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Application

Federal Award Identification Number (FAIN)	IN-2025-013
Application Number	IN-2025-013-00
Temporary Application Number	1189-2025-2
Award Name	Section 5311 Operating Assistance, Intercity Bus, RTAP, and Section 5339 Vehicle Replacement and Expansion
Application Status	Final Concurrence / Reservation
Budget Revisions	0

Period of Performance Start Date	N/A		
Original Period of Performance End Date	12/31/2028		
Current Period of Performance End Date	12/31/2028	Revision #: 0	Approved?: No

Budget Period Start Date	N/A
Budget Period End Date	12/31/2028

Part 1: Recipient Information

Name: INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Recipient ID	Recipient OST Type	Recipient Alias	UEI	DUNS
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Location Type	Address	City	State	Zip
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Union Information

There are no union contacts for this application

Part 2: Application Information

Title: Section 5311 Operating Assistance, Intercity Bus, RTAP, and Section 5339 Vehicle Replacement and Expansion

Application Number	Application Status	Award Type	Application Cost Center	Date Created	Last Updated Date	From TEAM?
IN-2025-013-00	Final Concurrence / Reservation	Grant	Region 5	5/28/2025	5/28/2025	No

Application Executive Summary

This application requests federal funding under Section 5311 and Section 5339 programs, allocated to the State of Indiana, to support rural and intercity transit services. Specifically, it seeks \$24,466,218 in Section 5311 funds and \$4,865,585 in Section 5339 funds, totaling \$29,331,803 in federal investment to enhance public transportation infrastructure across the state.

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) is the Designated Recipient of these funds, and no portion of the allocation is being sub-allocated. These resources will be utilized to provide operating assistance for 40 rural transit providers, ensuring the continuation of critical transportation services for residents in rural communities. Additionally, funding will support operating assistance for 3 intercity bus providers, helping to maintain essential connectivity between rural and urban centers. A key component of this grant includes the procurement of 50 replacement transit vehicles to modernize fleets and improve service reliability, along with 6 expansion vehicles to accommodate increasing demand and broaden service coverage.

This grant application represents a total funding request of \$54,238,761, consisting of \$29,331,803 in federal funds and \$24,906,958 in local matching funds. The federal funds included in this request are allocated as follows:

Section 5311 (FFY 2023): \$17,401,281 for rural transit operating assistance

Section 5311 (FFY 2024): \$2,268,811 for rural transit operating assistance

Section 5311 (FFY 2024): \$4,378,235 for intercity operating assistance

Section 5311 (FFY 2024): \$417,891 for Rural Transit Assistance Program (RTAP) (b)(3)

Section 5339 (FY 2024): \$2,644,247 for replacement vehicles

Section 5339 (FY 2025): \$1,672,238 for replacement vehicles

Section 5339 (FY 2025): \$549,100 for expansion vehicles

Total Federal Funding: \$29,331,803

By investing in public transit through this grant, INDOT aims to enhance mobility options for rural communities, improve service quality and efficiency, and support sustainable transportation infrastructure throughout Indiana. These funds will ensure the continued availability of safe and reliable transit services,

promoting economic growth, accessibility, and connectivity for residents who depend on these transportation networks.

The local match for these projects will be sourced from a diverse range of funding streams, ensuring strong financial support for rural transit initiatives across Indiana. Funding contributions will come from city and county governments, local agency general funds, Title III programs, Medicaid, and the state Public Mass Transportation Fund (PMTF). These combined resources will help sustain critical transit services, allowing rural communities to maintain and improve accessibility for residents. Additionally, the local match for the three Intercity Bus Projects will be provided as an in-kind match by Greyhound, supporting connectivity between rural and urban areas.

To ensure transparency and compliance, several key attachments accompany this application. These include the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) documentation, which has a federal approval date of September 1, 2023, demonstrating alignment with federal and state planning.

The Program of Projects (POP) is divided into Operating POP #1 and Vehicle POP #2, outlining funding allocations and project objectives. Additional supporting documents include the Section 5311/5339 State Management Plan, the Department of Labor (DOL) Letter of Assurance, and a labor compliance spreadsheet.

Also included are the INDOT Intercity Bus Study, Intercity Bus In-Kind Match support documentation, and the INDOT 2023 Transit Asset Management Plan, which provides a strategic framework for statewide transit resource management. Additionally, this application includes the list of replacement vehicles, detailing key specifications such as age, mileage, and identification numbers, as well as the long-range plan, which outlines future transit priorities and strategic initiatives.

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?

Yes, this Grant will 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

Yes, this application requires E.O. 12372 Review

State Application ID: Section 5311: Application ID 327271 and the Section 5339 ID 327272

Date Received by State: 3/7/2025 7:00 PM EST

Delinquent Federal Debt

No, my organization does not have delinquent federal debt.

Award Description

Purpose

The primary goal of this award is to support and enhance rural transit services throughout Indiana by providing both operating assistance and technical guidance to transit operators. This funding is designed to strengthen mobility options in rural communities, ensuring access to reliable transportation for residents who depend on these services. Additionally, the award facilitates the replacement of aging transit vehicles and supports the expansion of fleets to accommodate growing transportation needs. By investing in modern and efficient transit solutions, this initiative aims to improve service quality, increase accessibility, and promote sustainable transit infrastructure across Indiana.

Activities to be performed:

This award supports a comprehensive set of activities aimed at enhancing rural transit services across Indiana. It provides vital operating assistance to rural transit systems, ensuring they can maintain reliable transportation services for residents who depend on them. Additionally, it offers technical assistance to transit operators, equipping them with the necessary resources, training, and expertise to improve operational efficiency and service quality. A key component of this initiative is the procurement of transit vehicles, including the replacement of aging fleets and the acquisition of new vehicles to meet expanding transportation demands. By investing in these areas, this award promotes sustainable mobility solutions, strengthens public transportation networks, and fosters greater accessibility in rural communities across the state.

Expected outcomes:

The expected outcome of this award is to strengthen rural transit systems across Indiana by providing essential funding for operating assistance, vehicle replacement, and fleet expansion. This investment will ensure that rural communities have access to reliable, efficient, and sustainable transportation options, enabling residents to connect to jobs, healthcare, education, and other vital services.

By supporting operating assistance, this award allows transit providers to maintain and enhance their services, ensuring consistent accessibility for those who rely on public transportation. Funding for vehicle replacement enables transit agencies to upgrade aging fleets, reducing maintenance costs and improving service quality with modern, fuel-efficient, and ADA-compliant vehicles. Additionally, funding for fleet expansion supports the growth of transit systems, allowing agencies to accommodate increasing demand and serve a broader population.

Through these initiatives, the award aims to strengthen the public transportation network and contribute to the long-term sustainability and accessibility of rural transit in Indiana.

Intended beneficiaries:

The intended beneficiaries of this award are the citizens living in rural areas across the state of Indiana. These individuals often face unique transportation challenges due to limited access to public transit services, making reliable mobility options essential for their daily lives. By supporting rural transit systems, this award directly benefits residents who depend on these services for commuting to work, attending medical appointments, accessing educational opportunities, and engaging in community activities.

Additionally, this funding helps ensure that rural communities receive the same level of accessibility and service quality as urban areas. Improved transit options contribute to economic development by connecting people to jobs and local businesses, fostering greater participation in social and economic activities.

Overall, this initiative seeks to enhance the quality of life for rural residents, ensuring they have dependable, safe, and efficient transportation that meets their evolving needs and strengthens community connectivity across Indiana.

Subrecipient Activities:

The subrecipient activities involve delivering essential public transit services to rural communities across Indiana while ensuring full compliance with all Federal Transit Administration (FTA) rules and regulations. These activities include operating and managing transit routes that serve residents in underserved areas, providing reliable and accessible transportation options for individuals traveling to work, medical appointments, educational institutions, and other essential destinations.

Subrecipients are responsible for maintaining safe and efficient transit operations, including scheduling, fare collection, vehicle maintenance, and customer service initiatives that enhance rider experience. Additionally, they must ensure adherence to FTA guidelines regarding accessibility, safety standards, and financial reporting, demonstrating responsible stewardship of federal funding. Compliance efforts also involve participating in audits, submitting required documentation, and implementing policies that align with federal, state, and local transit regulations.

By fulfilling these responsibilities, subrecipients contribute to a well-functioning and sustainable rural transit network, fostering connectivity and improving mobility for residents across the state.

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Application Budget Control Totals

Funding Source	Section of Statute	CFDA Number	Amount
5311 - Rural Area Formula	5311-1A	20509	\$24,466,218
5339 – Buses and Bus Facilities Formula	5339-1	20526	\$4,865,585
Local			\$20,528,723
Local/In-Kind			\$4,378,235
State			\$0
State/In-Kind			\$0
Other Federal			\$0
Transportation Development Credit			\$0
Adjustment			\$0
Total Eligible Cost			\$54,238,761

Application Budget

Project Number	Budget Item	FTA Amount	Non-FTA Amount	Total Eligible Amount	Quantity
IN-2025-013-01-00	600-00 (600-A1) OTHER PROGRAM COSTS	\$19,670,092.00	\$19,670,092.00	\$39,340,184.00	0
IN-2025-013-01-00	30.09.01 UP TO 50% FEDERAL SHARE	\$19,670,092.00	\$19,670,092.00	\$39,340,184.00	0
IN-2025-013-02-00	634-00 (634-A2) INTERCITY BUS TRANSPORTATION	\$4,378,235.00	\$4,378,235.00	\$8,756,470.00	0
IN-2025-013-02-00	30.09.01 UP TO 50% FEDERAL SHARE	\$4,378,235.00	\$4,378,235.00	\$8,756,470.00	0
IN-2025-013-03-00	635-00 (635-A3) RURAL TRANSIT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM	\$417,891.00	\$0.00	\$417,891.00	0
IN-2025-013-03-00	43.50.02 TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE	\$417,891.00	\$0.00	\$417,891.00	0
IN-2025-013-04-00	111-00 (111-A4) BUS - ROLLING STOCK	\$4,316,485.00	\$761,731.00	\$5,078,216.00	50
IN-2025-013-04-00	11.12.04 BUY REPLACEMENT <30 FT BUS	\$4,316,485.00	\$761,731.00	\$5,078,216.00	50
IN-2025-013-05-00	111-00 (111-A5) BUS - ROLLING STOCK	\$549,100.00	\$96,900.00	\$646,000.00	6
IN-2025-013-05-00	11.13.04 BUY <30-FT BUS FOR EXPANSION	\$549,100.00	\$96,900.00	\$646,000.00	6

Discretionary Allocations

This application does not contain discretionary allocations.

Part 3: Project Information

Project Title: FFY 2023 and FFY 2024 Section 5311 Operating Assistance

Project Number	Temporary Project Number	Date Created	Start Date	End Date
IN-2025-013-01-00	1189-2025-2-P1	5/30/2025	1/1/2026	3/31/2028

Project Description

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) is making use of Section 5311 Apportionment Funding for Federal Fiscal Years (FFY) 2023 and 2024, allocating \$17,401,281 for FFY 2023 and \$2,268,811 for FFY 2024. This funding is designated to support Indiana's 40 rural transit systems, ensuring they can continue to provide vital transportation services to communities across the state. The funds will assist with essential operating costs, including driver salaries, fuel, insurance, and vehicle maintenance, helping to sustain reliable and accessible transit options for residents in rural areas. By investing in these critical resources, INDOT aims to strengthen public transportation infrastructure and improve mobility for those who depend on these services.

Project Benefits

The primary benefit of this project is to help offset the operating costs for Indiana's rural transit agencies across the state. By providing financial support, the initiative ensures that these agencies can continue delivering reliable and accessible transportation services to residents in rural areas. The funding helps cover essential expenses such as fuel, driver salaries, insurance, and maintenance, allowing transit systems to operate efficiently while keeping services affordable for the communities they serve. Ultimately, this investment strengthens public transit infrastructure, enhances mobility options, and supports economic and social connectivity for individuals who rely on these transportation services.

Additional Information

The operating assistance will help offset the costs for Indiana's 41 rural transit agencies, ensuring they can continue providing vital transportation services to communities throughout the state. Collectively, these agencies are expected to facilitate over 2.5 million passenger trips, helping residents in rural areas access work, healthcare, education, and other essential services. The funding will support a range of operational expenses, including labor and fringe benefits, professional services, vehicle maintenance, fuel, materials, supplies, utilities, insurance, and other critical costs necessary for sustaining efficient and reliable transit operations. By investing in these resources, the initiative strengthens mobility options, enhances quality of life, and fosters economic and social connectivity for individuals who depend on rural transportation systems.

Location Description

This grant will provide crucial operating assistance to rural transit systems across the state of Indiana, ensuring they can continue delivering essential transportation services to residents in these communities. By offsetting operational costs, the funding will help sustain and improve transit options, allowing individuals to access jobs, healthcare, education, and other necessary services. Rural transit agencies rely on these resources to cover expenses such as labor, fuel, maintenance, insurance, utilities, and supplies, all of which contribute to safe and efficient operations. This investment not only enhances mobility for Indiana's rural populations but also strengthens economic and social connections throughout the state.

Project Location (Urbanized Areas)

UZA Code	Area Name
180000	Indiana

Congressional District Information

District	State
1	Indiana
2	Indiana
3	Indiana

4	Indiana
5	Indiana
6	Indiana
7	Indiana
8	Indiana
9	Indiana

Program Plan Information

STIP/TIP

Date: 9/1/2023

Description: The State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) was approved by FTA/FHWA on September 1, 2023. The STIP documentation attachment includes the project listing and the approval letter from FTA/FHWA. See Appendix D,

UPWP

Date: Not Provided

Description: N/A

Long Range Plan

Date: 6/28/2019

Description: Indiana Department of Transportation Long-Range Transportation Plan 2018- 2045

Project Control Totals

Funding Source	Section of Statute	CFDA Number	Amount
5311 - Rural Area Formula	5311-1A	20509	\$19,670,092
Local			\$19,670,092
Local/In-Kind			\$0
State			\$0
State/In-Kind			\$0
Other Federal			\$0
Transportation Development Credit			\$0
Adjustment			\$0
Total Eligible Cost			\$39,340,184

Project Budget

Project Number	Budget Item	FTA Amount	Non-FTA Amount	Total Eligible Amount	Quantity
IN-2025-013-01-00	600-00 (600-A1) OTHER PROGRAM COSTS	\$19,670,092.00	\$19,670,092.00	\$39,340,184.00	0

IN-2025-013-01-00	30.09.01	UP TO 50% FEDERAL SHARE	\$19,670,092.00	\$19,670,092.00	\$39,340,184.00	0
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Project Budget Activity Line Items

Budget Activity Line Item: 30.09.01 - UP TO 50% FEDERAL SHARE

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

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) is utilizing Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2023 and FFY 2024 Section 5311 funding to provide operating assistance to 40 rural transit agencies across the state for the period of January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2027. INDOT has allocated \$17,401,281 from FFY 2023 funds and \$2,268,811 from FFY 2024 funds to support these agencies in delivering essential transportation services to rural communities. A detailed list of Section 5311 sub-grantees can be found in the attached Program of Projects (POP #1).

This funding will help cover a wide range of operating expenses necessary for sustaining reliable transit operations, including labor costs, fringe benefits, professional services, materials, supplies, utilities, casualty and liability insurance, purchased transportation, and other operational needs. By providing this financial assistance, INDOT aims to strengthen rural mobility, improve connectivity, and ensure continued access to critical services for residents throughout Indiana.

The project aligns with the allowable activities outlined in C9040.1GH. Additionally, the local match for these projects will be contributed by various sources, including city and county governments, local agency general funds, Title III funding, Medicaid, and the Public Mass Transportation Fund (PMTF). These contributions help maximize the impact of Section 5311 funds and ensure the sustainability of rural transit operations across the state.

The letter of approval is on the first page (page 1 of 362) of the document and the Section 5311 project page is in Appendix D of the STIP documentation (page 346 of 362).

TPIN: DOT-25-002

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	5311-1A	20509	\$19,670,092
Local			\$19,670,092
Local/In-Kind			\$0
State			\$0
State/In-Kind			\$0
Other Federal			\$0

Transportation Development Credit	\$0
Adjustment	\$0
Total Eligible Cost	\$39,340,184

Milestone Name	Est. Completion Date	Description
Operating Assistance Start Date	1/1/2026	Start Operating Assistance
Closeout contracts	12/31/2027	Closeout contracts
Project closeout	3/31/2028	Closeout project

Project Environmental Findings

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

Class Level Description

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

Categorical Exclusion Description

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

Date Description	Date
Class IIc CE Approved	

Scope Name / Code	Line Item Number	Line Item Name	Quantity	FTA Amount	Total Eligible Cost
OTHER PROGRAM COSTS (600-00)	30.09.01	UP TO 50% FEDERAL SHARE	0	\$19,670,092.00	\$39,340,184.00

Project Title: FFY 2024 Section 5311 Intercity Bus Operating Assistance

Project Number	Temporary Project Number	Date Created	Start Date	End Date
IN-2025-013-02-00	1189-2025-2-P2	5/31/2025	1/1/2026	3/31/2028

Project Description

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) is allocating funds from the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2024 Section 5311 Apportionment to support intercity bus operations across the state. A total of \$4,378,235 has been designated for this purpose, ensuring essential transportation services remain accessible to

residents and travelers.

These funds will be used specifically for operating assistance, helping cover a range of critical expenses necessary for maintaining reliable intercity bus service. This includes compensation for drivers and other transit personnel, fuel costs to keep buses running efficiently, insurance coverage to ensure passenger safety, and maintenance to uphold vehicle standards and service quality.

By investing in intercity bus transportation, INDOT aims to enhance connectivity between communities, support mobility for individuals who rely on public transit, and strengthen the overall transportation infrastructure of Indiana. This funding will contribute to sustaining vital transit routes, promoting economic activity, and ensuring residents have dependable travel options throughout the state.

Project Benefits

The primary benefit of this project is to provide financial support that helps offset the operating costs for Indiana's intercity bus providers, ensuring they can continue to offer reliable and accessible transportation services throughout the state. By reducing the financial burden on these providers, the project enhances their ability to maintain essential transit routes, sustain workforce operations, and invest in ongoing service improvements. This support ultimately strengthens connectivity between communities, promotes regional mobility, and ensures that residents, commuters, and travelers have dependable public transportation options across Indiana.

Additional Information

The operating assistance provided through this funding initiative will help alleviate the financial burden faced by Indiana's three intercity bus providers, ensuring they can continue offering dependable and accessible transportation services across the state. These providers collectively operate ten intercity bus routes that serve numerous rural cities, connecting communities and facilitating mobility for residents, commuters, and travelers who rely on public transit.

The funding is designed to offset various operating costs essential to maintaining and improving service quality. These expenses include labor costs, including wages and fringe benefits for drivers and other transit personnel, as well as expenditures on services required for day-to-day operations. Additionally, the funds will help cover the cost of materials and supplies needed for vehicle maintenance and upkeep, utilities essential for facility operations, and insurance to ensure passenger safety and protect assets. Other operating expenses critical to sustaining service efficiency and reliability are also supported through this initiative.

By providing financial relief to intercity bus providers, this assistance helps ensure that rural communities remain well-connected, fostering economic activity, access to employment opportunities, and essential services. It plays a vital role in strengthening Indiana's transportation infrastructure while improving mobility options for individuals across the state.

Location Description

This grant will provide essential operating assistance to three intercity bus providers, ensuring they can continue serving residents across the entire State of Indiana. These providers play a crucial role in maintaining connectivity for communities, particularly in rural areas, by offering reliable and accessible transportation options. The funding will help offset key operational costs, including labor expenses, fuel, insurance, maintenance, and other necessary expenditures that keep these transit services running efficiently. By supporting these providers, the grant helps sustain vital transportation links that enable Indiana citizens to travel for work, education, healthcare, and other daily needs while strengthening the overall transit infrastructure of the state.

Project Location (Urbanized Areas)

UZA Code	Area Name
180000	Indiana

Congressional District Information

District	State
1	Indiana
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Program Plan Information

STIP/TIP

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Description: The State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) was approved by FTA/FHWA on September 1, 2023. The STIP documentation attachment includes the project listing and the approval letter from FTA/FHWA.

The approval letter is on the first page (page 1 of 362) of the document and the Section 5311 project page is in Appendix D of the STIP documentation (page 346 of 362).

UPWP

Date: Not Provided

Description: N/A

Long Range Plan

Date: 6/28/2019

Description: 2018 through 2045 Indiana Department of Transportation Long Range Plan

Project Control Totals

Funding Source	Section of Statute	CFDA Number	Amount
5311 - Rural Area Formula	5311-1A	20509	\$4,378,235
Local			\$0
Local/In-Kind			\$4,378,235
State			\$0
State/In-Kind			\$0
Other Federal			\$0
Transportation Development Credit			\$0
Adjustment			\$0
Total Eligible Cost			\$8,756,470

Project Budget

Project Number	Budget Item	FTA Amount	Non-FTA Amount	Total Eligible Amount	Quantity
IN-2025-013-02-00	634-00 (634-A2) INTERCITY BUS TRANSPORTATION	\$4,378,235.00	\$4,378,235.00	\$8,756,470.00	0
IN-2025-013-02-00	30.09.01 UP TO 50% FEDERAL SHARE	\$4,378,235.00	\$4,378,235.00	\$8,756,470.00	0

Project Budget Activity Line Items

Budget Activity Line Item: 30.09.01 - UP TO 50% FEDERAL SHARE				
Scope Name / Code	Line Item #	Line Item Name	Activity	Quantity
INTERCITY BUS TRANSPORTATION (634-00)	30.09.01	UP TO 50% FEDERAL SHARE	OPERATING ASSISTANCE	0

Extended Budget Description

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) is utilizing Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2024 Section 5311 funds, amounting to \$4,378,235, to support Intercity Bus Operating Assistance for the period of January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2027. This funding plays a vital role in ensuring the continued operation and reliability of intercity bus services across Indiana, particularly in rural areas where access to transportation is essential for residents, commuters, and travelers.

The operating assistance provided through this initiative will help offset a variety of operational expenses necessary for sustaining high-quality transit services. These include labor costs, fringe benefits for transit personnel, essential services, materials, supplies, utilities, casualty and liability insurance, purchased transportation, and other critical expenses related to maintaining efficient intercity bus operations.

To further support the implementation of this project, the INDOT Intercity Bus Study is attached to this application, offering valuable insights into the importance of these services. INDOT has awarded three intercity bus operating grants to key providers: Miller Transportation, Barons Bus, and Greyhound. Together, these providers maintain ten intercity bus routes throughout the state. Miller Transportation operates four routes, Barons Bus runs five routes, and Greyhound serves one route. All of these routes are strategically designed to serve rural communities, helping to bridge gaps in connectivity and ensure residents have reliable transportation options.

This project fully complies with allowable activities as outlined in C9040.1H, Chapter IX, ensuring adherence to federal transit funding guidelines. Additionally, the local share of the funding will be provided through an in-kind match from Greyhound, as detailed in the attached in-kind match documentation.

By investing in intercity bus operating assistance, INDOT continues to prioritize accessibility, connectivity, and mobility for Indiana's residents, reinforcing the states transportation infrastructure and supporting the economic and social well-being of local communities.

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TPIN: DOT-25-002

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

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5311 - Rural Area Formula	5311-1A	20509	\$4,378,235
Local			\$0
Local/In-Kind			\$4,378,235
State			\$0
State/In-Kind			\$0
Other Federal			\$0
Transportation Development Credit			\$0
Adjustment			\$0
Total Eligible Cost			\$8,756,470

Milestone Name	Est. Completion Date	Description
Intercity Bus Operating Assistance Start Date	1/1/2026	Start Intercity Bus Operating Assistance
Complete Intercity Bus Operating Assistance	12/31/2027	Complete Intercity Bus Operating Assistance
Project Closeout	3/31/2028	Closeout Intercity Bus Project

Project Environmental Findings

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

Class Level Description

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Date Description	Date
Class IIc CE Approved	

Scope Name / Code	Line Item Number	Line Item Name	Quantity	FTA Amount	Total Eligible Cost
INTERCITY BUS TRANSPORTATION (634-00)	30.09.01	UP TO 50% FEDERAL SHARE	0	\$4,378,235.00	\$8,756,470.00

Project Title: FFY 2024 Section 5311(b)(3) Rural Transit Assistance Program (RTAP)

Project Number	Temporary Project Number	Date Created	Start Date	End Date
IN-2025-013-03-00	1189-2025-2-P3	6/1/2025	1/1/2026	3/31/2028

Project Description

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) is utilizing Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2024 Section 5311(b)(3) Apportionment funds totaling \$417,891 to support the Rural Technical Assistance Program (RTAP). This funding is designated to provide technical assistance, training, and support to Indiana's rural and specialized transportation providers, ensuring they have access to the resources needed to improve service efficiency, safety, and operational effectiveness.

The RTAP initiative plays a vital role in strengthening rural transit systems by offering educational programs, workshops, and guidance on best practices for transportation management. By equipping providers with the tools and knowledge necessary to enhance their operations, the program helps to improve mobility options for residents in rural areas, fostering greater accessibility to employment, healthcare, education, and other essential services.

This project is fully funded at 100% federal share, ensuring that Indiana's rural transit agencies receive comprehensive support without requiring additional state or local matching funds. Through this investment, INDOT continues to prioritize the advancement of rural transportation, reinforcing the states commitment to ensuring equitable and reliable transit services for all communities.

Project Benefits

The funding is designated to support the Rural Transit Technical Assistance Program (RTAP), which plays a crucial role in strengthening Indiana's rural transit systems and specialized transportation providers throughout the state. This program is designed to offer comprehensive technical assistance, training, and resources to ensure that rural transit agencies can operate efficiently, safely, and effectively while meeting the unique transportation needs of their communities.

Through RTAP, transit providers gain access to educational workshops, guidance on regulatory compliance, best practices for service enhancement, and operational support, all aimed at fostering sustainable transit solutions in rural areas. By equipping agencies with the tools and expertise needed to improve service delivery, this initiative helps ensure that residents in underserved regions have reliable transportation options to access employment, healthcare, education, and other essential services.

This investment reinforces Indiana's commitment to enhancing mobility, promoting transit equity, and empowering local transportation providers with the knowledge and skills necessary to build stronger transit networks. By supporting RTAP, the funding contributes to the overall growth and improvement of public transportation accessibility across the state.

Additional Information

The Indiana Rural Transit Assistance Program (RTAP) will be administered by a consultant who will oversee the delivery of technical assistance and support to Indiana's rural transit systems and specialized transportation providers. This program is designed to enhance the operational efficiency, safety, and

service quality of rural transit agencies by providing access to training, resources, and expert guidance.

Through RTAP, transit providers will receive workshops, regulatory compliance assistance, service improvement strategies, and hands-on operational guidance, helping them meet federal and state standards while addressing unique transportation challenges in rural areas. The consultant managing the program will work closely with transit agencies to identify best practices, innovative solutions, and emerging technologies that can improve service delivery and sustainability.

By offering direct assistance to rural transportation providers, the Indiana RTAP helps strengthen transit networks, ensuring that residents in underserved communities have access to reliable transportation for employment, healthcare, education, and daily needs. This initiative underscores Indiana’s commitment to fostering accessible and efficient rural transit services while equipping agencies with the tools and expertise necessary to enhance mobility across the state.

Location Description

The technical assistance program is designed to provide support to rural transit systems and specialized transportation providers throughout the entire state, ensuring equitable access to resources and expertise that enhance service quality, operational efficiency, and overall transit effectiveness.

By offering training, workshops, regulatory guidance, and hands-on operational support, this initiative helps transit agencies navigate challenges unique to rural transportation, including funding limitations, accessibility concerns, and service expansion efforts. The assistance program is structured to address a wide range of transit needs, from fleet management and route optimization to compliance with federal and state regulations.

With a statewide focus, this program ensures that even the most remote and underserved communities benefit from strengthened transportation services, improving access to employment, healthcare, education, and essential services. By equipping transit providers with the necessary knowledge and tools, the program fosters sustainable growth, reliability, and long-term improvements in rural mobility across the state.

Project Location (Urbanized Areas)

UZA Code	Area Name
180000	Indiana

Congressional District Information

District	State
1	Indiana
2	Indiana
3	Indiana
4	Indiana
5	Indiana
6	Indiana
7	Indiana
8	Indiana
9	Indiana

Program Plan Information

STIP/TIP

Date: 9/1/2023

Description: The State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) was approved by FTA/FHWA on September 1, 2023. The STIP documentation attachment includes the project listing and the approval letter from FTA/FHWA. See Appendix D,

UPWP

Date: Not Provided

Description: N/A

Long Range Plan

Date: 6/28/2019

Description: Indiana Department of Transportation Long-Range Transportation Plan 2018- 2045

Project Control Totals

Funding Source	Section of Statute	CFDA Number	Amount
5311 - Rural Area Formula	5311-1A	20509	\$417,891
Local			\$0
Local/In-Kind			\$0
State			\$0
State/In-Kind			\$0
Other Federal			\$0
Transportation Development Credit			\$0
Adjustment			\$0
Total Eligible Cost			\$417,891

Project Budget

Project Number	Budget Item		FTA Amount	Non-FTA Amount	Total Eligible Amount	Quantity
IN-2025-013-03-00	635-00 (635-A3)	RURAL TRANSIT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM	\$417,891.00	\$0.00	\$417,891.00	0
IN-2025-013-03-00	43.50.02	TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE	\$417,891.00	\$0.00	\$417,891.00	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

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) is utilizing Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2024 Section 5311 Rural Transit Assistance Program (RTAP) funds in the amount of \$417,891 to support the Indiana RTAP Program for the period of January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2027. These funds are dedicated to enhancing the quality and effectiveness of rural and specialized transportation services throughout the state by providing essential technical assistance, training, and resources to transit providers.

The RTAP initiative plays a crucial role in strengthening Indiana's rural transit systems, ensuring that agencies have access to expert guidance, professional development opportunities, and best practices for improving service efficiency, safety, and sustainability. The program aims to equip transit providers with the necessary tools to meet federal and state regulatory requirements while fostering innovative solutions that enhance mobility options for residents in rural areas.

The RTAP funds will be utilized entirely at 100 percent federal share, meaning no state or local matching funds are required. This ensures that transit agencies across Indiana receive comprehensive support to improve operations, expand service accessibility, and address the unique transportation challenges faced in rural communities. Through this federally funded program, INDOT continues its commitment to advancing rural mobility and strengthening public transportation infrastructure statewide.

The letter of approval is on the first page (page 1 of 362) of the document and the Section 5311 project page is in Appendix D of the STIP documentation (page 346 of 362).

TPIN: DOT-25-002

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	5311-1A	20509	\$417,891
Local			\$0
Local/In-Kind			\$0
State			\$0
State/In-Kind			\$0
Other Federal			\$0
Transportation Development Credit			\$0
Adjustment			\$0
Total Eligible Cost			\$417,891

Milestone Name	Est. Completion Date	Description
Start RTAP Technical Assistance	1/1/2026	Start RTAP Technical Assistance
Complete RTAP Technical Assistance	12/31/2027	Complete RTAP Technical Assistance

Project Closeout	3/31/2028	Closeout RTAP Project
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Project Environmental Findings

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

Class Level Description

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

Categorical Exclusion Description

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

Date Description	Date
Class IIc CE Approved	

Scope Name / Code	Line Item Number	Line Item Name	Quantity	FTA Amount	Total Eligible Cost
RURAL TRANSIT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (635-00)	43.50.02	TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE	0	\$417,891.00	\$417,891.00

Project Title: FFY 2024 and 2025 Section 5339 Replacement Vehicles

Project Number	Temporary Project Number	Date Created	Start Date	End Date
IN-2025-013-04-00	1189-2025-2-P6	6/12/2025	10/1/2025	9/30/2028

Project Description

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) is utilizing Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2024 and 2025 Section 5339 funds, totaling \$4,865,585, from the Statewide Rural Apportionment to replace 50 transit vehicles for rural transit providers across the state.

Section 5339 Funds Allocation:

FFY 2024: \$2,644,247 (Statewide Rural Apportionment)

FFY 2025: \$1,672,238 (Statewide Rural Apportionment)

These funds ensure continued reliability and accessibility of transportation services by allowing transit agencies to maintain safe, efficient, and compliant operations. The vehicles being replaced have reached their designated useful life, defined as four years or 100,000 miles of service. Aging vehicles often result in higher maintenance costs and decreased dependability, making timely replacements crucial for uninterrupted transit service.

A list of the 50 vehicles slated for replacement, including their Vehicle Identification Numbers (VINs), age, and mileage, is attached for reference.

Local Match Requirements:

The local match for all replacement vehicles will be covered by sub-grantees general funds, donations, and city/county funds. The attached program of projects outlines the local agencies and their corresponding match amounts. Per FTA Circular 9070.1H (see page III-9 for reference), a 15% local match is required for vehicle acquisitions to ensure ADA compliance.

Project Benefits

The replacement vehicles will enhance the overall reliability, safety, and efficiency of transportation services for providers across the state. By modernizing the fleet, transit agencies can minimize service disruptions, reduce maintenance costs, and improve accessibility for passengers. These new vehicles are designed to meet current safety and operational standards, ensuring a more comfortable and secure experience for riders while allowing transportation providers to continue delivering dependable service to their communities. The investment in updated transit vehicles reflects a commitment to maintaining high-quality public transportation options, supporting mobility needs, and fostering economic and social connectivity throughout the state.

Additional Information

This grant will fund the acquisition of 50 replacement transit vehicles to support rural transportation systems across the state. These vehicles will be operated by 24 transit agencies serving rural communities where public transportation options are limited. By replacing aging vehicles that have reached their useful life threshold of four years and/or 100,000 miles, this investment will ensure continued reliability, efficiency, and safety for passengers who depend on these services for daily mobility.

Rural transit providers play a crucial role in connecting residents to employment opportunities, healthcare services, education, and essential community resources. However, older vehicles often experience increased maintenance costs and reduced dependability, leading to service disruptions and inefficiencies. The purchase of new vehicles will help transit agencies maintain consistent service quality, reduce operational costs, and meet evolving accessibility standards.

By modernizing the fleet, this grant underscores a commitment to enhancing mobility and fostering economic and social connectivity for residents in rural areas. The investment supports long-term sustainability, ensuring these communities continue to receive safe, accessible, and dependable transportation services that meet their unique needs.

Location Description

The transit vehicles funded through this grant will be utilized by 24 agencies to support rural public transit operations across the state of Indiana. These agencies serve communities where transportation options are often limited, providing a vital lifeline for residents who rely on public transit for work, healthcare, education, and essential services.

By modernizing the fleet, these new vehicles will enhance efficiency, reliability, and safety, ensuring that riders have consistent access to dependable transportation. Rural transit agencies play a critical role in connecting individuals to opportunities and resources, fostering economic growth and improving overall quality of life for Indiana residents.

This investment underscores a commitment to strengthening rural mobility, reducing operational costs, and supporting the long-term sustainability of transit services. With these upgraded vehicles, agencies can continue to provide accessible and compliant transportation, helping communities stay connected and thrive.

Project Location (Urbanized Areas)

UZA Code	Area Name
180000	Indiana

Congressional District Information

District	State
1	Indiana
2	Indiana
3	Indiana
4	Indiana
5	Indiana
6	Indiana
7	Indiana
8	Indiana
9	Indiana

Program Plan Information

STIP/TIP

Date: 9/1/2023

Description: The State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) was approved by FTA/FHWA on September 1, 2023. The STIP documentation attachment includes the project listing and the approval letter from FTA/FHWA.

UPWP

Date: Not Provided

Description: N/A

Long Range Plan

Date: 6/28/2019

Description: 2018 through 2045 Indiana Department of Transportation Long Range Plan

Project Control Totals

Funding Source	Section of Statute	CFDA Number	Amount
5339 – Buses and Bus Facilities Formula	5339-1	20526	\$4,316,485
Local			\$761,731
Local/In-Kind			\$0
State			\$0
State/In-Kind			\$0
Other Federal			\$0
Transportation Development Credit			\$0
Adjustment			\$0

Total Eligible Cost	\$5,078,216
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Project Budget

Project Number	Budget Item	FTA Amount	Non-FTA Amount	Total Eligible Amount	Quantity
IN-2025-013-04-00	111-00 (111-A4) BUS - ROLLING STOCK	\$4,316,485.00	\$761,731.00	\$5,078,216.00	50
IN-2025-013-04-00	BUY 11.12.04 REPLACEMENT <30 FT BUS	\$4,316,485.00	\$761,731.00	\$5,078,216.00	50

Project Budget Activity Line Items

Budget Activity Line Item: 11.12.04 - BUY REPLACEMENT <30 FT BUS

Scope Name / Code	Line Item #	Line Item Name	Activity	Quantity
BUS - ROLLING STOCK (111-00)	11.12.04	BUY REPLACEMENT <30 FT BUS	BUY REPLACEMENTS - CAPITAL BUS	50

Extended Budget Description

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) is utilizing Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2024 and 2025 Section 5339 funds, totaling \$4,316,485, to support the purchase of 50 replacement transit vehicles for rural transit providers across the state.

Section 5339 Funds Allocation:

FFY 2024: \$2,644,247 (Statewide Rural Apportionment)

FFY 2025: \$1,672,238 (Statewide Rural Apportionment)

These vehicles will replace aging units that have reached their designated useful life of four years or 100,000 miles, ensuring continued reliability, efficiency, and safety in rural transit operations. Older vehicles often experience higher maintenance costs, reduced dependability, and operational challenges, making timely replacements essential for maintaining uninterrupted and effective transportation services.

Vehicle Procurement & Standards:

A list of the 50 vehicles scheduled for replacement is attached, providing details such as Vehicle Identification Numbers (VINs), age, and mileage. The useful life standard for the newly procured transit vehicles will remain four years or 100,000 miles, aligning with industry best practices for fleet management. To ensure cost efficiency and streamlined purchasing, the vehicles will be procured through a state vehicle contract, helping transit agencies maximize resources while maintaining high-quality service.

Local Match Requirements:

The local match for all replacement vehicles will be covered through sub-grantees' general funds, donations, and/or city or county funds. In accordance with FTA Circular 9070.1H (see page III-9 for the 85% Federal share reference), a 15% local match is required for the acquisition of vehicles to ensure compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). This funding structure ensures that transit providers can meet federal standards while continuing to deliver accessible and equitable transportation services.

Commitment to Rural Transit:

This investment reinforces INDOT's commitment to enhancing mobility, safety, and accessibility for transit-dependent individuals in rural communities. By replacing aging vehicles with modern, reliable transit units, INDOT ensures that agencies can continue providing critical transportation services without disruption. Rural transit providers play a vital role in connecting residents to employment opportunities, healthcare facilities, educational institutions, and essential services, supporting economic development and social inclusion across Indiana.

The letter of approval is on the first page (page 1 of 362) of the document and the Section 5339 project page is in Appendix D of the STIP documentation (page 347 of 362).

TPIN: DOT-25-003

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

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

Propulsion	Fuel Type	Vehicle Condition	Vehicle Size (ft.)
N/A	Gasoline	New	

Funding Source	Section of Statute	CFDA Number	Amount
5339 – Buses and Bus Facilities Formula	5339-1	20526	\$4,316,485
Local			\$761,731
Local/In-Kind			\$0
State			\$0
State/In-Kind			\$0
Other Federal			\$0
Transportation Development Credit			\$0
Adjustment			\$0
Total Eligible Cost			\$5,078,216

Milestone Name	Est. Completion Date	Description
RFP/IFB Issue Date	10/1/2025	The vehicles will be procured through a State Vehicle Contract.
Contract Award Date	4/1/2026	The vehicles will be procured through a State Vehicle Contract.
Initial Delivery Date	10/1/2026	The first vehicle(s) will be delivered.
Final Delivery Date	12/31/2027	The final vehicle(s) will be delivered.
Contract Completion Date	9/30/2028	The project will be closed.

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
Class IIc CE Approved	

Scope Name / Code	Line Item Number	Line Item Name	Quantity	FTA Amount	Total Eligible Cost
BUS - ROLLING STOCK (111-00)	11.12.04	BUY REPLACEMENT <30 FT BUS	50	\$4,316,485.00	\$5,078,216.00

Project Title: FFY 2025 Section 5339 Expansion Vehicles

Project Number	Temporary Project Number	Date Created	Start Date	End Date
IN-2025-013-05-00	1189-2025-2-P7	6/12/2025	10/1/2025	9/30/2028

Project Description

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) is utilizing Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2025 Section 5339 funds, totaling \$549,100, from the Statewide Rural Apportionment to support the purchase of expansion transit vehicles for rural transit providers across the state.

These new vehicles will be allocated to West Central Transit and Union County Transit, helping both agencies meet the growing demand for rural transportation services.

West Central Transit Expansion:

The West Central Transit expansion will enhance service in Vigo and Clay counties, where there has been substantial growth in ridership since the beginning of 2024. The agency has demonstrated consistent, reliable increases in both passenger numbers and miles traveled, underscoring the need for additional vehicles to accommodate higher demand. Expanding the fleet will not only improve service availability but also support the agency's ability to efficiently manage its maintenance program, ensuring continued reliability for passengers.

Union County Transit Expansion:

Union County Transit is requesting additional vehicles as part of its service area expansion initiative. With this growth, the agency aims to increase service frequency and coverage, providing greater access to essential transportation options for residents in newly included areas. The addition of new vehicles will allow the agency to meet rising demand, improve overall efficiency, and ensure consistent, accessible transit services for rural communities.

By investing in fleet expansion, INDOT reaffirms its commitment to enhancing rural mobility, supporting economic growth, and ensuring that residents in underserved areas have dependable and affordable transportation options.

Local Match Requirements:

The local match for all replacement vehicles will be covered by sub-grantees general funds, donations, and city/county funds. The attached program of projects outlines the local agencies and their corresponding match amounts. Per FTA Circular 9070.1H (see page III-9 for reference), a 15% local match is required for vehicle acquisitions to ensure ADA compliance.

Project Benefits

Expansion vehicles provide additional capacity and improved flexibility for transit agencies, allowing them to meet growing demand, serve new communities, and enhance operational efficiency. By adding more vehicles to their fleet, agencies can expand service areas, increase frequency, and reduce wait times, ensuring that more residents have consistent access to reliable transportation.

These vehicles also enable agencies to respond to regional growth and evolving mobility needs, supporting economic development, healthcare access, and workforce connectivity. Expanding transit fleets helps rural communities reduce barriers to essential services, offering greater independence for individuals who rely on public transportation.

Additionally, increasing fleet size enhances service resilience, providing backup vehicles that help maintain operations during peak demand periods, maintenance cycles, or unexpected service disruptions. The investment in expansion vehicles reflects a proactive approach to improving transit accessibility, fostering regional connectivity, and ensuring long-term sustainability for Indiana's rural transportation network.

Additional Information

This grant will fund the acquisition of six expansion transit vehicles to enhance rural transportation services for two transit agencies across the state. These vehicles will be operated by West Central Transit and Union County Transit, supporting service expansion in rural communities where public transportation options are limited or growing. By increasing fleet capacity, this investment ensures greater reliability, efficiency, and accessibility for passengers who depend on these services for daily mobility.

Rural transit providers play a critical role in connecting residents to employment opportunities, healthcare services, education, and essential resources. However, increased demand for transportation services often requires additional vehicles to expand coverage, improve service frequency, and accommodate more riders. The purchase of expansion vehicles will support service area growth, improve operational flexibility, and enhance transit accessibility for residents in underserved and newly included areas.

By increasing fleet size, this grant underscores a commitment to strengthening rural mobility, improving transportation equity, and fostering economic and social connectivity throughout the state. The investment promotes long-term sustainability, ensuring rural communities continue to receive safe, reliable, and efficient public transit services tailored to their evolving needs.

Location Description

The transit vehicles funded through this grant will be utilized by West Central Transit and Union County Transit to support rural public transit operations across Indiana. These agencies serve communities where

transportation options are often limited or expanding, providing a vital lifeline for residents who depend on public transit for work, healthcare, education, and essential services.

By expanding their fleets, these new vehicles will increase service capacity, improve reliability, and enhance operational efficiency, ensuring that riders have consistent access to dependable transportation. West Central Transit is responding to a growing demand in Vigo and Clay counties, while Union County Transit is expanding its service area to reach more residents who need accessible mobility options.

Rural transit agencies play a critical role in connecting individuals to opportunities and resources, fostering economic growth, and improving quality of life for Indiana residents. This investment underscores a commitment to strengthening rural mobility, expanding service availability, and supporting long-term sustainability. With these additional vehicles, agencies can continue to provide accessible, efficient, and compliant transit options, helping communities stay connected and thrive.

Project Location (Urbanized Areas)

UZA Code	Area Name
180000	Indiana

Congressional District Information

District	State
1	Indiana
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Program Plan Information

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UPWP

Date: Not Provided

Description: N/A

Long Range Plan

Date: 6/28/2019

Description: 2018 through 2045 Indiana Department of Transportation Long Range Plan

Project Control Totals

Funding Source	Section of Statute	CFDA Number	Amount
5339 – Buses and Bus Facilities Formula	5339-1	20526	\$549,100
Local			\$96,900
Local/In-Kind			\$0
State			\$0
State/In-Kind			\$0
Other Federal			\$0
Transportation Development Credit			\$0
Adjustment			\$0
Total Eligible Cost			\$646,000

Project Budget

Project Number	Budget Item	FTA Amount	Non-FTA Amount	Total Eligible Amount	Quantity
IN-2025-013-05-00	111-00 (111-A5) BUS - ROLLING STOCK	\$549,100.00	\$96,900.00	\$646,000.00	6
IN-2025-013-05-00	11.13.04 BUY <30-FT BUS FOR EXPANSION	\$549,100.00	\$96,900.00	\$646,000.00	6

Project Budget Activity Line Items

Budget Activity Line Item: 11.13.04 - BUY <30-FT BUS FOR EXPANSION

Scope Name / Code	Line Item #	Line Item Name	Activity	Quantity
BUS - ROLLING STOCK (111-00)	11.13.04	BUY <30-FT BUS FOR EXPANSION	BUY EXPANSION - CAPITAL BUS	6

Extended Budget Description

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Investing in expansion vehicles reinforces INDOT's commitment to enhancing mobility, safety, and service coverage for transit-dependent individuals in rural communities. By adding new vehicles to existing fleets, transit providers can increase service frequency, reduce travel barriers, and improve overall connectivity for riders in underserved regions. These additional vehicles will ensure that transit agencies can meet rising demand, support long-term sustainability, and maintain reliable public transportation options tailored to the evolving needs of Indiana's rural communities.

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TPIN: DOT-25-003

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

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

Propulsion	Fuel Type	Vehicle Condition	Vehicle Size (ft.)
N/A	Gasoline	New	

Funding Source	Section of Statute	CFDA Number	Amount
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Adjustment			\$0
Total Eligible Cost			\$646,000

Milestone Name	Est. Completion Date	Description
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Date Description	Date
Class IIc CE Approved	

Scope Name / Code	Line Item Number	Line Item Name	Quantity	FTA Amount	Total Eligible Cost
BUS - ROLLING STOCK (111-00)	11.13.04	BUY <30-FT BUS FOR EXPANSION	6	\$549,100.00	\$646,000.00

Part 4: Fleet Details

Fleet Type: Fixed Route

Fleet Comments

None provided.

		Current Value
I.	Active Fleet	
	A. Peak Requirement	1
	B. Spares	0
	C. Total (A+B)	1
	D. Spare Ratio (B/A)	0%
II.	Inactive Fleet	
	A. Other	0
	B. Pending Disposal	0
	C. Total (A+B)	0
III.	Total (I.C and II.C)	1

Fleet Type: Paratransit

Fleet Comments*None provided.*

		Current Value
I.	Active Fleet	
	A. Peak Requirement	713
	B. Spares	10
	C. Total (A+B)	723
	D. Spare Ratio (B/A)	1.4%
II.	Inactive Fleet	
	A. Other	0
	B. Pending Disposal	43
	C. Total (A+B)	43
III.	Total (I.C and II.C)	766

Part 5: FTA Review Comments

FTA Comments for DOL

Comment By William Wheeler

Comment Type	DOL Review for Certification
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Date	7/11/2025
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Comment	Please Review.
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