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FY 2026 Low or No Emission Grant Program (Low-No Program)

Agency	U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT), Federal Transit Administration (FTA), Office of Program Management		
Program Description	The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) announces the opportunity to apply for approximately \$589 million in competitive grants for the FY 2026 Low or No Emission Grant Program (Low-No Program) under Federal Assistance Listing Number 20.526. 49 U.S.C. 5339(c) authorizes FTA to competitively award Low-No Program grants for capital projects to purchase or lease zero-emission and low-emission transit buses, including acquisition, construction, and leasing of required supporting facilities such as recharging, refueling, and maintenance facilities. Any zero-emission project or components of a zero-emission project must use 5 percent of Federal funds for workforce development, unless the applicant certifies less or no funding is needed for this purpose. Program goals are to enhance safety and renew transit systems through the deployment of modern buses and associated equipment and facilities, and to maximize benefits for families and communities. Per statute, FTA will make selections within 75 days of the application due date. A minimum of 25 percent of awarded funds will go to low-emission projects that are not zero emission (49 U.S.C. 5339(c)(5)). Within the Low-No Program, FTA intends to prioritize low-emission projects over zero-emission projects to the maximum extent permitted by law, and to prioritize zero-emission projects that are highly innovative, particularly those utilizing automated vehicle technology. Funding Opportunity Number: FTA-2026-011-TPM-LWNO. Federal Assistance Listing Number: 20.526.		
Application Due	Complete proposals must be submitted electronically through Grants.gov by 11:59 p.m. Eastern time on September 21, 2026.		
Total Funding	Approx. \$589 million	Max Award: NA	Min Award: NA
Award Amount	50		
Local Match:	Yes. 80 % in general. 85 % for transit buses that are compliant with the Clean Air Act or accessible to people with disabilities 90 % for equipment and components of facilities related to low- or zero-emission buses or to make the facility accessible to people with disabilities (49 U.S.C. 5323(i)). Local match is also required for workforce development funds.		
Eligible Applicants	states (including territories and Washington, D.C.), local government entities, and federally recognized Indian tribes. Applicants must have sufficient legal, financial, and technical capabilities to receive and administer Federal funds under this program.		
Eligible Activities/ Projects	Purchasing or leasing low-emission buses (e.g., propane, CNG, and hybrid-electric buses); purchasing or leasing zero-emission buses (e.g., hydrogen fuel-cell, battery-electric, and rubber tire trolley buses powered by overhead catenaries); acquiring low- or zero-emission buses with a leased power source; and leasing, constructing, or rehabilitating public transportation facilities and related equipment to accommodate low- or zero-emission buses. Projects must relate to public transportation (49 U.S.C. 5302(15)). The development or deployment of prototype vehicles is not eligible. All new transit bus models must successfully complete FTA bus testing (49 CFR part 665), and all buses must be procured from certified transit vehicle manufacturers in accordance with the DBE regulations (49 CFR part 26).		
Review Criteria	Demonstration of Need; Demonstration of Benefits; Planning and Local or Regional Prioritization; Local Financial Commitment; Project Implementation Strategy; and Technical, Legal, and Financial Capacity. As part of the selection process, the Administrator may also consider geographic diversity; diversity in the size of the transit systems receiving funding; propulsion types receiving funding; whether an applicant is from an urban, small urban, or rural area or is a tribal government; and whether the applicant has received other Federal transit funds and its management of those funds.		
Link:	https://www.transit.dot.gov/notices-funding/fy-2026-notice-funding-opportunity-grants-buses-and-bus-facilities-infrastructure https://grants.gov/search-results-detail/363322		
Application Submission	Complete proposals must be submitted electronically through Grants.gov (Low or No Emission Grant Program) by 11:59 p.m. Eastern time on September 21, 2026, under opportunity ID FTA-2026-011-TPM-LWNO. Mail and fax submissions will not be accepted. If applying for a zero-emission project, applicants must attach the Zero-Emission Fleet Transition Plan. Applicants must be registered in SAM.gov and provide a valid Unique Entity Identifier (UEI).		
BAC Partnership Opportunity	The Build America Center (BAC) is a technical assistance program funded by the USDOT, offering grant development services to localities at NO CHARGE. For more information, please visit our websites: https://bac.umd.edu/ and https://billaunchpad.com/		

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