

Application

Federal Award Identification Number (FAIN)	MT-2024-015-00
Temporary Application Number	1144-2024-4
Award Name	FFY22/23/24 Section 5311 Rural - Operating, Project Admin, and PM for Rural & ICB & State Admin
Application Status	Final Concurrence / Reservation
Application Budget Number	0

Period of Performance Start Date	N/A		
Original Period of Performance End Date	6/30/2026		
Current Period of Performance End Date	6/30/2026	Revision #: 0	Approved?: No

Budget Period Start Date	N/A
Budget Period End Date	6/30/2026

Part 1: Recipient Information

Name: MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Recipient ID	Recipient OST Type	Recipient Alias	UEI	DUNS
1144	State Agency	Montana Department of Transportation	X2ABD4NRFFW9	809791320

Location Type	Address	City	State	Zip
Headquarters	State Capitol Rm 204	Helena	MT	59620
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Union Information

There are no union contacts for this application

Part 2: Application Information

Title: FFY22/23/24 Section 5311 Rural - Operating, Project Admin, and PM for Rural & ICB & State Admin

FAIN	Application Status	Award Type	Application Cost Center	Date Created	Last Updated Date	From TEAM?
MT-2024-015-00	Final Concurrence / Reservation	Grant	Region 8	6/10/2024	6/10/2024	No

Application Executive Summary

This application requests FFY22 (lapsing), FFY23 and FFY24 Section 5311 Rural Area Formula funds in the amount of \$16,012,535. Funding amounts by sources as follows:

- \$821,750 - Remaining/lapsing funds of FFY22 Section 5311 apportionment (after allocation of \$1,084,930 to MT-2023-011, \$7,419,776 to MT-2024-009, \$4,347,208 to 1144-2024-1 and suballocation of \$781,484 to the Chippewa Cree Tribe and Blackfeet Nation, \$60,000 and \$721,484 respectively).
- \$6,921,118 - Remaining funds from FFY23 Section 5311 apportionment (after allocation of \$7,419,776 to MT-2024-009 and suballocation of \$430,415 to Chippewa Cree Tribe and Ft. Peck Tribe, \$60,000 and \$370,415 respectively).
- \$8,269,667 - Partial funds from FFY24 Section 5311 apportionment, leaving \$6,297,053 for a future grant and/or suballocation.

This grant will fund operating, preventive maintenance, project administration and state administrative activities for the State of Montana Department of Transportation and 39 subrecipients.

5311 Program Requirements:

- FFY22 Apportionment - \$14,455,148 (total apportionment)
 - Minimum 15% for ICB - This application uses \$145,873 (1.01%) for ICB activities. ICB activities are also included in MT-2023-011 (\$348,228, 2.41%), 1144-2024-1 (\$1,075,567, 7.44%), and MT-2024-009 (\$1,707,999, 11.82%). The total of FFY22 ICB allocation is \$3,277,667, which surpasses the minimum of \$2,168,273.
 - Maximum 10% for State Admin - This application uses \$675,877 (4.68%) for state admin. State admin funds are also included in MT-2023-011 (0.83%) and MT-2024-009 (4.49%) which is 9.99% of the total apportionment, and under the 10% maximum.
- FFY23 Apportionment - \$14,771,309 (total apportionment)
 - Minimum 15% for ICB - This application uses \$507,698 (3.44%) for ICB activities. ICB activities are also included in MT-2024-009 (\$1,707,999, 11.56%), together these meet the 15% minimum requirement.
 - Maximum 10% for State Admin - This application uses \$827,130 (4.6%) for state admin. State admin funds are also included in MT-2024-009 (4.5%) and MT-2023-011 (0.8%), for a total of \$1,445,514 across all applications using FY22 funds, which is 9.99% of the total apportionment, and under the 10% maximum.
- FFY24 Apportionment - \$14,566,720 (total apportionment)
 - Minimum 15% for ICB - This application uses \$2,712,330 (18.62%) for ICB activities to surpass the minimum requirement of \$2,185,008 of the FFY24 apportionment.
 - Maximum 10% for State Admin - \$0 (0.0%) of the \$1,456,672 maximum 10% allocation of FFY24 used for State Admin in this application.

5311 program requirements and apportionment details are on the Apportionment tab in the POP.

Cost Sharing:

Local share will come from various non-federal sources such as cash reserves, state grants, mill levies, donations, in-kind contributions, advertising revenue, and fundraising events. MDT allows the ICB providers to use unsubsidized route cost, net farebox revenue, as in-kind contribution. MDT also allows the rural transit providers to use in-kind contributions as the match. Some examples of in-kind contributions are warehouse parking space, office space, utilities, and service of volunteer drivers that are provided at no charge to the transit providers and valued at fair market value, documentation is available upon request.

MDT has in place a signed agreement with FHWA under 23 USC 120(b)(2), making MDT eligible for the higher federal match permitted in Section 120(b)(2) based on the Montana ratio of nontaxable Indian land, public domain lands (reserved and unreserved), national forest, and national parks and monuments to the total area of the state. Pursuant to FTA Circular 9040.1G Page III-17 and Page III-18, MDT uses the sliding scale match ratio for operating assistance (ALI 30.09.02) of 54.11% federal to 45.89% local share for rural and intercity bus providers.

Pre-award authority will be used for this application. As of July 1, 2023, the estimated Federal Share of Expenditures is \$11,129,243 and the estimated Local Share of Expenditures is \$6,540,304. The estimated Federal Share of Unliquidated Obligations is \$1,788,314 and the estimated Local Share of Unliquidated Obligations is \$526,344.

Supporting Documents:

- Initial POP - Updated on 6/7/2023
- 2023-2027 STIP Joint Approval Letter signed by FHWA
- Sliding Scale - FFY 2024 FHWA 23 USC 120(b)(2) letter and relevant FTA Circular 9040.1G excerpts
- IDC approval
- ICB unsubsidized miles In-kind match letters

Frequency of Milestone Progress Reports (MPR)

Annual

Frequency of Federal Financial Reports (FFR)

Annual

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 directly allocated these funds and is eligible to apply for and receive these funds directly.

Will this Grant be using Lapsing Funds?

Yes, this Grant will use Lapsing Funds.

Will indirect costs be applied to this application?

This award is applying an approved Indirect cost rate(s).

Indirect Rate Details: Approved indirect cost rate for period 07/01/2024 through 06/30/2025 of 11.32% will be applied to state administration activities. Estimated indirect cost amount is \$170,140.

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 maintain and improve existing transit services in rural areas of Montana using FTA 5311 funds.

Activities to be performed:

The activities to be performed under this award includes:

- State administration
- Operating assistance for rural and intercity bus (ICB) transit providers
- Preventive maintenance (PM) for rural and ICB transit providers
- Project administration for rural and ICB transit providers

Expected outcomes:

The expected outcome of this grant is to maintain and enhance transit services in rural Montana necessary to transport people to essential quality-of-life services and activities such as medical services, legal services, grocery shopping, social opportunities, and recreational opportunities.

Intended beneficiaries:

The final beneficiary are the transit users in rural Montana through the local transit providers.

Subrecipient Activities:

Subrecipients of this grant are 39 transit providers (including 5 ICB providers) across the State of Montana, providing public transit services in over 30 counties, including the following transit providers: 1) Big Sky Transportation District / Skyline, 2) Black Hills Stage Lines, 3) Butte Silver Bow County Transit, 4) Carter County, 5) City of Dillion 6) City of Helena, / HATS, 7) City of Laurel, 8) Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes (CSKT) Transit / Flathead Transit, 9) Custer County, 10) Daniels Memorial Healthcare Center / Daniels County Transportation, 11) Fallon County Council on Aging, 12) Fergus County Council on Aging, 13) Flathead County Public Transportation / Mountain Climber, 14) Garfield County / Big Dry Transit, 15) Glen-Wood Inc. / Quality Transit, 16) Human Resources Development Council District IX Inc. (HRDC), 17) Jefferson Partners / Jefferson Lines, 18) Liberty County Transportation Service, 19) Liberty Place Inc. / Whitehall Public Transportation, 20) Lincoln County Transportation Service, 21) Mineral County Pioneer Council, Inc., 22) Missoula Ravalli Transportation Management Association, Inc. (MRTMA), 23) Opportunity Link, Inc. / North Central Montana Transit (NCMT), 24) Park County / Windrider Transit, 25) Phillips Transit Authority, 26) Powder River County Transit, 27) Powell County Council on Aging / Powell County Public Transit, 28) Ravalli County Council on Aging / Bitterroot Bus, 29) Red Lodge Area Community Foundation, 30) Richland County Transportation Service, 31) Rosebud Community Hospital / Rosebud Transportation, 32) Salt Lake Express / Western Trails Charters & Tours, 33) Sanders County Council on Aging / Sanders County Transportation, 34) Stillwater County Transit, 35) Toole County Transit / Northern Transit Interlocal (NTI), 36) Urban Transportation District of Dawson, 37) Valley County Transit, 38) West Yellowstone Foundation, 39) Western Montana Area VI Agency on Aging.

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Application Budget Control Totals

Funding Source	Section of Statute	CFDA Number	Amount
5311 - Rural Area Formula	5311-1A	20509	\$16,012,535
Local			\$6,906,767
Local/In-Kind			\$1,146,950
State			\$0
State/In-Kind			\$0
Other Federal			\$0
Transportation Development Credit			\$0
Adjustment			\$0
Total Eligible Cost			\$24,066,252

Application Budget

Project Number	Budget Item	FTA Amount	Non-FTA Amount	Total Eligible Amount	Quantity
MT-2024-015-01-00	610-00 (610-A1) STATE / PROGRAMS ADMINISTRATION	\$675,877.00	\$0.00	\$675,877.00	1
MT-2024-015-01-00	11.80.00 STATE OR PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION	\$675,877.00	\$0.00	\$675,877.00	1
MT-2024-015-01-00	634-00 (634-A2) INTERCITY BUS TRANSPORTATION	\$145,873.00	\$36,469.00	\$182,342.00	1
MT-2024-015-01-00	11.79.00 PROJECT ADMINISTRATION	\$145,873.00	\$36,469.00	\$182,342.00	1
MT-2024-015-02-00	600-00 (600-A4) OTHER PROGRAM COSTS	\$5,586,290.00	\$3,489,329.00	\$9,075,619.00	43
MT-2024-015-02-00	11.79.00 2 - Rural - Project Administration	\$1,621,652.00	\$405,416.00	\$2,027,068.00	14
MT-2024-015-02-00	11.7A.00 3 - Rural - Preventive Maintenance	\$465,577.00	\$116,396.00	\$581,973.00	14
MT-2024-015-02-00	30.09.02 1 - Rural - Operating	\$3,499,061.00	\$2,967,517.00	\$6,466,578.00	15

Assistance						
MT-2024-015-02-00	610-00 (610-A3)	STATE / PROGRAMS ADMINISTRATION	\$827,130.00	\$0.00	\$827,130.00	1
MT-2024-015-02-00	11.80.00	7 - State Administration	\$827,130.00	\$0.00	\$827,130.00	1
MT-2024-015-02-00	634-00 (634-A5)	INTERCITY BUS TRANSPORTATION	\$507,698.00	\$285,050.00	\$792,748.00	3
MT-2024-015-02-00	11.79.00	5 - ICB - Project Administration	\$131,315.00	\$32,829.00	\$164,144.00	1
MT-2024-015-02-00	11.7A.00	6 - ICB - Preventive Maintenance	\$112,000.00	\$28,000.00	\$140,000.00	1
MT-2024-015-02-00	30.09.02	4 - ICB - Operating Assistance	\$264,383.00	\$224,221.00	\$488,604.00	1
MT-2024-015-03-00	600-00 (600-A6)	OTHER PROGRAM COSTS	\$5,557,337.00	\$3,046,347.00	\$8,603,684.00	66
MT-2024-015-03-00	11.79.00	2 - Rural - Project Administration	\$2,265,608.00	\$566,410.00	\$2,832,018.00	22
MT-2024-015-03-00	11.7A.00	3 - Rural - Preventive Maintenance	\$521,261.00	\$130,321.00	\$651,582.00	22
MT-2024-015-03-00	30.09.02	1 - Rural - Operating Assistance	\$2,770,468.00	\$2,349,616.00	\$5,120,084.00	22
MT-2024-015-03-00	634-00 (634-A7)	INTERCITY BUS TRANSPORTATION	\$2,712,330.00	\$1,196,522.00	\$3,908,852.00	13
MT-2024-015-03-00	11.79.00	5 - ICB - Project Administration	\$1,440,711.00	\$360,181.00	\$1,800,892.00	5
MT-2024-015-03-00	11.7A.00	6 - ICB - Preventive Maintenance	\$404,809.00	\$101,205.00	\$506,014.00	4
MT-2024-015-03-00	30.09.02	4 - ICB - Operating Assistance	\$866,810.00	\$735,136.00	\$1,601,946.00	4

Discretionary Allocations

This application does not contain discretionary allocations.

Part 3: Project Information

Project Title: FFY22 - Section 5311 Rural Formula

Project Number	Temporary Project Number	Date Created	Start Date	End Date
MT-2024-015-01-00	1144-2024-4-P1	6/20/2024	4/1/2024	12/31/2025

Project Description

This project uses \$821,750 of the lapsing FFY22 Section 5311 Rural Area Formula funds for the following activities:

- 1) State Program Administration (100% Federal)
- 2) Project Administration for one (1) intercity bus provider (80/20 Federal/local share)

Details can be found in the attached Program of Projects.

Project Benefits

The funding will ensure continued rural and intercity bus transit services in Montana to assist individuals in having reliable access to quality-of-life necessities including but not limited to grocery shopping, medical care, legal services, social activities, and recreational activities.

Additional Information

None provided.

Location Description

The location being funded by this grant covers transit agencies within the state of Montana, except for the three (3) small-urbanized areas of Billings, Great Falls, and Missoula.

Project Location (Urbanized Areas)

UZA Code	Area Name
300000	Montana

Congressional District Information

District	State
1	Montana
2	Montana

Program Plan Information

STIP/TIP

Date: 7/6/2023

Description: SFY 2023-2027 STIP FHWA/FTA Approval Letter (07/26/23) & Section 5311 on page 121. These documents are for both Project 1, 2, & 3.

UPWP

Date: N/A

Description: N/A

Long Range Plan

Date: N/A

Description: N/A

Project Control Totals

Funding Source	Section of Statute	CFDA Number	Amount
5311 - Rural Area Formula	5311-1A	20509	\$821,750
Local			\$36,469
Local/In-Kind			\$0
State			\$0
State/In-Kind			\$0
Other Federal			\$0
Transportation Development Credit			\$0
Adjustment			\$0
Total Eligible Cost			\$858,219

Project Budget

Project Number	Budget Item	FTA Amount	Non-FTA Amount	Total Eligible Amount	Quantity
MT-2024-015-01-00	610-00 (610-A1) STATE / PROGRAMS ADMINISTRATION	\$675,877.00	\$0.00	\$675,877.00	1
MT-2024-015-01-00	11.80.00 STATE OR PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION	\$675,877.00	\$0.00	\$675,877.00	1
MT-2024-015-01-00	634-00 (634-A2) INTERCITY BUS TRANSPORTATION	\$145,873.00	\$36,469.00	\$182,342.00	1
MT-2024-015-01-00	11.79.00 PROJECT ADMINISTRATION	\$145,873.00	\$36,469.00	\$182,342.00	1

Project Budget Activity Line Items

Budget Activity Line Item: 11.80.00 - STATE OR PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

Scope Name / Code	Line Item #	Line Item Name	Activity	Quantity
STATE / PROGRAMS ADMINISTRATION (610-00)	11.80.00	STATE OR PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION	STATE / PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION	1

Extended Budget Description

This line item includes state administration for the State of Montana Department of Transportation for 1/1/2025 through approximately 10/31/2025. P1 and P2 State Administration activities overlap by one month. Once P1 is expended, MDT will begin drawing from P2.

FF22 Apportionment Program Requirements:

--- Maximum 10% for State Admin this activity uses \$675,877, at 100% federal share, for 4.68% toward the maximum 10% allocation of FFY22 used for State Admin. Two other applications use State Administration, \$119,637 (0.83%) to MT-2023-011 and \$650,000 (4.49%) to MT-2024-009). Combined this is 9.99% of the total FY22 apportionment.

Expenses include, but are not limited to, transit staff wages, benefits, training, hardware, software, equipment, memberships, and dues. An indirect cost rate will be applied to eligible activities in this line item.

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	\$675,877
Local			\$0
Local/In-Kind			\$0
State			\$0
State/In-Kind			\$0
Other Federal			\$0
Transportation Development Credit			\$0
Adjustment			\$0
Total Eligible Cost			\$675,877

Milestone Name	Est. Completion Date	Description
Start Date	1/1/2025	
End Date	10/31/2025	

Budget Activity Line Item: 11.79.00 - PROJECT ADMINISTRATION

Scope Name / Code	Line Item #	Line Item Name	Activity	Quantity
INTERCITY BUS TRANSPORTATION (634-00)	11.79.00	PROJECT ADMINISTRATION	OTHER CAPITAL ITEMS (BUS)	1

Extended Budget Description

This line item includes one (1) intercity bus subrecipient that was awarded SFY25 project administration funds for 4/1/2024 through 12/31/2025. Expenses include, but are not limited to, general administrative expenses such as salaries of project director, administrative assistant, and accounting staff, marketing expenses, insurance premiums, office supplies, facilities and equipment rental, standard overhead rates, and costs of administering drug and alcohol testing.

Match ratio is 80%/20% Federal to local share.

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
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5311 - Rural Area Formula	5311-1A	20509	\$145,873
Local			\$36,469
Local/In-Kind			\$0
State			\$0
State/In-Kind			\$0
Other Federal			\$0
Transportation Development Credit			\$0
Adjustment			\$0
Total Eligible Cost			\$182,342

Milestone Name	Est. Completion Date	Description
Start Date	4/1/2024	
End Date	12/31/2025	

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 04: Planning and administrative activities which do not involve or lead directly to construction, such as: training, technical assistance and research; promulgation of rules, regulations, directives, or program guidance; approval of project concepts; engineering; and operating assistance to transit authorities to continue existing service or increase service to meet routine demand.

Date Description	Date
Class IIc CE Approved	7/11/2024

Scope Name / Code	Line Item Number	Line Item Name	Quantity	FTA Amount	Total Eligible Cost
STATE / PROGRAMS ADMINISTRATION (610-00)	11.80.00	STATE OR PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION	1	\$675,877.00	\$675,877.00
INTERCITY BUS TRANSPORTATION (634-00)	11.79.00	PROJECT ADMINISTRATION	1	\$145,873.00	\$182,342.00

Project Title: FFY23 - Section 5311 Rural Formula

Project Number	Temporary Project Number	Date Created	Start Date	End Date
MT-2024-015-02-00	1144-2024-4-P2	6/20/2024	4/1/2024	9/30/2026

Project Description

This project uses \$6,921,118 of the FFY23 Section 5311 Rural Area Formula funds for the following activities:

- 1) State Program Administration (100% Federal)
- 2) Operating Assistance for 15 rural transit providers and one (1) intercity bus provider (54.11%/45.89% federal/local share)
- 3) Preventive Maintenance for 14 rural transit providers and one (1) intercity bus provider (80/20 Federal/local share)
- 4) Project Administration for 14 rural transit providers and one (1) intercity bus provider (80/20 Federal/local share)

Details can be found in the attached Program of Projects.

Project Benefits

The funding will ensure continued rural and intercity bus transit services in Montana to assist individuals in having reliable access to quality-of-life necessities including but not limited to grocery shopping, medical care, legal services, social activities, and recreational activities.

Additional Information

None provided.

Location Description

The location being funded by this grant covers transit agencies within the state of Montana, except for the three (3) small-urbanized areas of Billings, Great Falls, and Missoula.

Project Location (Urbanized Areas)

UZA Code	Area Name
300000	Montana

Congressional District Information

District	State
1	Montana
2	Montana

Program Plan Information

STIP/TIP

Date: 7/6/2023

Description: SFY 2023-2027 STIP FHWA/FTA Approval Letter (07/26/23) & Section 5311 on page 121. These documents are for Project 1, 2, & 3.

UPWP

Date: N/A

Description: N/A

Long Range Plan

Date: N/A

Description: N/A

Project Control Totals

Funding Source	Section of Statute	CFDA Number	Amount
5311 - Rural Area Formula	5311-1A	20509	\$6,921,118
Local			\$3,715,184
Local/In-Kind			\$59,195
State			\$0
State/In-Kind			\$0
Other Federal			\$0
Transportation Development Credit			\$0
Adjustment			\$0
Total Eligible Cost			\$10,695,497

Project Budget

Project Number	Budget Item	FTA Amount	Non-FTA Amount	Total Eligible Amount	Quantity
MT-2024-015-02-00	600-00 (600-A4) OTHER PROGRAM COSTS	\$5,586,290.00	\$3,489,329.00	\$9,075,619.00	43
MT-2024-015-02-00	11.79.00 2 - Rural - Project Administration	\$1,621,652.00	\$405,416.00	\$2,027,068.00	14
MT-2024-015-02-00	11.7A.00 3 - Rural - Preventive Maintenance	\$465,577.00	\$116,396.00	\$581,973.00	14
MT-2024-015-02-00	30.09.02 1 - Rural - Operating Assistance	\$3,499,061.00	\$2,967,517.00	\$6,466,578.00	15
MT-2024-015-02-00	610-00 (610-A3) STATE / PROGRAMS ADMINISTRATION	\$827,130.00	\$0.00	\$827,130.00	1
MT-2024-015-02-00	11.80.00 7 - State Administration	\$827,130.00	\$0.00	\$827,130.00	1
MT-2024-015-02-00	634-00 (634-A5) INTERCITY BUS TRANSPORTATION	\$507,698.00	\$285,050.00	\$792,748.00	3
MT-2024-	11.79.00 5 - ICB -	\$131,315.00	\$32,829.00	\$164,144.00	1

015-02-00		Project Administration				
MT-2024-015-02-00	11.7A.00	6 - ICB - Preventive Maintenance	\$112,000.00	\$28,000.00	\$140,000.00	1
MT-2024-015-02-00	30.09.02	4 - ICB - Operating Assistance	\$264,383.00	\$224,221.00	\$488,604.00	1

Project Budget Activity Line Items

Budget Activity Line Item: 11.80.00 - 7 - State Administration

Scope Name / Code	Line Item #	Line Item Name	Activity	Quantity
STATE / PROGRAMS ADMINISTRATION (610-00)	11.80.00	STATE OR PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION	STATE / PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION	1

Extended Budget Description

This line item includes state administration for the State of Montana Department of Transportation for 10/1/2025 through 9/30/2026. FY23 funds are used in the amount of \$827,130. P1 and P2 State Administration activities overlap by one month. Once P1 is expended, MDT will begin drawing from P2.

FY23 Apportionment Program Requirements:

--- Maximum 10% for State Admin This activity includes \$827,130 (5.6%) of the \$1,477,130 maximum 10% allocation of FFY23 used for State Admin in this application (after allocation of \$650,000 (4.4%) to MT-2024-009).

Expenses include, but are not limited to, transit staff wages, benefits, training, hardware, software, equipment, memberships, and dues. An indirect cost rate will be applied to eligible activities in this line item.

Match ratio is 100% Federal share.

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	\$827,130
Local			\$0
Local/In-Kind			\$0
State			\$0
State/In-Kind			\$0
Other Federal			\$0
Transportation Development Credit			\$0
Adjustment			\$0
Total Eligible Cost			\$827,130

Milestone Name	Est. Completion Date	Description
Start Date	6/1/2025	
End Date	9/30/2026	

Budget Activity Line Item: 30.09.02 - 1 - Rural - Operating Assistance

Scope Name / Code	Line Item #	Line Item Name	Activity	Quantity
OTHER PROGRAM COSTS (600-00)	30.09.02	SLIDING SCALE (5311 OR 5310 PILOT ONLY)	OPERATING ASSISTANCE	15

Extended Budget Description

This line item includes 15 subrecipients that were awarded SFY25 operating assistance funds for the timeframe of 4/1/2024 through 12/31/2025. Expenses include, but are not limited to, drivers and dispatchers salaries and fringe benefits, fuel, and licenses. Subrecipient details are available in the attached POP.

Match ratio is 54.11%/45.89% Federal to local share. Sliding scale details are included in the FHWA 23 USC 120(b)(2) letter and FTA C9040.1G excerpt in attachments.

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	\$3,499,061
Local			\$2,918,906
Local/In-Kind			\$48,611
State			\$0
State/In-Kind			\$0
Other Federal			\$0
Transportation Development Credit			\$0
Adjustment			\$0
Total Eligible Cost			\$6,466,578

Milestone Name	Est. Completion Date	Description
Start Date	4/1/2024	
End Date	12/31/2025	

Budget Activity Line Item: 11.79.00 - 2 - Rural - Project Administration

Scope Name / Code	Line Item #	Line Item Name	Activity	Quantity
OTHER PROGRAM COSTS (600-00)	11.79.00	PROJECT ADMINISTRATION	OTHER CAPITAL ITEMS (BUS)	14

Extended Budget Description

This line item includes 14 subrecipients that were awarded SFY25 project administration funds for the timeframe of 4/1/2024 through 12/31/2025. Expenses include, but are not limited to, general administrative expenses such as salaries of project director, administrative assistant, and accounting staff, marketing expenses, insurance premiums, office supplies, facilities and equipment rental, standard overhead rates, and costs of administering drug and alcohol testing. Subrecipient details are available in the attached POP.

Match ratio is 80%/20% Federal to local share.

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	\$1,621,652
Local			\$395,582
Local/In-Kind			\$9,834
State			\$0
State/In-Kind			\$0
Other Federal			\$0
Transportation Development Credit			\$0
Adjustment			\$0
Total Eligible Cost			\$2,027,068

Milestone Name	Est. Completion Date	Description
Start Date	4/1/2024	
End Date	12/31/2025	

Budget Activity Line Item: 11.7A.00 - 3 - Rural - Preventive Maintenance

Scope Name / Code	Line Item #	Line Item Name	Activity	Quantity
OTHER PROGRAM COSTS (600-00)	11.7A.00	PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE	OTHER CAPITAL ITEMS (BUS)	14

Extended Budget Description

This line item includes 14 subrecipients that were awarded SFY25 preventive maintenance funds for the timeframe of 4/1/2024 through 12/31/2025. Expenses include, but are not limited to, maintenance costs related to vehicles and non-vehicles, defined as all activities, supplies, materials, labor, services, and associated costs required to preserve or extend the functionality and serviceability of the asset. Subrecipient details can be found in the attached POP.

Match ratio is 80%/20% Federal to local share.

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
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5311 - Rural Area Formula	5311-1A	20509	\$465,577
Local			\$115,646
Local/In-Kind			\$750
State			\$0
State/In-Kind			\$0
Other Federal			\$0
Transportation Development Credit			\$0
Adjustment			\$0
Total Eligible Cost			\$581,973

Milestone Name	Est. Completion Date	Description
Start Date	4/1/2024	
End Date	12/31/2025	

Budget Activity Line Item: 30.09.02 - 4 - ICB - Operating Assistance

Scope Name / Code	Line Item #	Line Item Name	Activity	Quantity
INTERCITY BUS TRANSPORTATION (634-00)	30.09.02	SLIDING SCALE (5311 OR 5310 PILOT ONLY)	OPERATING ASSISTANCE	1

Extended Budget Description

This line item includes one (1) intercity bus subrecipient that was awarded SFY25 operating assistance funds for the timeframe of 4/1/2024 through 12/31/2025. Expenses include, but are not limited to, drivers and dispatchers salaries and fringe benefits, fuel, and licenses. Subrecipient details can be found in the attached POP.

Match ratio is 54.11%/45.89% Federal to local share. Sliding scale details are included in the FHWA 23 USC 120(b)(2) letter and FTA C9040.1G excerpt in attachments.

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	\$264,383
Local			\$224,221
Local/In-Kind			\$0
State			\$0
State/In-Kind			\$0
Other Federal			\$0
Transportation Development Credit			\$0
Adjustment			\$0
Total Eligible Cost			\$488,604

Milestone Name	Est. Completion Date	Description
Start Date	4/1/2024	
End Date	12/31/2025	

Budget Activity Line Item: 11.79.00 - 5 - ICB - Project Administration

Scope Name / Code	Line Item #	Line Item Name	Activity	Quantity
INTERCITY BUS TRANSPORTATION (634-00)	11.79.00	PROJECT ADMINISTRATION	OTHER CAPITAL ITEMS (BUS)	1

Extended Budget Description

This line item includes one (1) intercity bus subrecipient that was awarded SFY25 project administration funds for the timeframe of 4/1/2024 through 12/31/2025. Expenses include, but are not limited to, general administrative expenses such as salaries of project director, administrative assistant, and accounting staff, marketing expenses, insurance premiums, office supplies, facilities and equipment rental, standard overhead rates, and costs of administering drug and alcohol testing. Subrecipient details can be found in the attached POP.

Match ratio is 80%/20% Federal to local share.

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	\$131,315
Local			\$32,829
Local/In-Kind			\$0
State			\$0
State/In-Kind			\$0
Other Federal			\$0
Transportation Development Credit			\$0
Adjustment			\$0
Total Eligible Cost			\$164,144

Milestone Name	Est. Completion Date	Description
Start Date	4/1/2024	
End Date	12/31/2025	

Budget Activity Line Item: 11.7A.00 - 6 - ICB - Preventive Maintenance

Scope Name / Code	Line Item #	Line Item Name	Activity	Quantity
INTERCITY BUS TRANSPORTATION (634-00)	11.7A.00	PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE	OTHER CAPITAL ITEMS (BUS)	1

Extended Budget Description

This line item includes one (1) intercity bus subrecipient that was awarded SFY25 preventive maintenance funds for the timeframe of 4/1/2024 through 12/31/2025. Expenses include, but are not limited to, maintenance costs related to vehicles and non-vehicles, defined as all activities, supplies, materials, labor, services, and associated costs required to preserve or extend the functionality and serviceability of the asset. Subrecipient details can be found in the attached POP.

Match ratio is 80%/20% Federal to local share.

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	\$112,000
Local			\$28,000
Local/In-Kind			\$0
State			\$0
State/In-Kind			\$0
Other Federal			\$0
Transportation Development Credit			\$0
Adjustment			\$0
Total Eligible Cost			\$140,000

Milestone Name	Est. Completion Date	Description
Start Date	4/1/2024	
End Date	12/31/2025	

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 04: Planning and administrative activities which do not involve or lead directly to construction, such as: training, technical assistance and research; promulgation of rules, regulations, directives, or program guidance; approval of project concepts; engineering; and operating assistance to transit authorities to continue existing service or increase service to meet routine demand.

Date Description	Date
Class IIc CE Approved	7/12/2024

Scope Name / Code	Line Item Number	Line Item Name	Quantity	FTA Amount	Total Eligible Cost
STATE / PROGRAMS ADMINISTRATION (610-00)	11.80.00	7 - State Administration	1	\$827,130.00	\$827,130.00

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

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Date Description	Date
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Scope Name / Code	Line Item Number	Line Item Name	Quantity	FTA Amount	Total Eligible Cost
OTHER PROGRAM COSTS (600-00)	30.09.02	1 - Rural - Operating Assistance	15	\$3,499,061.00	\$6,466,578.00

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

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Date Description	Date
Class IIc CE Approved	7/12/2024

Scope Name / Code	Line Item Number	Line Item Name	Quantity	FTA Amount	Total Eligible Cost
OTHER PROGRAM	11.79.00	2 - Rural - Project	14	\$1,621,652.00	\$2,027,068.00

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

Class Level Description

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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	7/12/2024

Scope Name / Code	Line Item Number	Line Item Name	Quantity	FTA Amount	Total Eligible Cost
OTHER PROGRAM COSTS (600-00)	11.7A.00	3 - Rural - Preventive Maintenance	14	\$465,577.00	\$581,973.00

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

Class Level Description

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Categorical Exclusion Description

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Date Description	Date
Class IIc CE Approved	7/12/2024

Scope Name / Code	Line Item Number	Line Item Name	Quantity	FTA Amount	Total Eligible Cost
INTERCITY BUS TRANSPORTATION (634-00)	30.09.02	4 - ICB - Operating Assistance	1	\$264,383.00	\$488,604.00

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

Class Level Description

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Categorical Exclusion Description

Type 04: Planning and administrative activities which do not involve or lead directly to construction, such as: training, technical assistance and research; promulgation of rules, regulations, directives, or program guidance; approval of project concepts; engineering; and operating assistance to transit authorities to continue existing service or increase service to meet routine demand.

Date Description	Date
Class IIc CE Approved	7/12/2024

Scope Name / Code	Line Item Number	Line Item Name	Quantity	FTA Amount	Total Eligible Cost
INTERCITY BUS TRANSPORTATION (634-00)	11.79.00	5 - ICB - Project Administration	1	\$131,315.00	\$164,144.00

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	7/12/2024

Scope Name / Code	Line Item Number	Line Item Name	Quantity	FTA Amount	Total Eligible Cost
INTERCITY BUS TRANSPORTATION (634-00)	11.7A.00	6 - ICB - Preventive Maintenance	1	\$112,000.00	\$140,000.00

Project Title: FFY24 - Section 5311 Rural Formula

Project Number	Temporary Project Number	Date Created	Start Date	End Date
MT-2024-015-03-00	1144-2024-4-P3	6/20/2024	4/1/2024	12/31/2025

Project Description

This project uses \$8,269,667 of the FFY24 Section 5311 Rural Area Formula funds for the following activities:

- 1) Operating Assistance for 22 rural transit providers and four (4) intercity bus providers (54.11%/45.89% federal/local share)
- 2) Project Administration for 22 rural transit providers and five (5) intercity bus providers (80/20 Federal/local share)
- 3) Preventive Maintenance for 22 rural transit providers and four (4) intercity bus providers (80/20 Federal/local share)

Details can be found in the attached Program of Projects.

Project Benefits

The funding will ensure continued rural and intercity bus transit services in Montana to assist individuals in having reliable access to quality-of-life necessities including but not limited to grocery shopping, medical care, legal services, social activities, and recreational activities.

Additional Information

None provided.

Location Description

The location being funded by this grant covers transit agencies within the entire state of Montana, except for the three (3) small-urbanized areas of Billings, Great Falls, and Missoula.

Project Location (Urbanized Areas)

UZA Code	Area Name
300000	Montana

Congressional District Information

District	State
1	Montana
2	Montana

Program Plan Information

STIP/TIP

Date: 7/6/2023

Description: SFY 2023-2027 STIP FHWA/FTA Approval Letter (07/26/23) & Section 5311 on page 121. These documents are for Project 1, 2, & 3.

UPWP

Date: N/A

Description: N/A

Long Range Plan

Date: N/A

Description: N/A

Project Control Totals

Funding Source	Section of Statute	CFDA Number	Amount
5311 - Rural Area Formula	5311-1A	20509	\$8,269,667
Local			\$3,155,114
Local/In-Kind			\$1,087,755
State			\$0
State/In-Kind			\$0
Other Federal			\$0
Transportation Development Credit			\$0
Adjustment			\$0
Total Eligible Cost			\$12,512,536

Project Budget

Project Number	Budget Item	FTA Amount	Non-FTA Amount	Total Eligible Amount	Quantity
MT-2024-015-03-00	600-00 (600-A6) OTHER PROGRAM COSTS	\$5,557,337.00	\$3,046,347.00	\$8,603,684.00	66
MT-2024-015-03-00	11.79.00 2 - Rural - Project Administration	\$2,265,608.00	\$566,410.00	\$2,832,018.00	22
MT-2024-015-03-00	11.7A.00 3 - Rural - Preventive Maintenance	\$521,261.00	\$130,321.00	\$651,582.00	22
MT-2024-015-03-00	30.09.02 1 - Rural - Operating Assistance	\$2,770,468.00	\$2,349,616.00	\$5,120,084.00	22
MT-2024-015-03-00	634-00 (634-A7) INTERCITY BUS TRANSPORTATION	\$2,712,330.00	\$1,196,522.00	\$3,908,852.00	13
MT-2024-015-03-00	11.79.00 5 - ICB - Project Administration	\$1,440,711.00	\$360,181.00	\$1,800,892.00	5
MT-2024-015-03-00	11.7A.00 6 - ICB - Preventive Maintenance	\$404,809.00	\$101,205.00	\$506,014.00	4
MT-2024-015-03-00	30.09.02 4 - ICB - Operating Assistance	\$866,810.00	\$735,136.00	\$1,601,946.00	4

Project Budget Activity Line Items

Budget Activity Line Item: 30.09.02 - 1 - Rural - Operating Assistance

Scope Name / Code	Line Item #	Line Item Name	Activity	Quantity
OTHER PROGRAM COSTS (600-00)	30.09.02	SLIDING SCALE (5311 OR 5310 PILOT ONLY)	OPERATING ASSISTANCE	22

Extended Budget Description

This line item includes 22 subrecipients that were awarded SFY25 operating assistance funds for the timeframe of 4/1/2024 through 12/31/2025. Expenses include, but are not limited to, drivers and dispatchers salaries and fringe benefits, fuel, and licenses. This activity also includes an expanded service program to fund increases to transit service beyond the formula grant. This program ensures that service levels can meet the new and increased transit demands in rural areas. Subrecipient details can be found in the POP.

Match ratio is 54.11%/45.89% Federal to local share. Sliding scale details are included in the FHWA 23 USC 120(b)(2) letter and FTA C9040.1G excerpt in attachments.

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	\$2,770,468
Local			\$2,226,342
Local/In-Kind			\$123,274
State			\$0
State/In-Kind			\$0
Other Federal			\$0
Transportation Development Credit			\$0
Adjustment			\$0
Total Eligible Cost			\$5,120,084

Milestone Name	Est. Completion Date	Description
Start Date	4/1/2024	
End Date	12/31/2025	

Budget Activity Line Item: 11.79.00 - 2 - Rural - Project Administration

Scope Name / Code	Line Item #	Line Item Name	Activity	Quantity
OTHER PROGRAM COSTS (600-00)	11.79.00	PROJECT ADMINISTRATION	OTHER CAPITAL ITEMS (BUS)	22

Extended Budget Description

This line item includes 22 subrecipients that were awarded SFY25 project administration funds for the timeframe of 4/1/2024 through 12/31/2025. Expenses include, but are not limited to, general administrative expenses such as salaries of project director, administrative assistant, and accounting staff, marketing expenses, insurance premiums, office supplies, facilities and equipment rental, standard overhead rates, and costs of administering drug and alcohol testing. This activity also includes an expanded service program to fund increases to transit service beyond the formula grant. This program ensures that service levels can meet the new and increased transit demands in rural areas. Subrecipient details can be found in the attached POP.

Match ratio is 80%/20% Federal to local share.

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	\$2,265,608
Local			\$529,158
Local/In-Kind			\$37,252
State			\$0
State/In-Kind			\$0
Other Federal			\$0
Transportation Development Credit			\$0
Adjustment			\$0
Total Eligible Cost			\$2,832,018

Milestone Name	Est. Completion Date	Description
Start Date	4/1/2024	
End Date	12/31/2025	

Budget Activity Line Item: 11.7A.00 - 3 - Rural - Preventive Maintenance

Scope Name / Code	Line Item #	Line Item Name	Activity	Quantity
OTHER PROGRAM COSTS (600-00)	11.7A.00	PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE	OTHER CAPITAL ITEMS (BUS)	22

Extended Budget Description

This line item includes 22 subrecipients that were awarded SFY25 preventive maintenance funds for the timeframe of 4/1/2024 through 12/31/2025. Expenses include, but are not limited to, maintenance costs related to vehicles and non-vehicles, defined as all activities, supplies, materials, labor, services, and associated costs required to preserve or extend the functionality and serviceability of the asset. This activity also includes an expanded service program to fund increases to transit service beyond the formula grant. This program ensures that service levels can meet the new and increased transit demands in rural areas. Subrecipient details can be found in the attached POP.

Match ratio is 80%/20% Federal to local share.

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	\$521,261
Local			\$130,321
Local/In-Kind			\$0
State			\$0
State/In-Kind			\$0
Other Federal			\$0
Transportation Development Credit			\$0
Adjustment			\$0
Total Eligible Cost			\$651,582

Milestone Name	Est. Completion Date	Description
Start Date	4/1/2024	
End Date	12/31/2025	

Budget Activity Line Item: 30.09.02 - 4 - ICB - Operating Assistance

Scope Name / Code	Line Item #	Line Item Name	Activity	Quantity
INTERCITY BUS TRANSPORTATION (634-00)	30.09.02	SLIDING SCALE (5311 OR 5310 PILOT ONLY)	OPERATING ASSISTANCE	4

Extended Budget Description

This line item includes four (4) intercity bus subrecipients that were awarded SFY25 operating assistance funds for the timeframe of 4/1/2024 through 12/31/2025. Expenses include, but are not limited to, drivers and dispatchers salaries and fringe benefits, fuel, and licenses. This activity also includes an expanded service program to fund increases to transit service beyond the formula grant. This program ensures that service levels can meet the new and increased transit demands in rural areas. Subrecipient details can be found in the attached POP.

Match ratio is 54.11%/45.89% Federal to local share. Sliding scale details are included in the FHWA 23 USC 120(b)(2) letter and FTA C9040.1G excerpt in attachments.

Flathead Transit (CSKT), Jefferson Lines, and Salt Lake Express use unsubsidized miles for in-kind local share for this activity. Please see letters included in this application for more information.

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	\$866,810
Local			\$185,166
Local/In-Kind			\$549,970
State			\$0
State/In-Kind			\$0

Other Federal		\$0
Transportation Development Credit		\$0
Adjustment		\$0
Total Eligible Cost		\$1,601,946

Milestone Name	Est. Completion Date	Description
Start Date	4/1/2024	
End Date	12/31/2025	

Budget Activity Line Item: 11.79.00 - 5 - ICB - Project Administration

Scope Name / Code	Line Item #	Line Item Name	Activity	Quantity
INTERCITY BUS TRANSPORTATION (634-00)	11.79.00	PROJECT ADMINISTRATION	OTHER CAPITAL ITEMS (BUS)	5

Extended Budget Description

This line item includes five (5) intercity bus subrecipients that were awarded SFY25 project administration funds for the timeframe of 4/1/2024 through 12/31/2025. Expenses include, but are not limited to, general administrative expenses such as salaries of project director, administrative assistant, and accounting staff, marketing expenses, insurance premiums, office supplies, facilities and equipment rental, standard overhead rates, and costs of administering drug and alcohol testing. This activity also includes an expanded service program to fund increases to transit service beyond the formula grant. This program ensures that service levels can meet the new and increased transit demands in rural areas. Subrecipient details can be found in the attached POP.

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Flathead Transit (CSKT), Jefferson Lines, and Salt Lake Express use unsubsidized miles for in-kind local share for this activity. Please see letters included in this application for more information.

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	\$1,440,711
Local			\$73,438
Local/In-Kind			\$286,743
State			\$0
State/In-Kind			\$0
Other Federal			\$0
Transportation Development Credit			\$0
Adjustment			\$0
Total Eligible Cost			\$1,800,892

Milestone Name	Est. Completion	Description
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Date	
Start Date	4/1/2024
End Date	12/31/2025

Budget Activity Line Item: 11.7A.00 - 6 - ICB - Preventive Maintenance

Scope Name / Code	Line Item #	Line Item Name	Activity	Quantity
INTERCITY BUS TRANSPORTATION (634-00)	11.7A.00	PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE	OTHER CAPITAL ITEMS (BUS)	4

Extended Budget Description

This line item includes four (4) intercity bus subrecipients that were awarded SFY25 preventive maintenance funds for the timeframe of 4/1/2024 through 12/31/2025. Expenses include, but are not limited to, maintenance costs related to vehicles and non-vehicles, defined as all activities, supplies, materials, labor, services, and associated costs required to preserve or extend the functionality and serviceability of the asset. This activity also includes an expanded service program to fund increases to transit service beyond the formula grant. This program ensures that service levels can meet the new and increased transit demands in rural areas. Subrecipient details can be found in the attached POP.

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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	\$404,809
Local			\$10,689
Local/In-Kind			\$90,516
State			\$0
State/In-Kind			\$0
Other Federal			\$0
Transportation Development Credit			\$0
Adjustment			\$0
Total Eligible Cost			\$506,014

Milestone Name	Est. Completion Date	Description
Start Date	4/1/2024	
End Date	12/31/2025	

Project Environmental Findings

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

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Date Description	Date
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Scope Name / Code	Line Item Number	Line Item Name	Quantity	FTA Amount	Total Eligible Cost
OTHER PROGRAM COSTS (600-00)	30.09.02	1 - Rural - Operating Assistance	22	\$2,770,468.00	\$5,120,084.00

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

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Scope Name / Code	Line Item Number	Line Item Name	Quantity	FTA Amount	Total Eligible Cost
OTHER PROGRAM COSTS (600-00)	11.79.00	2 - Rural - Project Administration	22	\$2,265,608.00	\$2,832,018.00

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

Class Level Description

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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.

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OTHER PROGRAM COSTS (600-00)	11.7A.00	3 - Rural - Preventive Maintenance	22	\$521,261.00	\$651,582.00

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

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INTERCITY BUS TRANSPORTATION (634-00)	30.09.02	4 - ICB - Operating Assistance	4	\$866,810.00	\$1,601,946.00

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

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INTERCITY BUS TRANSPORTATION (634-00)	11.79.00	5 - ICB - Project Administration	5	\$1,440,711.00	\$1,800,892.00

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

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Scope Name / Code	Line Item Number	Line Item Name	Quantity	FTA Amount	Total Eligible Cost
INTERCITY BUS TRANSPORTATION (634-00)	11.7A.00	6 - ICB - Preventive Maintenance	4	\$404,809.00	\$506,014.00

Part 4: Fleet Details

No fleet data exists for this application.

Part 5: FTA Review Comments

FTA Comments for DOL

Comment By Emma Belmont

Comment Type DOL Review for Information

Date 7/23/2024

Grant includes lapsing funds, planning activities only.

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Application Review Comments

Comment By Robyn Kullas

Comment Type Environmental Findings

Date 7/11/2024

Project Title FFY22 - Section 5311 Rural Formula

Project Number MT-2024-015-01-00

Comment meets requirements of CE list C type 4.

Comment By Robyn Kullas

Comment Type Environmental Findings

Date 7/12/2024

Project Title FFY23 - Section 5311 Rural Formula

Project Number MT-2024-015-02-00

Comment reviewed - concur catex C4 and C7 applicable.

Comment By Robyn Kullas

Comment Type Environmental Findings

Date 7/12/2024

Project Title FFY24 - Section 5311 Rural Formula

Project Number MT-2024-015-03-00

Comment reviewed - concur projects meet the requirements of catex list C type 4 and 7.

