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U.S. Department of Transportation

Federal Transit Administration

## Application

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| <b>Federal Award Identification Number (FAIN)</b> | AK-2025-020  |
| <b>Application Number</b>                         | AK-2025-020-00   |
| <b>Temporary Application Number</b>               | 7320-2025-1  |
| <b>Award Name</b>                                 | FY 2024 Section 5311 Discretionary - Bus Purchase and Operating Assistance |
| <b>Application Status</b>                         | Final Concurrence / Reservation  |
| <b>Budget Revisions</b>                           | 0  |

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|---|----------|---------------|---------------|
| Period of Performance Start Date        | N/A      |               |               |
| Original Period of Performance End Date | 1/1/2026 |               |               |
| Current Period of Performance End Date  | 1/1/2026 | Revision #: 0 | Approved?: No |

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|---------------------------------|----------|
| <b>Budget Period Start Date</b> | N/A      |
| <b>Budget Period End Date</b>   | 1/1/2026 |

## Part 1: Recipient Information

**Name: NINILCHIK VILLAGE**

| Recipient ID | Recipient OST Type | Recipient Alias | UEI          | DUNS      |
|--------------|--------------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------|
| 7320         | Indian Tribe       | Ninilchik       | NSWNL2KAJA55 | 614159697 |

| Location Type    | Address            | City      | State | Zip   |
|------------------|--------------------|-----------|-------|-------|
| Mailing Address  | P.O. BOX 39070     | NINILCHIK | AK    | 99639 |
| Physical Address | 15910 STERLING HWY | NINILCHIK | AK    | 99639 |

## Union Information

There are no union contacts for this application

## Part 2: Application Information

### Title: FY 2024 Section 5311 Discretionary - Bus Purchase and Operating Assistance

| Application Number | Application Status              | Award Type | Application Cost Center | Date Created | Last Updated Date | From TEAM? |
|--------------------|---------------------------------|------------|-------------------------|--------------|-------------------|------------|
| AK-2025-020-00     | Final Concurrence / Reservation | Grant      | Region 10               | 2/3/2025     | 2/3/2025          | No         |

#### Application Executive Summary

This grant application includes \$509,038 in FY 2024 Section 5311 TTP Discretionary Funding for operating assistance, project administration, and rolling stock procurement.

#### 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.

## Award Description

#### Purpose

This grant application includes \$509,038 in FY 2024 Section 5311 TTP Discretionary Funding to create an

affordable transportation choice that serves the general community, non-drivers, senior citizens, and people with special needs. Expanding the service will connect people daily to local educational institutions, medical and dental care facilities, employment opportunities, and commerce while hopefully decreasing the overall economic burden of transportation to the rural residents of the Ninilchik Village. The expansion of the program includes obtaining a replacement bus that will provide daily transportation to the north and south locality of Ninilchik and expanding the transportation services from 3 days per week to 5 days per week.

**Activities to be performed:**

The activities of this grant include obtaining a replacement bus, hiring a driver, workforce development, travel for training at the National Transit Institute, and performing maintenance.

**Expected outcomes:**

The projected outcomes of this grant are expanding the regularly scheduled service for commuters, reducing local emissions, promoting efficient travel, and reducing accidents on the Kenai Peninsula. Expanding transit service will connect people daily to local educational institutions, medical and dental care facilities, employment opportunities, and commerce while hopefully decreasing the overall economic burden of transportation to the rural residents of the Ninilchik Village.

**Intended beneficiaries:**

The intended beneficiaries include transit users from the Ninilchik Village and neighboring communities of Clam Gulch, Kasilof, Kenai, Soldotna, Happy Valley, and Anchor Point. Ninilchik is centrally located on the Kenai Peninsula and is an ideal location for a transportation hub. Connecting routes, through these communities, provides access to smaller communities along the way and provide for the fundamental need of the Alaska Native community to interact with a modern world using a sustainable transportation system. The service provides transportation choices to a combined population of approximately 26,000 people of which 19% are elderly (2020 Census).

**Subrecipient Activities:**

None

## Application Point of Contact Information

| First Name | Last Name   | Title                             | E-mail Address                | Phone          |
|------------|-------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|
| Sydney     | Dratel      | Grants Management Specialist      | Sydney.Dratel@dot.gov         | (206) 220-7536 |
| Darrel     | Williams    | Resource Director                 | darrel@ninilchiktribe-nsn.gov | 907-567-3815   |
| Gavin      | Fortenberry | Transportation Program Specialist | Gavin.Fortenberry@dot.gov     | (206) 220-7525 |

## Application Budget Control Totals

| Funding Source                    | Section of Statute | CFDA Number | Amount    |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|-------------|-----------|
| 5311 - Tribal Transit Competitive | 5311-1C            | 20509       | \$509,038 |
| Local                             |                    |             | \$0       |
| Local/In-Kind                     |                    |             | \$0       |

|                                   |  |  |                  |
|-----------------------------------|--|--|------------------|
| State                             |  |  | \$0              |
| State/In-Kind                     |  |  | \$0              |
| Other Federal                     |  |  | \$0              |
| Transportation Development Credit |  |  | \$0              |
| Adjustment                        |  |  | \$0              |
| <b>Total Eligible Cost</b>        |  |  | <b>\$509,038</b> |

### Application Budget

| Project Number    | Budget Item  | FTA Amount   | Non-FTA Amount | Total Eligible Amount | Quantity |
|-------------------|--|--------------|----------------|-----------------------|----------|
| AK-2025-020-01-00 | 600-00 (600-A1) OTHER PROGRAM COSTS  | \$262,785.00 | \$0.00         | \$262,785.00          | 1        |
| AK-2025-020-01-00 | 11.12.03 BUY REPLACEMENT 30-FT BUS (FY 2024 Section 5311 TTP Discretionary 100:0) (00) | \$262,785.00 | \$0.00         | \$262,785.00          | 1        |
| AK-2025-020-02-00 | 600-00 (600-A2) OTHER PROGRAM COSTS  | \$246,253.00 | \$0.00         | \$246,253.00          | 0        |
| AK-2025-020-02-00 | 30.09.01 Operating Assistance (FY 2024 Section 5311 TTP Discretionary 100:0) (00)      | \$246,253.00 | \$0.00         | \$246,253.00          | 0        |

### Discretionary Allocations

| Discretionary ID | Project Title   | Amount Applied | Application Number |
|------------------|---|----------------|--------------------|
| D2025-TRTR-005   | One replacement bus and operating expenses for a service expansion. | \$509,038      | AK-2025-020-00     |

### Part 3: Project Information

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|---|--------------------------|--------------|------------|----------|
| <b>Project Title: FY 2024 Section 5311 Discretionary - Bus Purchase</b> |                          |              |            |          |
| Project Number  | Temporary Project Number | Date Created | Start Date | End Date |

AK-2025-020-01-00

7320-2025-1-P1

2/3/2025

5/1/2025

5/30/2025

**Project Description**

This project includes \$262,785 in FY 2024 Section 5311 Tribal Transit Discretionary funding with a 0 percent match to purchase an approximately 30-foot replacement bus.

**Project Benefits**

The benefits of this project include creating an affordable transportation choice that serves the general community, non-drivers, senior citizens, and people with special needs. Expanding transit service will connect people daily to local educational institutions, medical and dental care facilities, employment opportunities, and commerce while hopefully decreasing the overall economic burden of transportation to the rural residents of the Ninilchik Village.

**Additional Information**

This program is for replacing a bus that has exceeded its service life.

**Location Description**

The proposed project location is in Ninilchik Alaska, located on the Kenai Peninsula approximately 200 miles south of Anchorage Alaska. The project is in Congressional District 01 and consists of the development of a transit system to provide transportation service in rural Alaska to urban service areas. The proposed program objective is to provide a service to connect the rural community with their destinations while reducing transportation costs, reduced local emissions, decrease local miles traveled vs. accident ratios, and increase connections to urban services.

**Project Location (Urbanized Areas)**

| UZA Code | Area Name |
|----------|-----------|
| 020000   | Alaska    |

**Congressional District Information**

| District | State  |
|----------|--------|
| 1        | Alaska |

**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 |
|----------------|--------------------|-------------|--------|
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|-----------------------------------|---------|-------|------------------|
| 5311 - Tribal Transit Competitive | 5311-1C | 20509 | \$262,785        |
| Local                             |         |       | \$0              |
| Local/In-Kind                     |         |       | \$0              |
| State                             |         |       | \$0              |
| State/In-Kind                     |         |       | \$0              |
| Other Federal                     |         |       | \$0              |
| Transportation Development Credit |         |       | \$0              |
| Adjustment                        |         |       | \$0              |
| <b>Total Eligible Cost</b>        |         |       | <b>\$262,785</b> |

## Project Budget

| Project Number    |                 | Budget Item  | FTA Amount   | Non-FTA Amount | Total Eligible Amount | Quantity |
|-------------------|-----------------|--|--------------|----------------|-----------------------|----------|
| AK-2025-020-01-00 | 600-00 (600-A1) | OTHER PROGRAM COSTS  | \$262,785.00 | \$0.00         | \$262,785.00          | 1        |
| AK-2025-020-01-00 |                 | 11.12.03 BUY REPLACEMENT 30-FT BUS (FY 2024 Section 5311 TTP Discretionary 100:0) (00) | \$262,785.00 | \$0.00         | \$262,785.00          | 1        |

## Project Budget Activity Line Items

**Budget Activity Line Item: 11.12.03 - BUY REPLACEMENT 30-FT BUS (FY 2024 Section 5311 TTP Discretionary 100:0) (00)**

| Scope Name / Code            | Line Item # | Line Item Name            | Activity                       | Quantity |
|------------------------------|-------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|----------|
| OTHER PROGRAM COSTS (600-00) | 11.12.03    | BUY REPLACEMENT 30-FT BUS | BUY REPLACEMENTS - CAPITAL BUS | 1        |

### Extended Budget Description

This activity line item includes \$262,785 to purchase 1 approximately 30-foot replacement diesel bus, install vinyl Decals and logo installation, winter tires, shipping (drive and barge), install bike rack, and purchase ADA wheelchair locks.

### MATCH RATIO

The federal-to-local match ratio is 100:0.

STIP

There is no STIP requirement for 5311 TTP Funds, 9040.1G Page X-3 #10. Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and/or Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Requirement.

#### USEFUL LIFE

The expected useful life for a 30-ft replacement bus is 10 years and 350,000 miles.

#### 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 - Tribal Transit Competitive | 5311-1C            | 20509       | \$262,785        |
| Local                             |                    |             | \$0              |
| Local/In-Kind                     |                    |             | \$0              |
| State                             |                    |             | \$0              |
| State/In-Kind                     |                    |             | \$0              |
| Other Federal                     |                    |             | \$0              |
| Transportation Development Credit |                    |             | \$0              |
| Adjustment                        |                    |             | \$0              |
| <b>Total Eligible Cost</b>        |                    |             | <b>\$262,785</b> |

| Milestone Name           | Est. Completion Date | Description          |
|--------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| RFP/IFB Issue Date       | 5/1/2025             | Issue Bid.           |
| Contract Award Date      | 5/14/2025            | Contract Award date. |
| Delivery Date            | 5/28/2025            |                      |
| Contract Completion Date | 5/30/2025            |                      |

## 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 07: Acquisition, installation, rehabilitation, replacement, and maintenance of vehicles or equipment, within or accommodated by existing facilities, that does not result in a change in functional use of the facilities, such as: equipment to be located within existing facilities and with no substantial off-site impacts; and vehicles, including buses, rail cars, trolley cars, ferry boats and people movers that can be accommodated by existing facilities or by new facilities that qualify for a categorical exclusion.

| Date Description | Date |
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| Class IIc CE Approved |
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| 2/7/2025 |
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| Scope Name / Code            | Line Item Number | Line Item Name  | Quantity | FTA Amount   | Total Eligible Cost |
|------------------------------|------------------|---|----------|--------------|---------------------|
| OTHER PROGRAM COSTS (600-00) | 11.12.03         | BUY REPLACEMENT 30-FT BUS (FY 2024 Section 5311 TTP Discretionary 100:0) (00) | 1        | \$262,785.00 | \$262,785.00        |

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| <b>Project Title: FY 2024 Section 5311 Discretionary - Operating Assistance</b> |
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| Project Number    | Temporary Project Number | Date Created | Start Date | End Date  |
|-------------------|--------------------------|--------------|------------|-----------|
| AK-2025-020-02-00 | 7320-2025-1-P4           | 4/2/2025     | 9/30/2025  | 10/1/2025 |

**Project Description**

This project includes \$246,253 of FY 2024 5311 TTP Discretionary funding for operating assistance needed to cover the costs of the expansion of the service from 3 days a week to 5 days a week.

**Project Benefits**

The project benefits will be the increase the amount of service during each week that will create a larger schedule for passengers who use the bus. This aligns with the proposed program objective is to provide a service to connect the rural community with their destinations while reducing transportation costs, reduced local emissions, decrease local miles traveled vs. accident ratios, and increase connections to urban services.

**Additional Information**

*None provided.*

**Location Description**

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**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           |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|-------------|------------------|
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| Local/In-Kind                     |                    |             | \$0              |
| State                             |                    |             | \$0              |
| State/In-Kind                     |                    |             | \$0              |
| Other Federal                     |                    |             | \$0              |
| Transportation Development Credit |                    |             | \$0              |
| Adjustment                        |                    |             | \$0              |
| <b>Total Eligible Cost</b>        |                    |             | <b>\$246,253</b> |

**Project Budget**

| Project Number    |                 | Budget Item  | FTA Amount   | Non-FTA Amount | Total Eligible Amount | Quantity |
|-------------------|-----------------|--|--------------|----------------|-----------------------|----------|
| AK-2025-020-02-00 | 600-00 (600-A2) | OTHER PROGRAM COSTS  | \$246,253.00 | \$0.00         | \$246,253.00          | 0        |
| AK-2025-020-02-00 | 30.09.01        | Operating Assistance (FY 2024 Section 5311 TTP Discretionary 100:0) (00) | \$246,253.00 | \$0.00         | \$246,253.00          | 0        |

**Project Budget Activity Line Items**

**Budget Activity Line Item: 30.09.01 - Operating Assistance (FY 2024 Section 5311 TTP Discretionary 100:0) (00)**

| Scope Name / Code            | Line Item # | Line Item Name          | Activity             | Quantity |
|------------------------------|-------------|-------------------------|----------------------|----------|
| OTHER PROGRAM COSTS (600-00) | 30.09.01    | UP TO 50% FEDERAL SHARE | OPERATING ASSISTANCE | 0        |

#### Extended Budget Description

This activity line item includes \$246,253 in FY 2024 Section 5311 TTP Discretionary funding for operating assistance activities.

#### MATCH RATIO

Federal/non-federal match ratio for this grant is 100:0.

#### STIP

There is no STIP requirement for 5311 TTP Funds, 9040.1G Page X-3 #10. Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and/or Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Requirement.

#### 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           |
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| Local/In-Kind                     |                    |             | \$0              |
| State                             |                    |             | \$0              |
| State/In-Kind                     |                    |             | \$0              |
| Other Federal                     |                    |             | \$0              |
| Transportation Development Credit |                    |             | \$0              |
| Adjustment                        |                    |             | \$0              |
| <b>Total Eligible Cost</b>        |                    |             | <b>\$246,253</b> |

| Milestone Name | Est. Completion Date | Description |
|----------------|----------------------|-------------|
| End Date       | 9/30/2025            | End Date    |
| Start Date     | 10/1/2025            | Start Date  |

## 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 | 2/7/2025 |

| Scope Name / Code            | Line Item Number | Line Item Name   | Quantity | FTA Amount   | Total Eligible Cost |
|------------------------------|------------------|--|----------|--------------|---------------------|
| OTHER PROGRAM COSTS (600-00) | 30.09.01         | Operating Assistance (FY 2024 Section 5311 TTP Discretionary 100:0) (00) | 0        | \$246,253.00 | \$246,253.00        |

## Part 4: Fleet Details

No fleet data exists for this application.

## Part 5: FTA Review Comments

### FTA Comments for DOL

Comment By Sydney Dratel

Comment Type DOL Review for Information

Date 6/24/2025

Comment

### Application Review Comments

Comment By Sydney Dratel

Comment Type Pre-Award Manager Returns Application

Date 2/5/2025

Comment

Comment By Danielle Casey

Comment Type Pre-Award Manager Returns Application

Date 3/19/2025

Comment Returning to recipient for revisions.

Comment By Danielle Casey

Comment Pre-Award Manager Returns Application

Type

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| Date | 4/2/2025 |
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Comment

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**Comment By Sydney Dratel**

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| Comment Type | Pre-Award Manager Returns Application |
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| Date | 4/2/2025 |
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| Comment | Please adjust the scope codes for projects 2 and 3, as described via email. Thank you! |
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**Comment By Sydney Dratel**

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| Comment Type | Pre-Award Manager Returns Application |
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| Date | 4/3/2025 |
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| Comment | Returning to address indirect scope code change. |
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**Comment By Sydney Dratel**

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| Comment Type | Pre-Award Manager Returns Application |
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| Date | 4/18/2025 |
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| Comment | Returning to recipient in order to remove indirect cost line item and update dollar figures to match approved SF-424 Supplemental Form. |
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