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#### **U.S. Department of Transportation**

**Federal Transit Administration** 

# **Application**

Federal Award Identification Number (FAIN)	PR-2021-064-00
<b>Temporary Application Number</b>	5489-2021-24
Application Name	CARES ACT Funds Sec.5311 for Operating Assistance Puerto Rico Maritime Transport Authority (PRMTA)
Application Status	Final Concurrence / Reservation
Application Budget Number	0

Period of Performance Start Date	N/A
Original Period of Performance End Date	3/30/2025
Current Period of Performance End Date	N/A Revision #: N/A

## **Part 1: Recipient Information**

## Name: HIGHWAY & TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY, PUERTO RICO

Recipient	Recipient OST	Recipient Alias	Recipient
ID	Type		DUNS
5489	State Agency	PUERTO RICO HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY	088541391

Location Type	Address	City	State	Zip
Headquarters	SAN JOSE ST CRN SAN FRNCS	SAN JUAN	PR	00901
Physical Address	CALLE DE DIEGO # C	SAN JUAN	PR	00923
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State	Puerto Rico
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Union Name	UNION DE TRONQUISTAS DE PUERTO RICO (UTPR)
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State	Puerto Rico
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Website	

## **Part 2: Application Information**

Title: CARES ACT Funds Sec.5311 for Operating Assistance Puerto Rico Maritime Transport Authority (PRMTA)

FAIN	Application Status	Application	Date	Last Updated	From
FAIN	Application Status	Туре	Created	Date	TEAM?

PR-2021- Final Concurrence / Grant 7/20/2021 7/20/2021 No Reservation

#### **Application Executive Summary**

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PRIOR FEDERAL FUNDING: None FEMA/ or other federal funds have been received for these projects.

IDENTIFICATION OF OPERATING EXPENSES: The Operational Expenses requested in this application were determined by PRMTA and were reviewed by PRITA based on the costs and expenses of the previous fiscal year and projected budget. We are going to use operating assistance for salaries incurred during the emergency of Covid-19 this expense falls into one category of operating assistance. The PRMTA and PRHTA understand that the expenses requested in this application are subject to review for their reasonableness as part of the agency's next Triennial/State Management Review.

The Recipient certifies that it, and its subrecipients and contractors that are providers of public transportation, have not furloughed any employees since March 27, 2020 (the enactment date of the CARES Act).

INSURANCE STATEMENT: The Authority has not filed any claim to the insurance company. Insurance is non-applicable for this project.

DESIGNATED OR DIRECT RECIPIENT STATEMENT: The Authority is a sub-recipient through PRHTA of the 5311 funds. The PRMTA is a sub-recipient of the PRHTA. For additional information please refer to the attached documents on the application.

<sup>\*</sup>An amendment will be submitted to add more funds if needed.

<sup>\*</sup>No capital items are included in this grant. We are not contemplating the use of a 3rd party contract, however, in the case that we use a 3rd party, the PRMTA will follow all 3rd party procurement policies as defined in C4220.1F (Third Party Contracting Guidance) and will ensure contractors procured will not be on the FTA Suspension and Debarment list.

<sup>\*</sup>This project only includes operating assistance expenses; it does not include substantial functional,

location, or capacity changes to the asset or system. Therefore, no additional TIP/STIP documentation is needed.

\*This project will not include research and development activities. We requested in the grant application pre-award authority. No Indirect Costs will not be applied to this application and its scope of work.

#### Frequency of Milestone Progress Reports (MPR)

Quarterly

#### Frequency of Federal Financial Reports (FFR)

Quarterly

#### Does this application include funds for research and/or development activities?

This award does not include research and development activities.

#### **Pre-Award Authority**

This award is using Pre-Award Authority.

#### Does this application include suballocation funds?

Recipient organization is the Designated Recipient and can apply for and receive these apportioned funds.

#### Will this Grant be using Lapsing Funds?

No, this Grant does not use Lapsing Funds.

#### Will indirect costs be applied to this application?

This award does not include an indirect cost rate.

Indirect Rate Details: N/A

#### Requires E.O. 12372 Review

No, this application does not require E.O. 12372 Review.

#### **Delinquent Federal Debt**

No, my organization does not have delinquent federal debt.

### **Application Point of Contact Information**

First Name	Last Name	Title	E-mail Address	Phone
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Maribell	Perez	Transportation Program Specialist	maribell.perez@dot.gov	(787) 771-2528

## **Application Budget Control Totals**

Funding Source	Section of Statute	CFDA Number	Amount
5311 - Rural Area Formula (CARES Act)	5311-5	20509	\$2,229,733
Local			\$0
Local/In-Kind			\$0
State			\$0

State/In-Kind	\$0
Other Federal	\$0
Transportation Development Credit	\$0
Adjustment	\$0
Total Eligible Cost	\$2,229,733

## **Application Budget**

Project Number		Budget Ite	em	FTA Amount	Non- FTA Amount	Total Eligible Amount	Quantity
PR-2021-064-01- 00	300-00 (300- A1)	OPERATING ASSISTANCE		\$2,229,733.00	\$0.00	\$2,229,733.00	0
PR-2021-064-01- 00		30.09.08	EMER RELIEF - OPERATING ASSIST - 100% Fed Share (Payroll - Period: July 2021 to June 30 2022)	\$764,480.00	\$0.00	\$764,480.00	0
PR-2021-064-01- 00		30.09.08	EMER RELIEF - OPERATING ASSIST - 100% Fed Share (Payroll - Period: July 2020 to June 30, 2021)	\$764,480.00	\$0.00	\$764,480.00	0
PR-2021-064-01- 00		30.09.08	EMER RELIEF - OPERATING ASSIST - 100% Fed Share (Payroll - Period: February 2020 to June 30, 2020)	\$318,533.00	\$0.00	\$318,533.00	0
PR-2021-064-01- 00		30.09.08	EMER RELIEF - OPERATING ASSIST - 100% Fed	\$382,240.00	\$0.00	\$382,240.00	0

2022 to December 31, 2022)
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### **Discretionary Allocations**

This application does not contain discretionary allocations.

## **Part 3: Project Information**

# Project Title: CARES ACT - Sec. 5311 Rural - Operating Assistance for Puerto Rico Maritime Transport Authority (PRMTA)

Project Number	Temporary Project Number	<b>Date Created</b>	Start Date	End Date
PR-2021-064-01-00	5489-2021-24-P1	7/20/2021	2/1/2020	12/31/2022

#### **Project Description**

The PRMTA is requesting from Section 5311 Rural funds in the amount of \$2,229,733 (100% federal share), funded with CARES ACT allocation. This grant is for the reimbursement of salaries and fringe benefits, labor hours incurred during the emergency covered by the CARES ACT.

Operating funds will cover expenses from February 2020, until funds are fully disbursed. Because our operating expenses are substantial and we have limited resources we are using CARES Act Funds for Operating expenses for the cost incurred during the Covid-19 pandemic. Expenses from the period of February 2020, to December 2022, include the payroll of the administrative and operational of approximately 15 employees Island Service. These expenses are essentially the cost of keeping the transportation service.

\*The PRMTA will follow all Third-Party Procurement policies as defined in FTA C.4220.The PRMTA/PRHTA will ensure contractors procured will not be on the FTA Suspension and Debarment List. \*This project only includes operating expenses and/or capital expenses that do not include substantial functional, location, or capacity changes to the asset or system. Therefore, no additional TIP/STIP documentation is needed.

#### **Project Benefits**

The application is for Operating Assistance Funds to cover the expenses incurred during and after the declaration of the Covid-19 Emergency, declared on February 2020. These funds will definitely guarantee that maritime transportation services will not be affected during the period of this emergency and ensure the continuity of services.

#### **Additional Information**

None provided.

#### **Location Description**

Ceiba Ferry Terminal Roosevelt Roads Ceiba, PR 00735

<sup>\*</sup>An amendment will be submitted to add more funds if needed.

## **Project Location (Urbanized Areas)**

UZA Code	Area Name	
725080	Fajardo, PR	

## **Congressional District Information**

State	District	Representative
Puerto Rico	1	Jenniffer González

## **Program Plan Information**

#### STIP/TIP

Date: N/A Description: N/A

## UPWP

Date: N/A Description: N/A

### **Long Range Plan**

Date: N/A
Description: N/A

## **Project Control Totals**

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Local			\$0
Local/In-Kind			\$0
State			\$0
State/In-Kind			\$0
Other Federal			\$0
Transportation Development Credit			\$0
Adjustment			\$0
Total Eligible Cost			\$2,229,733

## **Project Budget**

Project Number		Budget Item	FTA Amount	Non- FTA Amount	Total Eligible Amount	Quantity
PR-2021-064-	300-	OPFRATING	\$2,229,733.00	\$0.00	\$2,229,733.00	0

01-00	00 (300- A1)	ASSISTANC	E				
PR-2021-064- 01-00		30.09.08	EMER RELIEF - OPERATING ASSIST - 100% Fed Share (Payroll - Period: July 2021 to June 30 2022)	\$764,480.00	\$0.00	\$764,480.00	0
PR-2021-064- 01-00		30.09.08	EMER RELIEF - OPERATING ASSIST - 100% Fed Share (Payroll - Period: July 2020 to June 30, 2021)	\$764,480.00	\$0.00	\$764,480.00	0
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PR-2021-064- 01-00		30.09.08	EMER RELIEF - OPERATING ASSIST - 100% Fed Share (Payroll - Period: July 2022 to December 31, 2022)	\$382,240.00	\$0.00	\$382,240.00	0

## **Project Budget Activity Line Items**

Budget Activity Line Item: 30.09.08 - EMER RELIEF - OPERATING ASSIST - 100% Fed Share (Payroll - Period: July 2022 to December 31, 2022)

Scope Name / Code	Line Item #	Line Item Name	Activity	Quantity
OPERATING ASSISTANCE (300-00)	30.09.08	EMER RELIEF - OPERATING ASSIST - 100% Fed Share	OPERATING ASSISTANCE	0

#### **Extended Budget Description**

A total of \$382,240 is being requested for Operating Expenses related to payroll and fringe benefits for approximately 15 administrative and operational ATM employees due to the COVID-19 emergency from July 2022 to December 2022. The operating activities costs associated with payroll and fringe benefits for employees include Social Security, Medicare, Healthcare, labor hours.

#### Will 3rd Party contractors be used to fulfill this activity line item?

No, 3rd Party Contractors will not be used for this line item.

Funding Source	Section of Statute	CFDA Number	Amount
5311 - Rural Area Formula (CARES Act)	5311-5	20509	\$382,240
Local			\$0
Local/In-Kind			\$0
State			\$0
State/In-Kind			\$0
Other Federal			\$0
Transportation Development Credit			\$0
Adjustment			\$0
Total Eligible Cost			\$382,240

Milestone Name	Est. Completion Date	Description
Start Date	7/1/2022	The start date for expenses operating assistance that will allow the agency to leverage the cost of operating the transit system.
End Date	12/31/2022	Closeout the operational assistance

Budget Activity Line Item: 30.09.08 - EMER RELIEF - OPERATING ASSIST - 100% Fed Share (Payroll - Period: July 2021 to June 30 2022)

Scope Name / Code	Line Item #	Line Item Name	Activity	Quantity
OPERATING ASSISTANCE (300-00)	30.09.08	EMER RELIEF - OPERATING ASSIST - 100% Fed Share	OPERATING ASSISTANCE	0

#### **Extended Budget Description**

A total of \$764,480is being requested for Operating Expenses related to payroll and fringe benefits for approximately 15 administrative and operational ATM employees due to the COVID-19 emergency from July 2021 to June 2022. The operating activities costs associated with payroll and fringe benefits for employees include Social Security, Medicare, Healthcare, labor hours.

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\*An amendment will be submitted to add more funds if needed.

#### Will 3rd Party contractors be used to fulfill this activity line item?

No, 3rd Party Contractors will not be used for this line item.

Funding Source	Section of Statute	CFDA Number	Amount
5311 - Rural Area Formula (CARES Act)	5311-5	20509	\$764,480
Local			\$0
Local/In-Kind			\$0
State			\$0
State/In-Kind			\$0
Other Federal			\$0
Transportation Development Credit			\$0
Adjustment			\$0
Total Eligible Cost			\$764,480

Milestone Name	Est. Completion Date	Description
Start Date	7/1/2021	The start date for expenses operating assistance that will allow the agency to leverage the cost of operating the transit system.
End Date	6/30/2022	Closeout the operational assistance

## Budget Activity Line Item: 30.09.08 - EMER RELIEF - OPERATING ASSIST - 100% Fed Share (Payroll - Period: July 2020 to June 30, 2021)

Scope Name / Code	Line Item #	Line Item Name	Activity	Quantity
OPERATING ASSISTANCE (300-00)	30.09.08	EMER RELIEF - OPERATING ASSIST - 100% Fed Share	OPERATING ASSISTANCE	0

#### **Extended Budget Description**

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No, 3rd Party Contractors will not be used for this line item.

Funding Source	Section of Statute	CFDA Number	Amount
5311 - Rural Area Formula (CARES Act)	5311-5	20509	\$764,480

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Local	\$ 60
Local/In-Kind	\$ 60
State	\$ 30
State/In-Kind	\$ SO
Other Federal	\$ 60
Transportation Development Credit	\$ SO
Adjustment	\$ SO
Total Eligible Cost	\$ 5764,480

Milestone Name	Est. Completion Date	Description
Start Date	7/1/2020	The start date for expenses operating Assistance will allow the agency to leverage the cost of operating the transit system.
End Date	6/30/2021	Closeout the operational assistance.

Budget Activity Line Item: 30.09.08 - EMER RELIEF - OPERATING ASSIST - 100% Fed Share (Payroll - Period: February 2020 to June 30, 2020)

Scope Name / Code	Line Item #	Line Item Name	Activity	Quantity
OPERATING ASSISTANCE (300-00)	30.09.08	EMER RELIEF - OPERATING ASSIST - 100% Fed Share	OPERATING ASSISTANCE	0

#### **Extended Budget Description**

A total of \$318,533 is being requested for Operating Expenses related to payroll and fringe benefits for approximately 15 administrative and operational ATM employees due to the COVID-19 emergency from February 2020, to June 30, 2020. The operating activities costs associated with payroll and fringe benefits for employees include Social Security, Medicare, Healthcare, labor hours.

#### Will 3rd Party contractors be used to fulfill this activity line item?

No, 3rd Party Contractors will not be used for this line item.

Funding Source	Section of Statute	CFDA Number	Amount
5311 - Rural Area Formula (CARES Act)	5311-5	20509	\$318,533
Local			\$0
Local/In-Kind			\$0
State			\$0
State/In-Kind			\$0
Other Federal			\$0
Transportation Development Credit			\$0
Adjustment			\$0

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Total Eligible Cost	\$318,533
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Milestone Name	Est. Completion Date	Description
Start Date	2/1/2020	The start date for expenses operating Assistance will allow the agency to leverage the cost of operating the transit system.
End Date	6/30/2020	Closeout the operational assistance

### **Project Environmental Findings**

#### Finding: Class II(c) - Categorical Exclusions (C-List)

#### **Class Level Description**

Class II(c) consists of projects that do not have a significant environmental impact on the human or natural environment and are therefore categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or an environmental impact statement. FTA requires a sufficient project description to support a CE determination. The project may require additional documentation to comply with other environmental laws.

#### **Categorical Exclusion Description**

Type 04: Planning and administrative activities which do not involve or lead directly to construction, such as: training, technical assistance and research; promulgation of rules, regulations, directives, or program guidance; approval of project concepts; engineering; and operating assistance to transit authorities to continue existing service or increase service to meet routine demand.

Date Description	Date
Class IIc CE Approved	

Scope Name / Code	Line Item Number	Line Item Name	Quantity	FTA Amount	Total Eligible Cost
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## Part 4: Fleet Details

No fleet data exists for this application.

## **Part 5: FTA Review Comments**

### **FTA Comments for DOL**

Comment By	Maribell Perez
Comment Type	DOL Review for Information
Date	9/21/2021
Comment	Sent to DOL for information on 9/21/2021

## **Application Review Comments**

# Comment By Maribell Perez Comment Pre-Award Manager Returns Application

Туре	Te-Award Manager Returns Application
Date	8/26/2021
	Dear recipient:
Comment	We completed the review of your application. Unfortunetly there are some comments that need to be resolved before we can move the application forward on the approval process. The comments were included on the view/print of the application for an easier reference, this document is included on the application documents sections and were sent via email to Mrs. Sonia Montanez, Mrs. Jennifer Woolcock and Mrs. Monica Menendez on August 26, 2021. If you have questions, please contact me at your earliest convenience. Thanks!

## **Application Review Comments**

Comment By	Boyd Melton
Comment Type	Application Details

Date 9/20/2021

Comment NOTE - As PAA is selected a task will be generated in TrAMs for an initial FFR after

award and prior to grant execution.

## Part 6: Agreement

# UNITED STATES OF AMERICA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION

## GRANT AGREEMENT (FTA G-28, February 9, 2021)

On the date the authorized U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration (FTA) official signs this Grant Agreement, FTA has obligated and awarded federal assistance as provided below. Upon execution of this Grant Agreement by the Recipient named below, the Recipient affirms this FTA Award, enters into this Grant Agreement with FTA, and binds its compliance with the terms of this Grant Agreement.

The following documents are incorporated by reference and made part of this Grant Agreement:

- (1) "Federal Transit Administration Master Agreement," FTA MA(28), February 9, 2021, http://www.transit.dot.gov,
- (2) The Certifications and Assurances applicable to the FTA Award that the Recipient has selected and provided to FTA, and
- (3) Any Award notification containing special conditions or requirements, if issued.

WHEN THE TERM "FTA AWARD" OR "AWARD" IS USED, EITHER IN THIS GRANT AGREEMENT OR THE APPLICABLE MASTER AGREEMENT, "AWARD" ALSO INCLUDES ALL TERMS AND CONDITIONS SET FORTH IN THIS GRANT AGREEMENT.

FTA OR THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT MAY WITHDRAW ITS OBLIGATION TO PROVIDE FEDERAL ASSISTANCE IF THE RECIPIENT DOES NOT EXECUTE THIS GRANT AGREEMENT WITHIN 90 DAYS FOLLOWING FTA'S AWARD DATE SET FORTH HEREIN.

#### **FTA AWARD**

Federal Transit Administration (FTA) hereby awards a Federal Grant as follows:

#### **Recipient Information**

Recipient Name: HIGHWAY & TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY, PUERTO RICO

Recipient ID: 5489

DUNS No: 088541391

#### **Application Information**

Federal Award Identification Number: PR-2021-064-00

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Original Award End Date: 3/30/2025

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DESIGNATED OR DIRECT RECIPIENT STATEMENT: The Authority is a sub-recipient through PRHTA of the 5311 funds. The PRMTA is a sub-recipient of the PRHTA. For additional information please refer to the attached documents on the application.

Research and Development: This award does not include research and development activities.

Indirect Costs: This award does not include an indirect cost rate.

<u>Suballocation Funds:</u> Recipient organization is the Designated Recipient and can apply for and receive these apportioned funds.

Pre-Award Authority: This award is using Pre-Award Authority.

#### **Application Budget**

Total Application Budget: \$2,229,733.00

Amount of Federal Assistance Obligated for This FTA Action (in U.S. Dollars): \$2,229,733.00

Amount of Non-Federal Funds Committed to This FTA Action (in U.S. Dollars): \$0.00

Total FTA Amount Awarded and Obligated (in U.S. Dollars): \$2,229,733.00

Total Non-Federal Funds Committed to the Overall Award (in U.S. Dollars): \$0.00

#### **Application Budget Control Totals**

(The Budget includes the individual Project Budgets (Scopes and Activity Line Items) or as attached)

Funding Source	Section of Statute	CFDA Number	Amount
5311 - Rural Area Formula (CARES Act)	5311-5	20509	\$2,229,733
Local			\$0
Local/In-Kind			\$0
State			\$0
State/In-Kind			\$0
Other Federal			\$0
Transportation Development Credit			\$0
Adjustment			\$0
Total Eligible Cost			\$2,229,733

(The Transportation Development Credits are not added to the amount of the Total Award Budget.)

<sup>\*</sup>An amendment will be submitted to add more funds if needed.

<sup>\*</sup>No capital items are included in this grant. We are not contemplating the use of a 3rd party contract, however, in the case that we use a 3rd party, the PRMTA will follow all 3rd party procurement policies as defined in C4220.1F (Third Party Contracting Guidance) and will ensure contractors procured will not be on the FTA Suspension and Debarment list.

<sup>\*</sup>This project only includes operating assistance expenses; it does not include substantial functional, location, or capacity changes to the asset or system. Therefore, no additional TIP/STIP documentation is needed.

<sup>\*</sup>This project will not include research and development activities. We requested in the grant application pre-award authority. No Indirect Costs will not be applied to this application and its scope of work.

## U.S. Department of Labor Certification of Public Transportation Employee Protective Arrangements:

Original Certification Date:

#### **Special Conditions**

There are no special conditions.

#### FINDINGS AND DETERMINATIONS

By signing this Award on behalf of FTA, I am making all the determinations and findings required by federal law and regulations before this Award may be made.

#### FTA AWARD OF THE GRANT AGREEMENT

Awarded By:

FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION Contact Info: Award Date:

#### **EXECUTION OF THE GRANT AGREEMENT**

Upon full execution of this Grant Agreement by the Recipient, the Effective Date will be the date FTA or the Federal Government awarded Federal assistance for this Grant Agreement.

By executing this Grant Agreement, the Recipient intends to enter into a legally binding agreement in which the Recipient:

- (1) Affirms this FTA Award.
- (2) Adopts and ratifies all of the following information it has submitted to FTA:
  - (a) Statements,
  - (b) Representations,
  - (c) Warranties,
  - (d) Covenants, and
  - (e) Materials,
- (3) Consents to comply with the requirements of this FTA Award, and
- (4) Agrees to all terms and conditions set forth in this Grant Agreement.

Executed By:

HIGHWAY & TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY, PUERTO RICO