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U.S. Department of Transportation

Federal Transit Administration

Application

Federal Award Identification Number (FAIN)	ME-2021-022-01
Temporary Application Number	7281-2021-1
Award Name	FY2022 and FY2023 Transit Start Up Funds
Application Status	Final Concurrence / Reservation
Application Budget Number	0

Period of Performance Start Date	9/23/2021			
Original Period of Performance End Date	9/30/2023			
Current Period of Performance End Date	9/30/2025	Revision #: 0	Approved?: No	

Part 1: Recipient Information

Name: AROOSTOOK MICMAC COUNCIL

Recipient ID	Recipient OST Type	Recipient Alias	UEI	DUNS
7281	Indian Tribe	AROOSTOOK BAND OF MICMACS	DR1AT7KXMKG7	930156138

Location Type	Address	City	State	Zip
Mailing Address	7 NORTHERN ROAD	PRESQUE ISLE	ME	04769
Physical Address	7 NORTHERN RD	PRESQUE ISLE	ME	04769

Union Information

There are no union contacts for this application

Part 2: Application Information

Title: FY2022 and FY2023 Transit Start Up Funds

FAIN	Application Status	Award Type	Application Cost Center	Date Created	Last Updated Date	From TEAM?
ME-2021-022-01	Final Concurrence / Reservation	Grant	Region 1	3/8/2023	3/8/2023	No

Application Executive Summary

Amendment #1

The Mi' Kmaq Nation (ABM) is requesting an additional \$37,914 in Tribal Transit formula funding. This will support the tribes existing contract for operations and maintenance.

FY2022 \$16,830

FY2023 \$16,909

FY2024 \$4,175

The ABM pinned their FY24 certifications and assurances on 9/5/2024. ABM will apply indirect Costs and approval is attached. The period of performance will support FY24-25 operating activities through September 30, 2025. Tribal entities are not subject to FTA planning requirements, and the FTA will not require tribes to attach tribal transportation plans to a STIP (Statewide Transportation Improvement Program). Local share requirement the FTA does not require a non-federal matching share for Tribal Transit Program grants. Federal labor protections because direct grants from the FTA to tribes do not involve a state-recipient relationship, the labor protective provisions of 49 U.S.C. 5333 (b) do not apply to this program.

***Original Grant ***

The Aroostook Micmac Tribal Government was awarded an FFY2013 Tribal Discretionary Grant (ME-18-X057-00) that provided funding to contract a consultant in order conduct a transit planning study, Transit Development Project. That study's results (attached) yielded a path forward for the Tribe to enroll in FTA's NTD reporting program and start receiving regular formula funding. This grant is the result of that the study and thus will request 5311 Tribal Transportation formula funding from:

-FFY19: \$15,229

-FFY20: \$30,349

-FFY21: \$14,546

Total: \$60,124

Budget Breakdown:

-Operating (Salary, Fuel): \$48,124

-Capital (Preventive Maintenance): \$12,000

These funds will be for operational transit start up costs as well as any associated preventative maintenance. While the Tribe does not have any vehicles of it's own it will partner with the Elders & Indian Health Services Office on this transit project to borrow their vehicles. These funds will go directly to hiring a driver and fuel in order to provide trips 2-3 times per week that travels from the Health Clinic, Government Office and Major Shopping Centers. This service will be available to all Tribal members but greatly benefit the elderly population that relies on transit to reach medical appointments and those members without a car. Both groups need transit to maintain vital connections in a rural community such as Presque Isle. These funds will also allow the Tribe to determine whether they should move forward with the purchase of their own vehicle.

Indirect Costs will be applied at approved rate of 38.97% per the attached documentation.

Period of Performance: Date of Award to September 30, 2023

Aroostook Micmac Council executed it's FFY21 Certifications and Assurances in TrAMS on 8/17/2021

FTA planning requirements tribes are not subject to federal planning requirements, and the FTA will not require tribes to attach tribal transportation plans to a STIP (Statewide Transportation Improvement Program).

Local share requirement the FTA does not require a non-federal matching share for Tribal Transit Program grants.

Federal labor protections because direct grants from the FTA to tribes do not involve a state-recipient relationship, the labor protective provisions of 49 U.S.C. 5333 (b) do not apply to this program.

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 not 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: Indirect Costs will be applied at approved rate of 25.63% per the attached documentation.

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 Mi' kmaq will utilize section 5311 Tribal Transit Formula Funding to support operating activities for its FY24-25 transit program.

Activities to be performed:

The Tribal Transit Formula funds will support operating activities and will include salaries, fuel, maintenance, etc.

Expected outcomes:

The award will allow for transit operations to continue in the Mi' kmaq Nation's service area.

Intended beneficiaries:

Mi' kmaq tribal transit riders.

Subrecipient Activities:

None.

Application Point of Contact Information

First Name	Last Name	Title	E-mail Address	Phone
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Michael	Burns	Transportation Program Specialist	michael.burns1@dot.gov	617-494-6305

Application Budget Control Totals

Funding Source	Section of Statute	CFDA Number	Amount
5311 - Tribal Transit Program Formula	5311-1B	20509	\$98,038
Local			\$0
Local/In-Kind			\$0
State			\$0
State/In-Kind			\$0
Other Federal			\$0
Transportation Development Credit			\$0
Adjustment			\$0
Total Eligible Cost			\$98,038

Application Budget

Project Number	Budget Item	FTA Amount	Non-FTA Amount	Total Eligible Amount	Quantity
ME-2021-022-01-01	300-00 (300-A2) OPERATING ASSISTANCE	\$48,124.00	\$0.00	\$48,124.00	0
ME-2021-022-01-01	30.09.02 Tribal Transit Funding Operating	\$48,124.00	\$0.00	\$48,124.00	0
ME-2021-022-01-01	600-00 (600-A1) OTHER PROGRAM COSTS	\$12,000.00	\$0.00	\$12,000.00	0
ME-2021-022-01-01	11.7A.00 PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE	\$12,000.00	\$0.00	\$12,000.00	0
ME-2021-022-02-	600-00 OTHER PROGRAM COSTS	\$37,914.00	\$0.00	\$37,914.00	0

01	(600-A3)						
ME-2021-022-02-01		30.09.02	SLIDING SCALE (5311 OR 5310 PILOT ONLY)	\$37,914.00	\$0.00	\$37,914.00	0

Discretionary Allocations

This application does not contain discretionary allocations.

Part 3: Project Information

Project Title: Start Up Funding Project

Project Number	Temporary Project Number	Date Created	Start Date	End Date
ME-2021-022-01-01	7281-2021-1-P1	3/8/2023	10/1/2021	9/30/2023

Project Description

These funds will be for operational transit start up costs as well as any associated preventative maintenance, utilizing all the current available formula funding (FFY19 to FFY21). While the Tribe does not have any vehicles of it's own it will partner with the Elders & Indian Health Services Office on this transit project to borrow their vehicles. The latter agency has a 2011 Ford 350 Passenger Vehicle which allows for quick trips on the proposed route. These funds will go directly to hiring a driver and fuel in order to provide trips 2-3 times per week that travels from the Health Clinic, Government Office and Major Shopping Centers.

Project Benefits

This service will be available to all Tribal members but greatly benefit the elderly population that relies on transit to reach medical appointments and those members without a car. Both groups need transit to maintain vital connections in a rural community such as Presque Isle. These funds will also allow the Tribe to determine whether they should move forward with the purchase of their own vehicle and also allow the Tribe to determine the best route and potentially grow support in the Tribal Community to support more transit projects.

Additional Information

As mentioned this project will be a joint effort between the Elder and Indian Health Services Unit that will provide the vehicles.

Location Description

Aroostook County - Tribal land. Transportation and Government Offices are located at 7 Northern Rd, Presque Isle, ME 04769
 Services from Presque Isle to Littleton on selected days. Services will also be provided from Presque Isle to Caribou and Connor.

Project Location (Urbanized Areas)

UZA Code	Area Name
230000	Maine

Congressional District Information

District	State
2	Maine

Program Plan Information

STIP/TIP

Date: N/A

Description: N/A

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 - Tribal Transit Program Formula	5311-1B	20509	\$60,124
Local			\$0
Local/In-Kind			\$0
State			\$0
State/In-Kind			\$0
Other Federal			\$0
Transportation Development Credit			\$0
Adjustment			\$0
Total Eligible Cost			\$60,124

Project Budget

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ME-2021-022-01-01	300-00 (300-A2) OPERATING ASSISTANCE	\$48,124.00	\$0.00	\$48,124.00	0
ME-2021-022-01-01	30.09.02 Tribal Transit Funding Operating	\$48,124.00	\$0.00	\$48,124.00	0
ME-2021-022-01-01	600-00 (600-A1) OTHER PROGRAM COSTS	\$12,000.00	\$0.00	\$12,000.00	0

ME-2021-022-01-01	11.7A.00	PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE	\$12,000.00	\$0.00	\$12,000.00	0
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Project Budget Activity Line Items

Budget Activity Line Item: 11.7A.00 - 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)	0

Extended Budget Description

The budget activity line item will cover the costs of maintaining the XX type borrowed vehicles during transit operations. This costs include regular maintenance checks and associated labor and materials to include but not limited to engine repairs, oil checks, and tire replacement. The labor will be outsourced to a local contractor in the greater Aroostook County region and the Tribal Transportation Department will keep track these costs as necessary.

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

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

Funding Source	Section of Statute	CFDA Number	Amount
5311 - Tribal Transit Program Formula	5311-1B	20509	\$12,000
Local			\$0
Local/In-Kind			\$0
State			\$0
State/In-Kind			\$0
Other Federal			\$0
Transportation Development Credit			\$0
Adjustment			\$0
Total Eligible Cost			\$12,000

Milestone Name	Est. Completion Date	Description
Start Date	10/1/2021	This is the estimated start of transit services and thus when maintenance costs are expected to start incurring.
End Date	9/30/2023	Funding for maintenance is expected to be exhausted by this point.

Budget Activity Line Item: 30.09.02 - Tribal Transit Funding Operating

Scope Name / Code	Line Item #	Line Item Name	Activity	Quantity
OPERATING ASSISTANCE (300-00)	30.09.02	SLIDING SCALE (5311 OR 5310 PILOT ONLY)	OPERATING ASSISTANCE	0

Extended Budget Description

This activity line item will fund operating costs, but specifically for the salary and associated insurance and licensing costs of a part time driver who will operate the vehicle 2-3 times per week. Additionally the ALI will also pay for any necessary fuel only associated with transit which the Tribal Transportation Department will track. The vehicle borrowed is a 2011 Ford 350 12 passenger van. Estimates for costs is as follows and may change depending on the potential for multiple drivers or increased fuel costs:

- Driver Salary and Associated Costs: \$35,000
- Fuel: \$13,124

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 - Tribal Transit Program Formula	5311-1B	20509	\$48,124
Local			\$0
Local/In-Kind			\$0
State			\$0
State/In-Kind			\$0
Other Federal			\$0
Transportation Development Credit			\$0
Adjustment			\$0
Total Eligible Cost			\$48,124

Milestone Name	Est. Completion Date	Description
Start Date	10/1/2021	Transit program will start in October - funds will be used for salaries and fuel
End Date	9/30/2023	This funds will be depleted by 09/30/2023, fuel and salary costs expended.

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
	Class IIc CE Approved

Scope Name / Code	Line Item Number	Line Item Name	Quantity	FTA Amount	Total Eligible Cost
OTHER PROGRAM COSTS (600-00)	11.7A.00	PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE	0	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00

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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
	Class IIc CE Approved

Scope Name / Code	Line Item Number	Line Item Name	Quantity	FTA Amount	Total Eligible Cost
OPERATING ASSISTANCE (300-00)	30.09.02	Tribal Transit Funding Operating	0	\$48,124.00	\$48,124.00

Project Title: Additional FY2024 operating assistance

Project Number	Temporary Project Number	Date Created	Start Date	End Date
ME-2021-022-02-01	ME-2021-022-01-P2	3/8/2023	10/1/2024	9/30/2025

Project Description

These funds will be for operational transit costs as well as any associated preventative maintenance, utilizing all the current available formula funding (FFY24 to FFY25).

Project Benefits

This service will be available to all Tribal members but greatly benefit the elderly population that relies on transit to reach medical appointments and those members without a car. Both groups need transit to maintain vital connections in a rural community such as Presque Isle. These funds will also allow the Tribe to determine whether they should move forward with the purchase of their own vehicle and also allow the Tribe to determine the best route and potentially grow support in the Tribal Community to support more transit projects.

Additional Information

None provided.

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Program Plan Information

STIP/TIP

Date: Not Provided
Description: NA

UPWP

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Date: Not Provided
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Project Control Totals

Funding Source	Section of Statute	CFDA Number	Amount
5311 - Tribal Transit Program Formula	5311-1B	20509	\$37,914
Local			\$0
Local/In-Kind			\$0
State			\$0
State/In-Kind			\$0
Other Federal			\$0
Transportation Development Credit			\$0
Adjustment			\$0
Total Eligible Cost			\$37,914

Project Budget

Project Number	Budget Item	FTA Amount	Non-FTA Amount	Total Eligible Amount	Quantity
ME-2021-022-02-01	600-00 (600-A3) OTHER PROGRAM COSTS	\$37,914.00	\$0.00	\$37,914.00	0
ME-2021-022-02-01	30.09.02 SLIDING SCALE (5311 OR 5310 PILOT ONLY)	\$37,914.00	\$0.00	\$37,914.00	0

Project Budget Activity Line Items

Budget Activity Line Item: 30.09.02 - SLIDING SCALE (5311 OR 5310 PILOT ONLY)

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	0

Extended Budget Description

This activity line item will fund operating costs including salaries, maintenance, fuel, associated insurance and licensing costs of a part time driver who will operate the vehicle. Funds will be used for all operating activities from 10/1/2024 thru 9/30/2025.

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

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

Funding Source	Section of Statute	CFDA Number	Amount
5311 - Tribal Transit Program Formula	5311-1B	20509	\$37,914
Local			\$0
Local/In-Kind			\$0
State			\$0
State/In-Kind			\$0
Other Federal			\$0
Transportation Development Credit			\$0
Adjustment			\$0
Total Eligible Cost			\$37,914

Milestone Name	Est. Completion Date	Description
Start Date	10/1/2024	Additional funding for transit program operating expenses.

End Date	9/30/2025	Funds will be depleted by 09/30/2025.
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Date	Description
	Class IIc CE Approved

Scope Name / Code	Line Item Number	Line Item Name	Quantity	FTA Amount	Total Eligible Cost
OTHER PROGRAM COSTS (600-00)	30.09.02	SLIDING SCALE (5311 OR 5310 PILOT ONLY)	0	\$37,914.00	\$37,914.00

Part 4: Fleet Details

No fleet data exists for this application.

Part 5: FTA Review Comments

FTA Comments for DOL

Comment By Michael Burns

Comment Type	DOL Review for Information
Date	9/12/2024
Comment	The Mi' Kmaq Nation (ABM) is requesting an additional \$37,914 in Tribal Transit formula funding. This will support the tribes existing contract for operations and maintenance. FY2022 \$16,830 FY2023 \$16,909 FY2024 \$4,175