

FTA Authorization Fact Sheet Bus and Bus Facility Grants

Purpose

To provide grants for Urbanized Areas¹ (UZA) for public transportation capital investments (and operating expenses in areas under 200,000 population) from the Mass Transit Account of the Highway Trust Fund

Eligibility

Funds will be made available to urbanized (as defined by the Census) areas through designated recipients which must be public entities and legally capable of receiving and dispensing Federal funds. Urbanized areas with populations 200,000 or greater receive funds directly from FTA. Areas with populations of 50,000 - 200,000 receive FTA funds through the Georgia Department of Transportation.

Statutory References

49 U.S.C. Section 5307, 5340, and 5336 (j)

Features

- Operating Assistance for those Urbanized Areas that grew to be greater than 200,000 in population or became part of a larger urbanized area is grandfathered in phases (allows 50% of Section 5307 funding to be used for operating assistance in FY06, 25% in FY07, and completed phased out by FY08).
- Basic formula augmented by two new formula features
 - Same basic formula using population, population density, and level of transit service.
 - New Small Transit Intensive Cities formula for urbanized areas under 200,000 that provide more service per capital than do other comparable areas.
 - New Growing States and High Density States formula.
- Program requirements generally unchanged
 - Transit enhancements now are to be evaluated as part of the grantee certification process rather than set aside.
 - Expanded matching funds (non-DOT federal funds can be used as match).

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