

5339 Bus and Bus Facilities - FAQs

GENERAL QUESTIONS

How much 5339 funding is available?

We have the capability to fund several projects of varying sizes. Given the ability to use future funds on these projects we have great flexibility. There is no defined amount at this time.

Is this a separate application from our annual 5310/5311 application?

Yes.

If we asked for 3 buses in our 2019 5310/5311 grant application, should we go ahead and ask again for those buses in a 5339 application?

No. Any vehicles requested in the 5310/5311 program will be funded with those specific program funds. If your vehicle is not awarded in those programs it will not be considered for 5339 funds.

ELIGIBLE AGENCIES

Are agencies in areas that receive 5310 funds directly from FTA (the Wichita and Kansas City metros) eligible applicants for these funds, or do we need to apply through our Designated Recipient's call for projects instead?

This is a statewide call for projects. All existing FTA recipients in the state are eligible.

My organization provides transportation for our clients only. Would that makes us ineligible for this grant?

No, all existing program providers are eligible.

LOCAL MATCH

Are funds obtained from the sale of former 5311 vehicles able to be used as matching funds?

Yes, if the vehicle was properly released from the program without any remaining FTA value.

Can land we already own be used for 20% match?

No.

If I already have funding for the local match, do I still need to have a letter of support?

Yes. A letter of financial support for the local match is always required for funding in KDOT Public Transportation Programs.

COSTS & BUDGETS

Can we estimate the cost of a new facility or do we need bids to include in our application?

An estimate is acceptable. Although, I would encourage an agency to attempt to get the most detailed estimate as possible to prevent cost overruns during project implementation.

Do we need to submit more than one quote or just the one we would like to go with on our project?

KDOT staff and our consultant team will assist with procurement after an award is made. We will then determine the appropriate procurement process. For the purpose of the application, please gather as much detailed information as possible.

How do we know prices to include for cameras if we don't go through the procurement process until after the awards are announced?

You should get an estimate for camera pricing before applying. The amount of award will determine the appropriate procurement process. KDOT staff and the consultant team will help with this determination post-award.

If we are applying for a new transit building, but have two different land options under consideration, do we need to have firm decision on the land or can we have public approval on both with public meeting before we submit grant?

Applying for the funds with both options is acceptable. Please include details for both land options in the application and budget.

PROCUREMENT

Is there any guidance on what types of cameras or fare boxes can be requested for this grant? If so, will staff help connect us with those resources?

Please reach out to Kelly Broxterman (Kelly.Broxterman@ks.gov) for information on vehicle enhancement equipment.

PROJECTS

Can we apply for a shared facility if the other agency pays their share of the building that they would be using? Would we need a lease agreement with that other agency?

Yes, joint use of a facility is allowable and detailed agreements would need to be in place to clearly define the shared use of the facility and the related costs.

If applying for cameras for buses as well as maintenance to transit facility, can that be submitted on one application or should we submit two separate applications?

They can be submitted as a joint application or separately.

If we are planning to apply for cameras for our buses, do we need letters of support, public input, etc. since it is for safety and security?

Public input is always a key part of the process for receiving federal funds, as are letters of support. Extensive public input is not as necessary for small purchases as it is for large construction projects, but it is still encouraged.

USEFUL LIFE

When requesting money for facilities, what are the ongoing requirements, i.e. reporting and usage restrictions?

Federal facilities will require maintenance agreements and regular building inspections that are submitted to KDOT.

APPLICATION SUBMITTAL

What do I include for my agencies legal capacity?

To receive federal funds your agency must have the resources to financially manage the project in addition to the legal resources needed for project implementation. Illustrating your agency's ability to access legal counsel would be sufficient.

Is there any page limit or file size limit, and should all supporting documents be combined into one file with the application?

There is no strict page limit. Please include all necessary information while being clear and concise.

ANNOUNCEMENT

When would awards be announced, and when would funds be available?

Awards will be announced in early March with funds available July 1, 2018.

Will this grant be made available in future years?

Yes.

To whom should I submit my application?

Submit applications electronically to:

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