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Dear MPO's and RTPA's:

The Division of Local Assistance (DLA) is pleased to announce the Call for Projects for the following grant programs:

- FFY 2025 FTA 5311 Formula – 1-year grant cycle
- FFY 2025 FTA 5311 (f) Intercity Bus Discretionary 1-year cycle
- Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality - Rural (CMAQ)

All applications are due June 10, 2025, by 2:00 pm PST

FTA 5311 Regional apportionments are based on the 2020 decennial census. The FFY 2025 cycle has **\$32.6 million**. MPO's and RTPA's please work with the transit agencies, tribal entities, and others eligible applicants within your region to sub-allocate from your regional apportionment, Program of Project (POP) form is enclosed. Please work with your Caltrans Headquarters Liaisons for FTA 5311 assistance.

FTA 5311(f) Intercity Bus Program is a competitive grant with **\$6.5 million** available for FFY 2025. Operating Assistance projects with a maximum project award of \$300,000. A scoring committee will evaluate each project based on the criteria outlined in the application materials in BlackCat. Awards will be determined by the Intercity Bus committee.

Applications without all the uploaded documents will be returned and may cause delays in review and grant submittal to FTA.

The performance period for these contracts will be from July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026. Only Operating Projects for the formula FTA 5311 has pre-award authority any Capital projects must obtain Procurement approval.

MPO's Please ensure that all programming aligns with project type and funding amounts to match the Program of Projects for FY25/26. Prepare administrative amendments or any modifications in a timely manner. Programming discrepancies delays the statewide grant application to FTA.

During this Call for Projects, the BlackCat Electronic Grants System (web-based electronic grants management system) is available to existing transit operators, if new applicants need access to BlackCat please contact Sharon Beasley at sharon.beasley@dot.ca.gov to request an account set up.

Sincerely,



Katherine Pongratz, Chief
Rural Transit & Intercity Bus Branch

Enclosures:

- (1) Regional Apportionment for FFY 2025
- (2) Program of Projects (POP) – 5311/CMAQ
- (3) DLA 5311 Contact Map

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