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

**Federal Transit Administration** 

# **Application**

Federal Award Identification Number (FAIN)	WV-2022-016-00
Temporary Application Number	1501-2021-8
Application Name	West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Public Transit (WVDOT) Section 5311 American Rescue Plan (ARP) Operating and RTAP
Application Status	Final Concurrence / Reservation
Application Budget Number	0

Period of Performance Start Date	N/A
Original Period of Performance End Date	9/30/2022
Current Period of Performance End Date	N/A Revision #: N/A

# **Part 1: Recipient Information**

# Name: TRANSPORTATION, WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF

Recipient ID	Recipient OST Type	Recipient Alias	UEI	DUNS
1501	State Agency	WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION		002213002

Location Type	Address	City	State	Zip
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### **Union Information**

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City	Charleston
State	WV
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# **Part 2: Application Information**

# Title: West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Public Transit (WVDOT) Section 5311 American Rescue Plan (ARP) Operating and RTAP

FAIN	Application Status	Application Type	Date Created	Last Updated Date	From TEAM?
WV-2022- 016-00	Final Concurrence / Reservation	Grant	9/23/2021	9/23/2021	No

#### **Application Executive Summary**

The West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Public Transit (WVDOT) is applying for FFY 2021 Section 5311 American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act funds in the amount of \$2,000,702, representing 100% Federal share of the total eligible amount.

This application utilizes ARP funding to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus. The application scope of work includes Operating Expenditures for the period of 4/14/2022 - 6/30/2022.

The ARPA has apportioned \$651,929 in Section 5311 funding, \$106,631 in Section 5311(b)(3) RTAP funding and \$1,242,142 in Section 5311(f) intercity bus funding, totaling \$2,000,702.

The projects include \$651,929 in operating assistance for ten (10) rural operators; \$106,631 in Rural Transit Assistance Program (RTAP) funding for training and technical assistance, and \$1,242,142 for the following intercity bus recipients: Barons Bus, Greyhound Lines, Inc. and Mountain Line Transit Authority. The total number of recipients funded in the POP include: thirteen (13) sub-recipients that include ten (10) rural operators and (3) intercity bus operators.

The WVDOT Section 5311 ARPA POP is attached to the grant under Application Documents.

The FTA approved the Section 5311 State Management Plan on 03/07/2019.

The Recipient 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

Per the ARP Act, the project(s) in this application is not required to be programmed in the Long-Range Transportation Program or Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this obligated funding will be to provide Section 5311 transit providers an opportunity to resolve any organizational hardship caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. The usage of this funding, at the 100% reimbursable rate, will be key to supporting any struggling transit providers.

ACTIVITIES TO BE PERFORMED: Activities to be performed are operating assistance for expenses which include wages and benefits, insurance, maintenance, parts and supplies, PPE, cleaning services and supplies, fuel and lubricants, and training and technical assistance through RTAP.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES: The expected outcomes of the utilization of this funding will be the continuation of safe, reliable public transportation by transit providers that have struggled under the circumstances of the COVID-19 pandemic.

INTENDED BENEFICIARIES: WVDOT transit agencies and citizens in the rural and non-urbanized areas of the state.

SUBRECIPIENT ACTIVITIES: The following thirteen (13) subrecipients are providers of rural transit service:

Bluefield Area Transit (McDowell, Mercer Counties), Buckwheat Express (Preston County), Central West Virginia Transit Authority (Harrison County), Randolph County Committee on Aging, Inc. dba Country Roads Transit (Randolph, Upshur Counties), Fairmont-Marion Transit Authority (Marion County), Barbour County Senior Citizens, Inc. dba Here and There Transit (Barbour County), Little Kanawha Transit Authority (Calhoun, Gilmer, Jackson and Roane Counties), Mountain Transit Authority (Fayette, Greenbrier, Nicholas, Pocahontas, and Webster Counties), Potomac Valley Transit Authority (Grant, Hampshire, Hardy, Mineral and Pendleton Counties) and TriRiver Transit (Boone, Lincoln, Logan, Mason and Wayne Counties); and, intercity operators, Greyhound Lines, Inc., Mountain Line Transit Authority and Barons Bus.

#### 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 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**

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# **Application Budget Control Totals**

Funding Source	Section of Statute	CFDA Number	Amount
5311 - Rural Transit Assistance Program (ARPA)	5311-10A	20509	\$106,631
5311 - Rural Area Formula (ARPA)	5311-10	20509	\$651,929
5311 (f) - Inter City Bus (ARPA)	5311-10D	20509	\$1,242,142
Local			\$0
Local/In-Kind			\$0
State			\$0
State/In-Kind			\$0
Other Federal			\$0
Transportation Development Credit			\$0
Adjustment			\$0
Total Eligible Cost			\$2,000,702

# **Application Budget**

Project Number		Budget Item	FTA Amount	Non- FTA Amount	Total Eligible Amount	Quantity
WV-2022-016- 01-00	300- 00 (300- A3)	OPERATING ASSISTANCE	\$651,929.00	\$0.00	\$651,929.00	0
WV-2022-016- 01-00		EMER RELIEF - OPERATING ASSIST - 100% Fed Share	\$651,929.00	\$0.00	\$651,929.00	0
WV-2022-016-	435-	RURAL TRANSIT ASST	\$100,000.00	\$0.00	\$100,000.00	0

02-00	00 (435- A1)	PROGRAM				
WV-2022-016- 02-00		43.50.01 TRAINING	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	\$50,000.00	0
WV-2022-016- 02-00		43.50.02 TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	\$50,000.00	0
WV-2022-016- 02-00	635- 00 (635- A2)	RURAL TRANSIT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM	\$6,631.00	\$0.00	\$6,631.00	0
WV-2022-016- 02-00		RELATED 43.50.04 SUPPORT SERVICES	\$6,631.00	\$0.00	\$6,631.00	0
WV-2022-016- 03-00	634- 00 (634- A4)	INTERCITY BUS TRANSPORTATION	\$1,242,142.00	\$0.00	\$1,242,142.00	0
WV-2022-016- 03-00		EMER RELIEF - OPERATING ASSIST - 100% Fed Share	\$1,242,142.00	\$0.00	\$1,242,142.00	0

# **Discretionary Allocations**

This application does not contain discretionary allocations.

# **Part 3: Project Information**

# Project Title: American Rescue Plan (ARP) Section 5311 Rural Operating Assistance

Project Number	Temporary Project Number	Date Created	Start Date	End Date
WV-2022-016-01-00	1501-2021-8-P1	9/23/2021	4/14/2022	9/30/2022

#### **Project Description**

This project will fund operating assistance for ten (10) rural operators. This project utilizes ARP funding to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus. Operating budgets are based on the systems' FY2022 operating expenses which were adversely affected by COVID-19. See the calculation of operating expenses worksheet which is attached under application documents.

The Federal share is 100%.

#### **Project Benefits**

This funding, at a 100% reimbursement, will allow the transit providers to recover from hardships imposed by the COVID pandemic and continue to provide safe, reliable public transportation.

#### **Additional Information**

None provided.

#### **Location Description**

Funds will be expended for the ten (10) listed systems in the following locations: Bluefield Area Transit, Bluefield, WV; Buckwheat Express, Kingwood, WV; Central WV Transit Authority, Clarksburg, WV; Country Roads Transit, Elkins, WV; Fairmont-Marion County Transit Authority, Fairmont, WV; Here and There Transit Authority, Philippi, WV; Little Kanawha Transit Authority, Mt. Zion, WV; Mountain Transit Authority, Summersville, WV; Potomac Valley Transit Authority, Petersburg, WV; and Tri-River Transit Authority, Hamlin, WV.

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

UZA Code	Area Name
540000	West Virginia

# **Congressional District Information**

State	District	Representative	
West Virginia	1	David B McKinley	
West Virginia	2	Alexander X Mooney	
West Virginia	3	Carol Miller	

# **Program Plan Information**

#### STIP/TIP

Date: Not Provided

Description: This project includes only operations, preventative maintenance, planning and/or capital projects with no substantial functional, location, or capacity change. Therefore, per the ARP Act, 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	\$651,929
Local			\$0
Local/In-Kind			\$0
State			\$0
State/In-Kind			\$0
Other Federal			\$0

Transportation Development Credit	\$0
Adjustment	\$0
Total Eligible Cost	\$651,929

# **Project Budget**

Project Number	Budget Item		FTA Amount	Non- FTA Amount	Total Eligible Amount	Quantity	
WV-2022-016-01- 00	300-00 (300- A3)	OPERATING ASSISTANCE	Ī	\$651,929.00	\$0.00	\$651,929.00	0
WV-2022-016-01- 00		30.09.08	EMER RELIEF - OPERATING ASSIST - 100% Fed Share	\$651,929.00	\$0.00	\$651,929.00	0

# **Project Budget Activity Line Items**

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**

Operating assistance from ARPA at 100% federal share due to COVID-19 impacts for the following transit agencies providing rural service:

Barbour County Senior Center, Inc. dba Here and There Transit

Bluefield Area Transit

Central West Virginia Transit Agency

Committee on Aging for Randolph County dba Country Roads Transit

Fairmont-Marion County Transit Authority

Mountain Transit Authority

Potomac Valley Transit Authority

Preston County Senior Citizens, Inc. dba Buckwheat Express

Little Kanawha Transit Authority

Tri-River Transit Authority

Operating assistance for ten (10) rural recipients will be utilized for expenses incurred for existing services, related to COVID-19 for the period 4/14/2022 - 12/30/2022. The expenditures include salaries, wages, benefits, maintenance, net operating expenses, administrative leave for operations employees and associated expanses.

The operating budget is based on the systems' FY2022 operating expenses which were adversely affected by COVID-19. See the calculation of operating expenses worksheet which is attached under Application Documents.

See the Program of Projects (POP) which is attached to this grant under Application Documents for additional details.

#### 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 (ARPA)	5311-10	20509	\$651,929
Local			\$0
Local/In-Kind			\$0
State			\$0
State/In-Kind			\$0
Other Federal			\$0
Transportation Development Credit			\$0
Adjustment			\$0
Total Eligible Cost			\$651,929

Milestone Name	Est. Completion Date	Description
Initial Expenditure	4/14/2022	
Final Expenditure	6/30/2022	
Project Closeout	9/30/2022	

# **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: American Rescue Plan (ARP) Section 5311 RTAP

Project Number	Temporary Project Number	<b>Date Created</b>	Start Date	End Date
WV-2022-016-02-00	1501-2021-8-P2	9/23/2021	4/14/2022	9/30/2023

#### **Project Description**

This project will fund the Rural Transit Assistance Program.

The Federal share is 100%.

#### **Project Benefits**

Eligible work activities under the RTAP allow transit providers to provide safe, efficient transportation options to the traveling public.

#### **Additional Information**

This funding, at a 100% reimbursement, will allow the transit providers to recover from hardships imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic.

This funding will benefit rural transit operators serving: Barbour, Boone, Calhoun, Fayette, Gilmer, Grant, Greenbrier, Hampshire, Hardy, Harrison, Jackson, Lincoln, Logan, Marion, Mason, McDowell, Mercer, Mineral, Nicholas, Pendleton, Pocahontas, Preston, Randolph, Roane, Upshur, Wayne and Webster Counties.

#### **Location Description**

This funding will benefit: Barbour, Boone, Calhoun, Fayette, Gilmer, Grant, Greenbrier, Hampshire, Hardy, Harrison, Jackson, Lincoln, Logan, Marion, Mason, McDowell, Mercer, Mineral, Nicholas, Pendleton, Pocahontas, Preston, Randolph, Roane, Upshur, Wayne and Webster Counties.

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

UZA Code	Area Name
540000	West Virginia

# **Congressional District Information**

State	District	Representative	
West Virginia	1	David B McKinley	
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West Virginia	3	Carol Miller	

# **Program Plan Information**

#### STIP/TIP

Date: Not Provided

Description: This project includes only operations, preventative maintenance, planning and/or capital projects with no substantial functional, location, or capacity change. Therefore, per the ARP Act, 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 Transit Assistance Program (ARPA)	5311-10A	20509	\$106,631
Local			\$0
Local/In-Kind			\$0
State			\$0
State/In-Kind			\$0
Other Federal			\$0
Transportation Development Credit			\$0
Adjustment			\$0
Total Eligible Cost			\$106,631

# **Project Budget**

Project Number	Budget Item		FTA Amount	Non- FTA Amount	Total Eligible Amount	Quantity
WV-2022-016- 02-00	435-00 (435- A1)	RURAL TRANSIT ASST PROGRAM	\$100,000.00	\$0.00	\$100,000.00	0
WV-2022-016- 02-00		43.50.01 TRAINING	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	\$50,000.00	0
WV-2022-016- 02-00		43.50.02 TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	\$50,000.00	0
WV-2022-016- 02-00	635-00 (635- A2)	RURAL TRANSIT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM	\$6,631.00	\$0.00	\$6,631.00	0
WV-2022-016- 02-00		RELATED 43.50.04 SUPPORT SERVICES	\$6,631.00	\$0.00	\$6,631.00	0

# **Project Budget Activity Line Items**

Budget Activity Line Item: 43.50.04 - RELATED SUPPORT SERVICES					
Scope Name / Code	Line Item #	Line Item Name	Activity	Quantity	

**ASST PROGRAM** 

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#### **Extended Budget Description**

This Activity Line Item funds Membership in the Multi-State Technical Assistance Program (MTAP), which helps the transit division within the DOT to solve technical problems and issues through a variety of peer exchange opportunities and helps division implement FTA policies and programs.

Please see the POP which is attached to this grant under Project Budget for additional details.

#### 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 Transit Assistance Program (ARPA)	5311-10A	20509	\$6,631
Local			\$0
Local/In-Kind			\$0
State			\$0
State/In-Kind			\$0
Other Federal			\$0
Transportation Development Credit			\$0
Adjustment			\$0
Total Eligible Cost			\$6,631

Milestone Name	Est. Completion Date	Description
Initial Expenditure	4/14/2022	
Final Expenditure	6/30/2022	
Project Closeout	9/30/2022	

#### Budget Activity Line Item: 43.50.02 - TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Scope Name / Code	Line Item #	Line Item Name	Activity	Quantity
RURAL TRANSIT ASST PROGRAM (435-00)	43.50.02	TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE	RURAL TRANSIT ASST PROGRAM	0

#### **Extended Budget Description**

This Activity Line Item funds the development of studies and reports to analyze and evaluate local transit systems' services and provide technical assistance to implement recommended changes, update coordination plans,

Please see the POP which is attached to this grant under Project Budget for additional details.

#### 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 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
Initial Expenditure	4/14/2022	
Final Expenditure	6/30/2022	
Project Closeout	9/30/2022	

Scope Name / Code	Line Item #	Line Item Name	Activity	Quantity
RURAL TRANSIT ASST PROGRAM (435-00)	43.50.01	TRAINING	RURAL TRANSIT ASST PROGRAM	0

#### **Extended Budget Description**

This Activity Line Item funds RTAP transit-related training courses, State-sponsored seminars, conferences and virtual instruction. Also provide local transit agencies with scholarships or fellowships to attend regional and national conferences and training courses.

Please see the POP which is attached to this grant under Project Budget for additional details.

# 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	<b>CFDA Number</b>	Amount
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

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Milestone Name	Est. Completion Date	Description

Initial Expenditure	4/14/2022	
Final Expenditure	6/30/2023	
Project Closeout	9/30/2023	

### **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	

# Project Title: American Rescue Plan (ARP) Section 5311 Intercity Bus Operating Assistance

Project Number	Temporary Project Number	<b>Date Created</b>	Start Date	End Date
WV-2022-016-03-00	1501-2021-8-P4	3/8/2022	4/14/2022	9/30/2022

#### **Project Description**

This project will fund operating assistance for three (3) intercity bus operators. This project utilizes ARP funding to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus. Operating budgets are based on the bus operators' FY2022 operating expenses which were adversely affected by COVID-19. See the calculation of operating expenses worksheet which is attached under application documents.

The Federal share is 100%.

#### **Project Benefits**

This funding will enable the intercity bus operators to address critical transit company needs and to continue to provide this service to the public in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

#### **Additional Information**

None provided.

#### **Location Description**

The three (3) intercity bus operators include Barons Bus (Brookpark, OH), Greyhound Lines, Dallas, TX and Mountain Line Transit Authority, Morgantown, WV. Service area is statewide.

# **Project Location (Urbanized Areas)**

UZA Code	Area Name
540000	West Virginia

# **Congressional District Information**

State	District	Representative	
West Virginia	1	David B McKinley	
West Virginia	2	Alexander X Mooney	
West Virginia	3	Carol Miller	

# **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**

Funding Source	Section of Statute	CFDA Number	Amount
5311 (f) - Inter City Bus (ARPA)	5311-10D	20509	\$1,242,142
Local			\$0
Local/In-Kind			\$0
State			\$0
State/In-Kind			\$0
Other Federal			\$0
Transportation Development Credit			\$0
Adjustment			\$0
Total Eligible Cost			\$1,242,142

# **Project Budget**

				Amount		
WV-2022-016- 03-00	634- 00 (634- A4)	INTERCITY BUS TRANSPORTATION	\$1,242,142.00	\$0.00	\$1,242,142.00	0
WV-2022-016- 03-00		BMER RELIEF - OPERATING ASSIST - 100% Fed Share	\$1,242,142.00	\$0.00	\$1,242,142.00	0

# **Project Budget Activity Line Items**

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**

Operating assistance from ARPA at 100% federal share due to COVID-19 impacts for the following operators providing intercity bus service:

Barons Bus Greyhound Lines, Inc. Mountain Line Transit Authority

Operating assistance for these recipients will be utilized for expenses incurred for existing services, related to COVID-19 for the period 4/14/2022 - 12/30/2022. The expenditures include salaries, wages, benefits, net operating expenses, administrative leave for operations employees and associated expenses.

The operating budget is based on the systems' FY2022 operating expenses which were adversely affected by COVID-19. See the calculation of operating expenses worksheet which is attached under Application Documents.

See the Program of Projects (POP) which is attached to this grant under Application Documents for additional details.

#### 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 (f) - Inter City Bus (ARPA)	5311-10D	20509	\$1,242,142
Local			\$0
Local/In-Kind			\$0
State			\$0
State/In-Kind			\$0

Total Eligible Cost	\$1,242,142
Adjustment	\$0
Transportation Development Credit	\$0
Other Federal	\$0

Milestone Name	Est. Completion Date	Description
Initial Expenditure	4/14/2022	
Final Expenditure	6/30/2022	
Project Closeout	9/30/2022	

# **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 Michele DeAngelis

Comment Type	DOL Review for Information
Date	5/31/2022
Comment	N/A

### **Application Review Comments**

#### Comment By Michele DeAngelis

Comment Type Pre-Award Manager Returns Application

Date 3/7/2022

Comment comments via email

#### Comment By Michele DeAngelis

Comment Type Pre-Award Manager Returns Application

Date 5/3/2022 Comment see email

# 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, WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF

Recipient ID: 1501

<u>UEI:</u>

DUNS: 002213002

#### **Application Information**

Federal Award Identification Number: WV-2022-016-00

<u>Application Name:</u> West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Public Transit (WVDOT) Section 5311 American Rescue Plan (ARP) Operating and RTAP

Application Start Date: N/A

Original Award End Date: 9/30/2022

Current Award End Date: N/A

<u>Application Executive Summary:</u> The West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Public Transit (WVDOT) is applying for FFY 2021 Section 5311 American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act funds in the amount of \$2,000,702, representing 100% Federal share of the total eligible amount.

This application utilizes ARP funding to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus. The application scope of work includes Operating Expenditures for the period of 4/14/2022 - 6/30/2022.

The ARPA has apportioned \$651,929 in Section 5311 funding, \$106,631 in Section 5311(b)(3) RTAP funding and \$1,242,142 in Section 5311(f) intercity bus funding, totaling \$2,000,702.

The projects include \$651,929 in operating assistance for ten (10) rural operators; \$106,631 in Rural Transit Assistance Program (RTAP) funding for training and technical assistance, and \$1,242,142 for the following intercity bus recipients: Barons Bus, Greyhound Lines, Inc. and Mountain Line Transit Authority. The total number of recipients funded in the POP include: thirteen (13) sub-recipients that include ten (10) rural operators and (3) intercity bus operators.

The WVDOT Section 5311 ARPA POP is attached to the grant under Application Documents.

The FTA approved the Section 5311 State Management Plan on 03/07/2019.

The Recipient 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

Per the ARP Act, the project(s) in this application is not required to be programmed in the Long-Range Transportation Program or Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this obligated funding will be to provide Section 5311 transit providers an opportunity to resolve any organizational hardship caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. The usage of this funding, at the 100% reimbursable rate, will be key to supporting any struggling transit providers.

ACTIVITIES TO BE PERFORMED: Activities to be performed are operating assistance for expenses which include wages and benefits, insurance, maintenance, parts and supplies, PPE, cleaning services and supplies, fuel and lubricants, and training and technical assistance through RTAP.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES: The expected outcomes of the utilization of this funding will be the continuation of safe, reliable public transportation by transit providers that have struggled under the circumstances of the COVID-19 pandemic.

INTENDED BENEFICIARIES: WVDOT transit agencies and citizens in the rural and non-urbanized areas of the state.

SUBRECIPIENT ACTIVITIES: The following thirteen (13) subrecipients are providers of rural transit service:

Bluefield Area Transit (McDowell, Mercer Counties), Buckwheat Express (Preston County), Central West Virginia Transit Authority (Harrison County), Randolph County Committee on Aging, Inc. dba Country Roads Transit (Randolph, Upshur Counties), Fairmont-Marion Transit Authority (Marion County), Barbour County Senior Citizens, Inc. dba Here and There Transit (Barbour County), Little Kanawha Transit Authority (Calhoun, Gilmer, Jackson and Roane Counties), Mountain Transit Authority (Fayette, Greenbrier, Nicholas, Pocahontas, and Webster Counties), Potomac Valley Transit Authority (Grant, Hampshire, Hardy, Mineral and Pendleton Counties) and TriRiver Transit (Boone, Lincoln, Logan, Mason and Wayne Counties); and, intercity operators, Greyhound Lines, Inc., Mountain Line Transit Authority and Barons Bus.

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.

<u>Pre-Award Authority:</u> This award is using Pre-Award Authority.

#### **Application Budget**

Total Application Budget: \$2,000,702.00

Amount of Federal Assistance Obligated for This FTA Action (in U.S. Dollars): \$2,000,702.00

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): \$2,000,702.00

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	\$651,929
5311 - Rural Transit Assistance Program (ARPA)	5311-10A	20509	\$106,631
5311 (f) - Inter City Bus (ARPA)	5311-10D	20509	\$1,242,142
Local			\$0
Local/In-Kind			\$0
State			\$0
State/In-Kind			\$0
Other Federal			\$0
Transportation Development Credit			\$0
Adjustment			\$0
Total Eligible Cost			\$2,000,702

(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, WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF