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Federal Transit Administration

Application

Federal Award Identification Number (FAIN)	VT-2021-014-00
Temporary Application Number	1393-2021-6
Application Name	5311 American Rescue Plan Spending Act SFY22
Application Status	Final Concurrence / Reservation
Application Budget Number	0

Period of Performance Start Date	N/A
Original Period of Performance End Date	9/30/2023
Current Period of Performance End Date	N/A Revision #: N/A

Part 1: Recipient Information

Name: TRANSPORTATION, VERMONT AGENCY OF

Recipient ID	Recipient OST Type	Recipient Alias	Recipient DUNS
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Part 2: Application Information

Title: 5311 American Rescue Plan Spending Act SFY22

FAIN	Application Status	Application Type	Date Created	Last Updated Date	From TEAM?
VT-2021-014-00	Final Concurrence / Reservation	Grant	8/17/2021	8/17/2021	No

Application Executive Summary

This is VTrans FFY2021 Section 5311 ARP funding application in the amount of \$7,112,714. There is a \$5,000 balance of 5311 ARP (transferred from New Hampshire for the Southeast Vermont Transit Inc)

which will be amended into this grant at a future time. Vermont's allocation of \$90,487 FFY21 5310 ARP apportionment will be requested in a future grant application.

VTrans competitively selected the following subrecipients to execute the activities in this grant- Advance Transit, dba Green Mountain Transit, Marble Valley Regional Transit District, Premier and Greyhound. Activities include ongoing operating, project administration, preventive maintenance, CMAQ eligible operating costs, Intercity 15% requirement for ARP funds for operating associated costs, dedicated Intercity 5311(f) to be applied to Greyhound for operating expenses and RTAP eligible costs for training and technical assistance. The Program of Projects (attached) includes a list of projects and/or subrecipients.

- Project 1- The activities in Project 1 include operating expenses for the following subrecipients:
 - Advance Transit (AT)- 100% Federal Operating expenses; Administrative expenses; Preventive Maintenance; Operating Yellow line route (typically funded with Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Program)
 - Green Mountain Transit Rural (GMT)- 100% Federal Administrative expenses; Preventive Maintenance; Operating Mid-Day US-2 Commuter route (typically funded with Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Program)
 - Marble Valley Regional Transit District (MVRTD)- 100% Federal Operating expenses; Administrative expenses; Preventive Maintenance
 - Greyhound eligible operating expenses (15% Intercity requirement)
 - Premier eligible operating expenses (15% Intercity requirement)
- Project 2: Cover various Statewide RTAP training costs including- SFY22 Bus Rodeo; SFY22 Tri-State Conference; Procurement training; Professional Staff Certifications; Technical Assistance
- Project 3: Greyhound eligible operating expenses

In accordance with FTA's circulars 9040.1G and 9030.1E Preventive Maintenance and Administrative activities are considered operating costs. Per ARPA Act the grant requests 100% federal share and the activities in this application are not required to be programmed in the Long-Range Transportation Plan or Statewide Transportation Improvement Program.

Expected Outcomes:

The ARP funding allows VTrans to fund program costs at 100% Federal reducing the local match burden to the federal subrecipients. It also allows for continued support for expenses related to COVID-19. The ARP funding will provide operating assistance and support to public transportation in rural areas with populations of less than 50,000, where many residents often rely on public transit to reach their destinations. The program also provides funding for state and national training and technical assistance through the Rural Transportation Assistance Program and supports program costs for the Vermont Intercity providers.

Intended Beneficiaries:

The intended beneficiaries are the federal subrecipients, Vermont Intercity providers and the riding public. The ARP funding helps Vermont to maintain safe, reliable, friendly and accessible Public Transit services for all Vermonters. Vermont providers continue to maintain safety protocols on their buses, transit centers, administrative facilities, bus stops and shelters in an effort to maintain and improve the riding public's confidence in Public Transit in the wake of some difficult times as a result of the recent pandemic. VTrans and the Vermont transit providers continue to aggressively advertise the benefits and safety of Public Transit.

VTrans is charged with managing all modes of transportation in Vermont and is authorized to do so under legislation, Title 25 §5094. (See attached). VTrans has oversight responsibility for the Department of Motor Vehicles, Aviation Section, Rail Program and all aspects of Highway and Bridges. VTrans agrees that if it receives Federal funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) or through a

pass-through entity through the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, a different Federal agency, or insurance proceeds for any portion of a project activity approved for FTA funding under this Grant Agreement, it will provide written notification to FTA, and reimburse FTA for any Federal share that duplicates funding provided by FEMA, another Federal agency, or an insurance company.

Frequency of Milestone Progress Reports (MPR)

Annual

Frequency of Federal Financial Reports (FFR)

Annual

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 directly allocated these funds and is eligible to apply for and receive these funds directly.

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

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Application Budget Control Totals

Funding Source	Section of Statute	CFDA Number	Amount
5311 - Rural Area Formula (ARPA)	5311-10	20509	\$6,408,482
5311 (f) - Inter City Bus (ARPA)	5311-10D	20509	\$621,843
5311 - Rural Transit Assistance Program (ARPA)	5311-10A	20509	\$82,389

Local			\$0
Local/In-Kind			\$0
State			\$0
State/In-Kind			\$0
Other Federal			\$0
Transportation Development Credit			\$0
Adjustment			\$0
Total Eligible Cost			\$7,112,714

Application Budget

Project Number	Budget Item	FTA Amount	Non-FTA Amount	Total Eligible Amount	Quantity
VT-2021-014-01-00	300-00 (300-A1) OPERATING ASSISTANCE	\$5,447,210.00	\$0.00	\$5,447,210.00	0
VT-2021-014-01-00	30.09.08 EMER RELIEF - OPERATING ASSIST - 100% Fed Share	\$5,447,210.00	\$0.00	\$5,447,210.00	0
VT-2021-014-01-00	634-00 (634-A4) INTERCITY BUS TRANSPORTATION	\$961,272.00	\$0.00	\$961,272.00	0
VT-2021-014-01-00	30.09.08 EMER RELIEF - OPERATING ASSIST - 100% Fed Share	\$961,272.00	\$0.00	\$961,272.00	0
VT-2021-014-02-00	635-00 (635-A3) RURAL TRANSIT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM	\$82,389.00	\$0.00	\$82,389.00	0
VT-2021-014-02-00	43.50.01 TRAINING	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	\$50,000.00	0
VT-2021-014-02-00	43.50.02 TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE	\$32,389.00	\$0.00	\$32,389.00	0
VT-2021-014-03-00	300-00 (300-A2) OPERATING ASSISTANCE	\$621,843.00	\$0.00	\$621,843.00	0
VT-2021-014-03-	30.09.08 EMER	\$621,843.00	\$0.00	\$621,843.00	0

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Discretionary Allocations

This application does not contain discretionary allocations.

Part 3: Project Information

Project Title: Project 1: American Rescue Plan Spending Act 5311 SFY22

Project Number	Temporary Project Number	Date Created	Start Date	End Date
VT-2021-014-01-00	1393-2021-6-P1	8/17/2021	7/1/2021	7/31/2023

Project Description

VTrans requests \$6,408,482 federal FFY2021 Section 5311 American Rescue Plan Spending Act (ARPA) funds allocated directly to Vermont for expenses related to COVID-19. These funds will cover expenses which will:

These funds will cover expenses which will allow the programs to continue normal operations and the system improvements.

The activities in Project 1 include operating expenses for the following subrecipients:

- Advance Transit (AT)- \$1,131,141- 100% Federal Operating expenses; Administrative expenses; Preventive Maintenance; Operating Yellow line route (typically funded with Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Program)
- Green Mountain Transit Rural (GMT)- \$2,794,000- 100% Federal Administrative expenses; Preventive Maintenance; Operating Mid-Day US-2 Commuter route (typically funded with Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Program)
- Marble Valley Regional Transit District (MVRTD)- \$1,522,069- 100% Federal Operating expenses; Administrative expenses; Preventive Maintenance
- Greyhound eligible operating expenses- \$349,722 (15% Intercity requirement)
- Premier eligible operating expenses- \$611,550 (15% Intercity requirement)

Project Benefits

FFY21 and SFY22 ARPA funding will be used by VTrans to fund Operating expenses through 2022 and allow our rural providers to address any expenses related to providing service during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Strategic Objectives for FTA ARPA Act Funding: Overall goals are to fully address the costs associated with the COVID response, maximize Federal funds to reduce match pressures from State and municipal resources.

Additional Information

These funds will go directly to our providers: AT, GMT Rural, MVRTD all of which operate in largely rural areas and are providing the necessary transit to those who do not own a vehicle yet still need to travel to work, grocery stores, or medical appointments. These providers play a pivotal role in moving the community more now than ever.

Location Description
State of Vermont

Project Location (Urbanized Areas)

UZA Code	Area Name
500000	Vermont
503000	Burlington, VT

Congressional District Information

State	District	Representative
Vermont	1	Peter Welch

Program Plan Information

STIP/TIP

Date: Not Provided

Description: This project(s) includes only operations, planning and/or capital projects, with no substantial functional, location, or capacity change. Therefore, per ARP requirements, no Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) or Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) documentation is needed.

UPWP

Date: N/A

Description: N/A

Long Range Plan

Date: N/A

Description: N/A

Project Control Totals

Funding Source	Section of Statute	CFDA Number	Amount
5311 - Rural Area Formula (ARPA)	5311-10	20509	\$6,408,482
Local			\$0
Local/In-Kind			\$0
State			\$0
State/In-Kind			\$0
Other Federal			\$0
Transportation Development Credit			\$0
Adjustment			\$0
Total Eligible Cost			\$6,408,482

Project Budget

Project Number	Budget Item	FTA Amount	Non-FTA Amount	Total Eligible Amount	Quantity
VT-2021-014-01-00	300-00 (300-A1) OPERATING ASSISTANCE	\$5,447,210.00	\$0.00	\$5,447,210.00	0
VT-2021-014-01-00	30.09.08 EMER RELIEF - OPERATING ASSIST - 100% Fed Share	\$5,447,210.00	\$0.00	\$5,447,210.00	0
VT-2021-014-01-00	634-00 (634-A4) INTERCITY BUS TRANSPORTATION	\$961,272.00	\$0.00	\$961,272.00	0
VT-2021-014-01-00	30.09.08 EMER RELIEF - OPERATING ASSIST - 100% Fed Share	\$961,272.00	\$0.00	\$961,272.00	0

Project Budget Activity Line Items

Budget Activity Line Item: 30.09.08 - EMER RELIEF - OPERATING ASSIST - 100% Fed Share

Scope Name / Code	Line Item #	Line Item Name	Activity	Quantity
INTERCITY BUS TRANSPORTATION (634-00)	30.09.08	EMER RELIEF - OPERATING ASSIST - 100% Fed Share	OPERATING ASSISTANCE	0

Extended Budget Description

VTrans requests \$961,272 of FFY2021 Section 5311 American Rescue Plan Spending Act (ARPA) funds allocated directly to Vermont for expenses related to COVID-19. These funds will cover expenses for:

- * Greyhound \$349,722 100% Federal (15% Intercity requirement)
- * Premier \$611,550 100% Federal (15% Intercity requirement)

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

Yes, 3rd Party Contractors will be used for this line item.

Funding Source	Section of Statute	CFDA Number	Amount
5311 - Rural Area Formula (ARPA)	5311-10	20509	\$961,272
Local			\$0

Local/In-Kind		\$0
State		\$0
State/In-Kind		\$0
Other Federal		\$0
Transportation Development Credit		\$0
Adjustment		\$0
Total Eligible Cost		\$961,272

Milestone Name	Est. Completion Date	Description
Start Date	7/1/2021	ARPA funds will start for Covid-19 recovery
End Date	7/31/2023	

Budget Activity Line Item: 30.09.08 - EMER RELIEF - OPERATING ASSIST - 100% Fed Share

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

VTrans requests \$5,447,210 million of Section 5311 American Rescue Plan Spending Act (ARPA) funds allocated directly to Vermont for expenses related to COVID-19. These funds will cover expenses which will allow the program to continue normal operations and the system improvements.

- Advance Transit (AT)- \$1,131,141- 100% Federal Operating expenses; Administrative expenses; Preventive Maintenance; Operating Yellow line route (typically funded with Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Program)
- Green Mountain Transit Rural (GMT)- \$2,794,000- 100% Federal Operating and Administrative expenses; Preventive Maintenance; Operating Mid-Day US-2 Commuter route (typically funded with Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Program)
- Marble Valley Regional Transit District (MVRTD)- \$1,522,069- 100% Federal Operating expenses; Administrative expenses; Preventive Maintenance

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

Yes, 3rd Party Contractors will be used for this line item.

Funding Source	Section of Statute	CFDA Number	Amount
5311 - Rural Area Formula (ARPA)	5311-10	20509	\$5,447,210
Local			\$0
Local/In-Kind			\$0
State			\$0
State/In-Kind			\$0
Other Federal			\$0
Transportation Development Credit			\$0

Adjustment		\$0
Total Eligible Cost		\$5,447,210

Milestone Name	Est. Completion Date	Description
Start Date	7/1/2021	All sub recipients begin incurring expenses related to COVID-19 and official declaration of emergency.
End Date	7/31/2023	

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
	Class IIc CE Approved

Project Title: American Rescue Plan Spending Act 5311 RTAP SFY22

Project Number	Temporary Project Number	Date Created	Start Date	End Date
VT-2021-014-02-00	1393-2021-6-P2	9/9/2021	7/1/2021	6/30/2023

Project Description

VTrans requests \$82,389 FFY2021 Section 5311 American Rescue Plan Spending Act (ARPA) funds allocated directly to Vermont for expenses related to the Rural Transit Assistance Program (RTAP).

Project 2: Cover various Statewide RTAP training costs including- SFY22 Bus Rodeo; SFY22 Tri-State Conference; Procurement training; Professional Staff Certifications; Technical Assistance

Project 2 details:

SFY22 Bus Rodeo \$20,000.00

SFY22 Tri-State Conference \$15,000.00

Procurement training \$5,000.00

Professional Staff Certifications \$10,000.00

Various technical assistance \$32,389.00
Total RTAP and Project 2: \$82,389.00

Project Benefits

RTAP will promote safe and effective delivery of public transportation in rural areas and to make more efficient use of public and private resources; foster the development of State and local capacity for addressing the training and technical assistance needs of the rural transportation community; and improve the quality of information and technical assistance available through the development of training, technology, and technical assistance resource materials;

Additional Information

None provided.

Location Description

State of Vermont

Project Location (Urbanized Areas)

UZA Code	Area Name
500000	Vermont
503000	Burlington, VT

Congressional District Information

State	District	Representative
Vermont	1	Peter Welch

Program Plan Information

STIP/TIP

Date: Not Provided

Description: This project(s) includes only operations, planning and/or capital projects, with no substantial functional, location, or capacity change. Therefore, per ARP requirements, no Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) or Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) documentation is needed.

UPWP

Date: N/A

Description: N/A

Long Range Plan

Date: N/A

Description: N/A

Project Control Totals

Funding Source	Section of Statute	CFDA Number	Amount
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5311 - Rural Transit Assistance Program (ARPA)	5311-10A	20509	\$82,389
Local			\$0
Local/In-Kind			\$0
State			\$0
State/In-Kind			\$0
Other Federal			\$0
Transportation Development Credit			\$0
Adjustment			\$0
Total Eligible Cost			\$82,389

Project Budget

Project Number	Budget Item	FTA Amount	Non-FTA Amount	Total Eligible Amount	Quantity
VT-2021-014-02-00	635-00 (635-A3) RURAL TRANSIT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM	\$82,389.00	\$0.00	\$82,389.00	0
VT-2021-014-02-00	43.50.01 TRAINING	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	\$50,000.00	0
VT-2021-014-02-00	43.50.02 TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE	\$32,389.00	\$0.00	\$32,389.00	0

Project Budget Activity Line Items

Budget Activity Line Item: 43.50.02 - TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Scope Name / Code	Line Item #	Line Item Name	Activity	Quantity
RURAL TRANSIT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (635-00)	43.50.02	TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE	RURAL TRANSIT ASST PROGRAM	0

Extended Budget Description

Budget for various technical assistance including costs associated with consultants providing statewide training initiatives to Vermont's Federal Subrecipients.

Total Federal request is \$32,839.

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

Yes, 3rd Party Contractors will be used for this line item.

Funding Source	Section of Statute	CFDA Number	Amount
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5311 - Rural Transit Assistance Program (ARPA)	5311-10A	20509	\$32,389
Local			\$0
Local/In-Kind			\$0
State			\$0
State/In-Kind			\$0
Other Federal			\$0
Transportation Development Credit			\$0
Adjustment			\$0
Total Eligible Cost			\$32,389

Milestone Name	Est. Completion Date	Description
Start Date	7/1/2021	Expenses for technical assistance initiatives begin incurring.
End Date	6/30/2023	End date for incurred expenses associated with technical assistance.

Budget Activity Line Item: 43.50.01 - TRAINING

Scope Name / Code	Line Item #	Line Item Name	Activity	Quantity
RURAL TRANSIT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (635-00)	43.50.01	TRAINING	RURAL TRANSIT ASST PROGRAM	0

Extended Budget Description

Covers various Statewide RTAP training costs including- SFY22 Statewide Bus Rodeo \$20,000 Federal; SFY22 Tri-State Conference \$15,000 Federal; Statewide Procurement training \$5,000 Federal; Various Statewide Professional Staff Certifications \$10,000 for a total Federal request of \$50,000.

Statewide Bus Rodeo includes cost associated with hosting the event including site rental and vendor expenses. Winner of this safety training which includes a skills course and written test is eligible for attending the CTAA National Bus Rodeo to represent Vermont. Those transportation and lodging costs are included in the \$20,000 request.

Tri-State Conference includes hosting the event in Vermont and site rental, vendor expo and training courses onsite. This is generally a 2-3 day event involving Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine.

Professional Certifications include costs associated with transit staff attending the CTAA annual expo and certification courses.

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

Yes, 3rd Party Contractors will be used for this line item.

Funding Source	Section of Statute	CFDA Number	Amount
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5311 - Rural Transit Assistance Program (ARPA)	5311-10A	20509	\$50,000
Local			\$0
Local/In-Kind			\$0
State			\$0
State/In-Kind			\$0
Other Federal			\$0
Transportation Development Credit			\$0
Adjustment			\$0
Total Eligible Cost			\$50,000

Milestone Name	Est. Completion Date	Description
Start Date	7/1/2021	All sub recipients begin incurring expenses related to Rural Transit Assistance Training initiatives.
End Date	6/30/2023	RTAP trainings completed.

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	

Project Title: Project 3: American Rescue Plan Spending Act 5311 SFY22

Project Number	Temporary Project Number	Date Created	Start Date	End Date
VT-2021-014-03-00	1393-2021-6-P3	9/9/2021	7/1/2021	7/31/2023

Project Description

* Greyhound operating expenses (ARP Dedicated Intercity) \$621,843
 Total Project 3 \$621,843 100% Federal

Project Benefits

Project three will help Greyhound with operating expenses in light of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Additional Information

None provided.

Location Description

State of Vermont

Project Location (Urbanized Areas)

UZA Code	Area Name
500000	Vermont

Congressional District Information

State	District	Representative
Vermont	1	Peter Welch

Program Plan Information

STIP/TIP

Date: Not Provided

Description: This project(s) includes only operations, planning and/or capital projects, with no substantial functional, location, or capacity change. Therefore, per ARP requirements, no Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) or Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) documentation is needed.

UPWP

Date: N/A

Description: N/A

Long Range Plan

Date: N/A

Description: N/A

Project Control Totals

Funding Source	Section of Statute	CFDA Number	Amount
5311 (f) - Inter City Bus (ARPA)	5311-10D	20509	\$621,843
Local			\$0
Local/In-Kind			\$0
State			\$0

State/In-Kind		\$0
Other Federal		\$0
Transportation Development Credit		\$0
Adjustment		\$0
Total Eligible Cost		\$621,843

Project Budget

Project Number	Budget Item	FTA Amount	Non-FTA Amount	Total Eligible Amount	Quantity
VT-2021-014-03-00	300-00 (300-A2) OPERATING ASSISTANCE	\$621,843.00	\$0.00	\$621,843.00	0
VT-2021-014-03-00	30.09.08 EMER RELIEF - OPERATING ASSIST - 100% Fed Share	\$621,843.00	\$0.00	\$621,843.00	0

Project Budget Activity Line Items

Budget Activity Line Item: 30.09.08 - EMER RELIEF - OPERATING ASSIST - 100% Fed Share

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

Eligible Greyhound operating (Dedicated Intercity) \$621,843

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

Yes, 3rd Party Contractors will be used for this line item.

Funding Source	Section of Statute	CFDA Number	Amount
5311 (f) - Inter City Bus (ARPA)	5311-10D	20509	\$621,843
Local			\$0
Local/In-Kind			\$0
State			\$0
State/In-Kind			\$0

Other Federal		\$0
Transportation Development Credit		\$0
Adjustment		\$0
Total Eligible Cost		\$621,843

Milestone Name	Est. Completion Date	Description
Start Date	7/1/2021	All sub recipients begin incurring expenses related to COVID-19 and official declaration of emergency.
End Date	7/31/2023	

Project Environmental Findings

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

Class Level Description

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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	

Part 4: Fleet Details

No fleet data exists for this application.

Part 5: FTA Review Comments

FTA Comments for DOL

Comment By Leah Sirmin

Comment Type DOL Review for Information

Date 9/20/2021

Comment Per DOL's guidelines, FTA is transmitting this grant application for informational purposes through TrAMS to the Department so the Department can notify the labor organizations

representing potentially affected employees of the grants approval and their rights under the Special Warranty Arrangement.

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: TRANSPORTATION, VERMONT AGENCY OF

Recipient ID: 1393

DUNS No: 809376296

Application Information

Federal Award Identification Number: VT-2021-014-00

Application Name: 5311 American Rescue Plan Spending Act SFY22

Application Start Date: N/A

Original Award End Date: 9/30/2023

Current Award End Date: N/A

Application Executive Summary: This is VTrans FFY2021 Section 5311 ARP funding application in the amount of \$7,112,714. There is a \$5,000 balance of 5311 ARP (transferred from New Hampshire for the Southeast Vermont Transit Inc) which will be amended into this grant at a future time. Vermont's allocation of \$90,487 FFY21 5310 ARP apportionment will be requested in a future grant application.

VTrans competitively selected the following subrecipients to execute the activities in this grant- Advance Transit, dba Green Mountain Transit, Marble Valley Regional Transit District, Premier and Greyhound. Activities include ongoing operating, project administration, preventive maintenance, CMAQ eligible operating costs, Intercity 15% requirement for ARP funds for operating associated costs, dedicated Intercity 5311(f) to be applied to Greyhound for operating expenses and RTAP eligible costs for training and technical assistance. The Program of Projects (attached) includes a list of projects and/or subrecipients.

- Project 1- The activities in Project 1 include operating expenses for the following subrecipients:
 - Advance Transit (AT)- 100% Federal Operating expenses; Administrative expenses; Preventive Maintenance; Operating Yellow line route (typically funded with Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Program)
 - Green Mountain Transit Rural (GMT)- 100% Federal Administrative expenses; Preventive Maintenance; Operating Mid-Day US-2 Commuter route (typically funded with Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Program)
 - Marble Valley Regional Transit District (MVRTD)- 100% Federal Operating expenses; Administrative expenses; Preventive Maintenance
 - Greyhound eligible operating expenses (15% Intercity requirement)
 - Premier eligible operating expenses (15% Intercity requirement)
- Project 2: Cover various Statewide RTAP training costs including- SFY22 Bus Rodeo; SFY22 Tri-State Conference; Procurement training; Professional Staff Certifications; Technical Assistance
- Project 3: Greyhound eligible operating expenses

In accordance with FTA's circulars 9040.1G and 9030.1E Preventive Maintenance and Administrative activities are considered operating costs. Per ARPA Act the grant requests 100% federal share and the activities in this application are not required to be programmed in the Long-Range Transportation Plan or Statewide Transportation Improvement Program.

Expected Outcomes:

The ARP funding allows VTrans to fund program costs at 100% Federal reducing the local match burden to the federal subrecipients. It also allows for continued support for expenses related to COVID-19. The ARP funding will provide operating assistance and support to public transportation in rural areas with populations of less than 50,000, where many residents often rely on public transit to reach their destinations. The program also provides funding for state and national training and technical assistance through the Rural Transportation Assistance Program and supports program costs for the Vermont Intercity providers.

Intended Beneficiaries:

The intended beneficiaries are the federal subrecipients, Vermont Intercity providers and the riding public. The ARP funding helps Vermont to maintain safe, reliable, friendly and accessible Public Transit services for all Vermonters. Vermont providers continue to maintain safety protocols on their buses, transit centers, administrative facilities, bus stops and shelters in an effort to maintain and improve the riding public's

confidence in Public Transit in the wake of some difficult times as a result of the recent pandemic. VTrans and the Vermont transit providers continue to aggressively advertise the benefits and safety of Public Transit.

VTrans is charged with managing all modes of transportation in Vermont and is authorized to do so under legislation, Title 25 §5094. (See attached). VTrans has oversight responsibility for the Department of Motor Vehicles, Aviation Section, Rail Program and all aspects of Highway and Bridges. VTrans agrees that if it receives Federal funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) or through a pass-through entity through the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, a different Federal agency, or insurance proceeds for any portion of a project activity approved for FTA funding under this Grant Agreement, it will provide written notification to FTA, and reimburse FTA for any Federal share that duplicates funding provided by FEMA, another Federal agency, or an insurance company.

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

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

Suballocation Funds: Recipient organization is directly allocated these funds and is eligible to apply for and receive these funds directly.

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

Application Budget

Total Application Budget: \$7,112,714.00

Amount of Federal Assistance Obligated for This FTA Action (in U.S. Dollars): \$7,112,714.00

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): \$7,112,714.00

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 (ARPA)	5311-10	20509	\$6,408,482
5311 - Rural Transit Assistance Program (ARPA)	5311-10A	20509	\$82,389
5311 (f) - Inter City Bus (ARPA)	5311-10D	20509	\$621,843
Local			\$0
Local/In-Kind			\$0
State			\$0
State/In-Kind			\$0
Other Federal			\$0
Transportation Development Credit			\$0

Adjustment		\$0
Total Eligible Cost		\$7,112,714

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

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:

TRANSPORTATION, VERMONT AGENCY OF