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State Programs Update

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FY 2018 Competitive Programs

| Program | Statute | NOFO Publication | Funding Available (in millions) | Number of Applications Received | Federal \$ Requested | Awards | Total Amount Awarded | FY 2019 Authorized Funding Level |
|---|------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|--|----------------------|----------------------------------|
| Passenger Ferry | §5307(h) | 8/23/2017 | \$60.00 | 22 | \$65.40 | 20 projects in 12 States (FY 2017 and FY 2018 awarded to FY 2017 NOFO) | \$58.24 | \$30.00 |
| Low or No Emission Grants | §5339(c) | 4/25/2018 | \$84.45 | 149 | \$557.00 | 52 projects in 41 States | \$84.45 | \$55.00 |
| Grants for Buses & Bus Facilities | §5339(b) | 6/25/2018 | \$366.29 | 340 | \$2,019.28 | 107 projects in 50 states and territories (N. Marianas) | \$366.16 | \$267.06 |
| Tribal Transit | §5311(c)(1) | 7/11/2018 | \$5.00 | 50 | \$8.32 | Under Review | TBD | \$5.00 |
| Innovative Coordinated Access and Mobility (ICAM) | FAST 3006(b) and §5312 | 9/13/2018 (closes 11/13/2018) | \$6.34 | TBD | TBD | Winter 2018 | TBD | \$3.50 |
| TOTAL | | | \$522.08 | | | | | \$360.56 |

FY 2019 Competitive Programs Schedule

| Program / Competitive Grant Title | Statute | Authorized Level of Funding | NOFO Published | Application Deadline | Allocation Announced |
|--|------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Passenger Ferry | §5307(h) | \$30,000,000 | January 2019 | March 2019 | June 2019 |
| Grants for Bus & Bus Facilities | §5339(b) | \$267,060,000 | February 2019 | April 2019 | August 2019 |
| Tribal Transit Grants | §5311(c)(1) | \$5,000,000 | March 2019 | May 2019 | August 2019 |
| Innovative Coordinated Access and MobilityPilot Program (ICAM) | FAST 3006(b) and §5312 | \$3,500,000 | April 2019 | June 2019 | September 2019 |
| Low or No Emission Grants | §5339(c) | \$55,000,000 | TBD | TBD | TBD |
| TOTAL | | \$330,560,000 | | | |

Access and Mobility Partnership Grants Initiative

On September 12, FTA announced the availability of \$6.3 million in competitive grant funds for transit coordination projects that improve access to healthcare.

Access and Mobility Partnership Grants Initiative

- **Notice of Funding Opportunity: September 12, 2018**
- **Webinar: October 16, 2018**
- **Applications Due: November 13, 2018**
- **Award Announcement: Projected Winter 2019**

NOFO Announces 2 Funding Opportunities

- **Innovative Coordinated Access and Mobility (ICAM)**
 - \$3,903,715 Allocated for 2018
 - will fund capital projects that improve the coordination of transportation services and non-emergency medical transportation services.
- **Human Services Coordination Research (HSCR)**
 - \$2,348,354 Allocated for 2018
 - will fund capital or operating assistance to implement a coordinated public transportation project that offers innovative solutions to improve local coordination or access to coordinated transportation services; in accordance with a locally adopted Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan.

For More Information

- The Access and Mobility Partnership Website
<https://www.transit.dot.gov/funding/grants/grant-programs/access-and-mobility-partnership-grants>.
- FY 18 Notice of Funding Webpage
<https://www.transit.dot.gov/funding/applying/notices-funding/access-and-mobility-partnership-grants-fy-2018-notice-funding>.

National Center for Mobility Management

- Every five years FTA competes the operators of its technical assistance centers
- FTA is currently selecting the recipient for the cooperative agreement to manage the National Center for Mobility Management
- The selected recipient will begin operations in early 2019

Advancing Mobility Management Training

- FTA has partnered with the National Transit Institute to develop an Advanced Mobility Management training course
- The course piloted in Dallas in September
- Upcoming courses scheduled for:
 - December 11-12, 2018 – Orlando, FL
 - February 4-5, 2019 – Stockton, CA
 - April 23-24, 2019 – Des Moines, IA
 - May 2019 – West Virginia – Exact Date and Location TBD
 - June 11-12, 2019 – Anchorage, AK
- More information: <http://www.ntionline.com/advancing-mobility-management/>

Non-Emergency Medical Transportation

- [Transit Cooperative Research Program \(TCRP\) Research Report 202](#): *Handbook for Examining the Effects of NEMT Brokerages on Transportation Coordination*.
- Describes the different models available to states for providing NEMT for Medicaid beneficiaries.
- [Companion document](#) explores state-by-state profiles of NEMT.
- Transportation Research Board (TRB) webinar: [Examining the Effects of NEMT Brokerages on Transportation Coordination](#).

Dealing with Difficult Passengers

- NRTAP www.nationalrtap.org has training available in many formats
- Training materials cover customer service as well as dealing with difficult passengers

CCAM Focus Groups and Industry Input Sessions

- During 2018, FTA conducted a series of focus groups and forums to gather public input.
- The purpose of this effort was to further inform and refine the Coordinating Council on Access and Mobility's response to FAST Act requirements.
- Participants included 200+ stakeholders from 22 different states, including funding recipients of programs administered by DOT, HHS, VA, DOL, HUD, ED, and USDA:

CCAM Focus Groups and Industry Input Sessions

- Objectives:
 - Understand the current state of transportation services for people with disabilities, older adults, and individuals of low income;
 - Identify transportation coordination success stories and promising practices; and
 - Identify barriers to transportation coordination.
- Methodology:
 - 3 virtual focus groups
 - 32 in-person focus groups and key informant interviews (locations included California, Washington State, Florida, Ohio, and Iowa)
 - 3 industry listening sessions at APTA, RTAP, and CTAA meetings

CCAM Input Findings: 10 Key Barrier Categories

- **Limited Awareness:** Lack of awareness of the funding sources available for human service transportation, policies that enable coordination, and/or the community's transportation options.
- **Unengaged Stakeholders:** Challenges associated with establishing the partnerships necessary to pursue coordination.
- **Program Restrictions:** Program rules that make it difficult to coordinate across different programs.
- **Insufficient Incentives:** A lack of incentives for providers to pursue coordination.
- **Limited Federal Guidance:** An absence of the guidance needed to coordinate transportation in compliance with federal law.

CCAM Input Findings: 10 Key Barrier Categories (cont.)

- ***Jurisdictional Boundaries:*** Regional lines that define an organization's service area and prevent them from coordinating with other entities beyond the service area.
- ***Administrative Burden:*** Administrative tasks that consume excessive time and resources.
- ***Insufficient Data:*** Lack of data that communities need to increase the transparency of transportation spending, demonstrate the utility of coordination, and equitably allocate the costs of coordinated transportation.
- ***Cost Sharing Concerns:*** Apprehension about sharing the costs of coordinated transportation across participating stakeholders.
- ***Inaccessible Systems:*** Vehicles and facilities that funding recipients cannot use for some coordination activities because they are inaccessible to people with functional limitations.

Coordination Barriers by Stakeholder Group

| Barrier | Aging Services Stakeholders | Disability Services Stakeholders | Employment and Training Services Stakeholders | Housing Services Stakeholders | Medicaid NEMT Stakeholders | Physical and Behavioral Health Services Stakeholders | Transit Stakeholders | Veterans Transportation Stakeholders |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|---|-------------------------------|----------------------------|--|----------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Limited Awareness | • | • | • | | | • | | • |
| Unengaged Stakeholders | | • | | • | • | | • | • |
| Program Restrictions | | | • | | • | • | • | • |
| Insufficient Incentives | • | | • | • | | • | | |
| Limited Federal Guidance | • | | | | • | | • | |
| Jurisdictional Boundaries | | | | • | | | • | |
| Administrative Burden | • | | | | • | | | |
| Insufficient Data | | | • | | | • | | |
| Cost Sharing Concerns | | | | | | | • | |
| Inaccessible Systems | | • | | | | | | |

CCAM Next Steps

- Federal Interagency Work Groups: The CCAM federal work groups will use the focus group findings to develop recommendations for Congressional and agency action.
- The first work group is focused on updating the list of federal programs for which transportation is an eligible expense, and identifying those that can be used to match or complement transportation funds.
- NCMM Survey: The survey on transportation coordination remains open until December 1, and feedback collected will supplement the focus group feedback. Over 500 people have responded to date.
<https://nationalcenterformobilitymanagement.org/>

State and FTA Collaboration

- FTA will hold the Biennial State Programs Meeting in August, 2019, in Washington, DC
- AASHTO and APTA will cosponsor the meeting
- We plan to include interactive sessions that promote peer-to-peer conversation and exchange of information with FTA
- We welcome your ideas for this meeting