



FTA

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Federal Transit Administration

Discretionary Bus and Urban Circulator Livability Programs

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Agenda

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Background

FTA - 5309 Discretionary Livability Grants

Two programs total \$280 million dollars – *Nationwide*

1. Bus Livability - \$150 million
2. Urban Circulator - \$130 million



Bus Livability

■ Statutory Language:

- Capital projects to replace, rehabilitate, and purchase buses and related equipment, and construct bus-related facilities.
- Preventative maintenance and operating **not eligible**.

■ Funding Percentage

- Up to 80% of project cost / 20% local match





Bus Livability - Eligible Expenses



- Purchase and rehabilitation of buses and vans;
- Bus related equipment including ITS, fare equipment and communication devices;
- Construction and rehabilitation of bus-related facilities including administrative, maintenance, transfer, and intermodal facilities;
- Facilities consistent with FTA's Joint Development policy and transit oriented development.



Bus Livability - Evaluation Criteria



- Need for resources
- Planning at local/regional level
- Livability
- Sustainability
- Public and private investments
- **Ready to Implement**
 - Environmental work initiated
 - Initial design of facilities ready
 - Ready to begin upon receiving a grant and completed in a reasonable period of time.



Bus Livability - Submission

- **How to Submit**
 - Application must be submitted by designated recipient (City of Phoenix).
- **Deadlines**
 - To City of Phoenix: **January 27, 2010**
 - Federal: February 8, 2010
- **Webinar (Jan 20, 2010)**
 - http://www.fta.dot.gov/funding/grants_financing_7829.html
- **Link to Full Text**
 - <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2009-12-08/pdf/E9-29242.pdf>.



Urban Circulator

- **New Starts/Small Starts funds**
- **Guideway Criteria**
 - Fixed guideway for 50% of project length
 - Corridor-based bus project
- **Funding Percentage**
 - Up to 80% of project cost (< 25 Million) / 20% local match





Urban Circulator - Evaluation Criteria

- Livability
- Sustainability
- Economic development
- Public and private investments
- Ability to carry out proposed project successfully
 - Environmental (Must be in process)
 - Legislative approval
 - State, Regional and Local Planning
 - Financial feasibility





Urban Circulator – Eligibility Requirements



- Based on results of Completed Alternatives Analysis
- Environmental review process underway
- Begin construction within 18 months of recipient of grant
- Significant Preliminary Engineering and design completed



Urban Circulator - Submission

- **How to Submit**
 - Email: urbancirculator@dot.gov
 - www.grants.gov (takes a few weeks to set up)
- **Deadline**
 - February 8, 2010
- **FAQ**
 - http://www.fta.dot.gov/about/about_FTA_11006.html
- **Link to Full Text**
 - <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/pdf/E9-29245.pdf>

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