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Dear Transit Partners,

Please see the Notice of Funding Opportunity below. To summarize, the intent of this grant is to fund planning, engineering or the development of technical or financing plans.

From the full notice:

Under the Areas of Persistent Poverty Program, eligible projects are planning, engineering, or development of technical or financing plans for projects eligible under Chapter 53 of title 49, United States Code. For example, these activities may include planning, engineering, or development of technical or financing plans for improved transit services; new transit routes; engineering for transit facilities and improvements to existing facilities; innovative technologies; low or no emission buses or a new bus facility or intermodal center that supports transit services; integrated fare collections systems; or coordinated public transit human service transportation plans to improve transit service in an area of persistent poverty or to provide new service such as transportation for services to address the opioid epidemic, as well as increase access to environmental justice populations, while reducing greenhouse gas emissions and the effects of climate change. An eligible project also may be a planning and environmental linkages study that advances the environmental analysis and review process as part of the metropolitan planning process.

Capital, Maintenance or Operating are not eligible costs. The Match is 90% Federal to 10% Local, however, the more Local Match, the more competitive.

If your system is interested in potentially being a part of a statewide application, please click on this link to submit your interest.

[Survey – Areas of Persistent Poverty](#)

Thank you!

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FTA today announced a [Notice of Funding Opportunity \(NOFO\)](#) for \$16.3 million in competitive grant funding for projects that help lift communities out of poverty by supporting transit service improvements in underserved communities. FTA's [Areas of Persistent Poverty Program](#) supports planning, engineering and technical studies or financial planning to improve transit services in any areas experiencing long-term economic distress, in rural and urban communities alike. It can also fund low and no emissions transit vehicles and associated infrastructure.

Along with a focus on underserved communities throughout the United States as a whole, projects will be selected, in part, on their ability to increase racial equity, in keeping with the President's [Executive Order 13985](#), "Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities Through the Federal Government."

Projects ratings will also benefit from their ability to lessen environmental damage to communities that have historically faced greater impacts from air, water and ground pollution. Many of the eligible communities are in rural areas, which experience challenges in providing public transportation, ensuring safety and keeping transit assets in a state of good repair.

Projects will be evaluated by criteria outlined in the NOFO. Apply by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time August 30, 2021.

Links:

[Notice of Funding Opportunity \(NOFO\)](#) for Areas of Persistent Poverty Program

Areas of Persistent Poverty Program

[President's Executive Order 13985](#)

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