA to purchase replacement vans to continue reliable and timely service for our paratransit passengers, as well as passengers who reside in rural areas of Rhode Island. The RTAP funds from this award allow RIPTA to provide technical assistance for rural service.

Intended Beneficiaries: The intended beneficiaries of this award are RIPTA's senior and disabled passengers as well as those passengers who reside in non-urban areas of Rhode Island.

Comment

Subrecipient Activities: None.

Project 1: Urbanized Area 5310 funds:
\$3,046,466 in 5310 funds to support replacement of seventeen (17) paratransit vehicles

FFY 2022 5310 - Norwich - New London, CT-RI UZA: \$33,043
FFY 2023 5310 - Norwich - New London, CT-RI UZA: \$32,106
FFY 2022 5310 - Providence, RI-MA UZA: \$1,489,335
FFY 2023 5310 - Providence, RI-MA UZA: \$1,491,982

Project 2: State Apportioned 5310 funds
\$156,981 in 5310 funds to support replacement of one (1) paratransit vehicle

FFY 2022 5310 - Rural: \$79,102
FFY 2023 5310 - Rural: \$77,879

Project 3: Rural/5311 and RTAP funds apportioned to state
\$1,592,004 in 5311 funds to support rural transit service
\$156,407 in RTAP funds to provide technical assistance for rural service initiatives

FFY 2022 5311 Rhode Island/State: \$786,731
FFY 2023 5311 Rhode Island/State: \$805,273

FFY 2022 RTAP Rhode Island/State: \$78,069
FFY 2023 RTAP Rhode Island/State: \$78,338

Match for all projects will come from RIPTA Operating funds, primarily through gas tax receipts, of which, the Authority receives approximately \$40 million annually. \$2,392,865 of gas tax will be set aside to support these expenditures.