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U.S. Department of Transportation

Federal Transit Administration

Application

Federal Award Identification Number (FAIN)	MN-2025-021
Application Number	MN-2025-021-00
Temporary Application Number	7009-2025-4
Award Name	5311c Tribal Formula and 5311 Rural Formula for Operating
Application Status	Final Concurrence / Reservation
Budget Revisions	0

Period of Performance Start Date	N/A		
Original Period of Performance End Date	12/30/2026		
Current Period of Performance End Date	12/30/2026	Revision #: 0	Approved?: No

Budget Period Start Date	N/A
Budget Period End Date	12/30/2026

Part 1: Recipient Information

Name: BOIS FORTE RESERVATION TRIBAL COUNCIL

Recipient ID	Recipient OST Type	Recipient Alias	UEI	DUNS
7009	Indian Tribe	BOIS FORTE RESERVATION TRIBAL COUNCIL	KGPSFNL8BZL7	036527752

Location Type	Address	City	State	Zip
Physical Address	5344 LAKESHORE DR	ORR	MN	55771
Mailing Address	5344 LAKESHORE DR	ORR	MN	55771

Union Information

There are no union contacts for this application

Part 2: Application Information

Title: 5311c Tribal Formula and 5311 Rural Formula for Operating

Application Number	Application Status	Award Type	Application Cost Center	Date Created	Last Updated Date	From TEAM?
MN-2025-021-00	Final Concurrence / Reservation	Grant	Region 5	7/11/2025	7/11/2025	No

Application Executive Summary

The application is to request \$721,867 of FY24 5311c Tribal Formula and \$160,929 of FY24 5311 Rural for operating assistance. The 50% recipient share for the 5311 Rural Formula funds will be provided by tribal funds in the amount of \$160,929. The award total is \$882,796. These funds will be used towards operating assistance for Big Woods Transit. 5311 Rural Operating Assistance listed in 2025/2028 MN STIP under project listing TRF-9101-25, page 131. STIP approved 11/13/2024.

Attached documents include: FY24 5311 Rural suballocation letter, MN 2025-2028 STIP, MN 2025-2028 STIP approval

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 suballocated these apportioned funds and can 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

Operating Assistance for transit.

Activities to be performed:

Hiring and paying workers, Fueling and repairing vehicles, Other overhead expenses, Employee wages and benefits (about 70 percent of operating costs).

Expected outcomes:

Provide reliable and safe transportation to Bois Forte community and surrounding communities.

Intended beneficiaries:

Workers for Fortune Bay, Boise Forte Tribal Government employees and the community members needing rides to appointments and shopping.

Subrecipient Activities:

None

Application Point of Contact Information

First Name	Last Name	Title	E-mail Address	Phone
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Tom	Spears	Transit Manager	tom.spears@boisforte-nsn.gov	(218) 404-2424

Application Budget Control Totals

Funding Source	Section of Statute	CFDA Number	Amount
5311 - Tribal Transit Program Formula	5311-1B	20509	\$721,867
5311 - Rural Area Formula	5311-1A	20509	\$160,929
Local			\$160,929
Local/In-Kind			\$0
State			\$0
State/In-Kind			\$0
Other Federal			\$0
Transportation Development Credit			\$0
Adjustment			\$0
Total Eligible Cost			\$1,043,725

Application Budget

Project Number	Budget Item	FTA Amount	Non-FTA Amount	Total Eligible Amount	Quantity
MN-2025-021-01-00	600-00 (600-A1) OTHER PROGRAM COSTS	\$721,867.00	\$0.00	\$721,867.00	1
MN-2025-021-01-00	30.09.01 100% FEDERAL SHARE	\$721,867.00	\$0.00	\$721,867.00	1
MN-2025-021-02-00	600-00 (600-A2) OTHER PROGRAM COSTS	\$160,929.00	\$160,929.00	\$321,858.00	1
MN-2025-021-02-00	30.09.01 UP TO 50% FEDERAL SHARE	\$160,929.00	\$160,929.00	\$321,858.00	1

Discretionary Allocations

This application does not contain discretionary allocations.

Part 3: Project Information

Project Title: FY24 5311c Tribal Formula for Operating Assistance

Project Number	Temporary Project Number	Date Created	Start Date	End Date
MN-2025-021-01-00	7009-2025-4-P1	7/11/2025	10/1/2025	9/30/2026

Project Description

Operating assistance for Big Woods Transit during the period of October 2025 - September 2026

Project Benefits

Big Woods will continue to provide transportation services to rural areas of northern Minnesota. The

operating assistant will cover all eligible operating expenses, such as wages, fuel, preventive

maintenance, etc., from January October 2025 - September 2026.

Additional Information

None provided.

Location Description

Big Woods Transit is located in northeastern northern Minnesota and provides transportation services in the Arrowhead region.

Physical address: 12831 Nett Lake Road, Nett Lake Minnesota

Project Location (Urbanized Areas)

UZA Code	Area Name
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270000	Minnesota
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Congressional District Information

District	State
8	Minnesota

Program Plan Information

STIP/TIP

Date: 11/13/2024

Description: Description: 5311 Rural Operating Assistance listed in 2024-2027 MN STIP under project listing TRF-9101-24. STIP approved 11/13/2024.

UPWP

Date: Not Provided

Description: N/A

Long Range Plan

Date: Not Provided

Description: N/A

Project Control Totals

Funding Source	Section of Statute	CFDA Number	Amount
5311 - Tribal Transit Program Formula	5311-1B	20509	\$721,867
Local			\$0
Local/In-Kind			\$0
State			\$0
State/In-Kind			\$0
Other Federal			\$0
Transportation Development Credit			\$0
Adjustment			\$0
Total Eligible Cost			\$721,867

Project Budget

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MN-2025-021-01-00	600-00 (600-A1) OTHER PROGRAM COSTS	\$721,867.00	\$0.00	\$721,867.00	1

MN-2025-021-01-00	30.09.01	100% FEDERAL SHARE	\$721,867.00	\$0.00	\$721,867.00	1
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Project Budget Activity Line Items

Budget Activity Line Item: 30.09.01 - 100% 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	1

Extended Budget Description

This line item will use \$721,867 of FY23 5311c Tribal Transit Formula funds for operating assistance from 10/1/25 to 9/30/26. Operating assistance will be used for the manager, administrative assistant, dispatcher, NEMT/Billing & driver's wages, fuel, and preventive maintenance. No local match required. No STIP required.

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

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

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5311 - Tribal Transit Program Formula	5311-1B	20509	\$721,867
Local			\$0
Local/In-Kind			\$0
State			\$0
State/In-Kind			\$0
Other Federal			\$0
Transportation Development Credit			\$0
Adjustment			\$0
Total Eligible Cost			\$721,867

Milestone Name	Est. Completion Date	Description
Start Date	10/1/2025	First day of operating expenses charged.
End Date	9/30/2026	Last day operating expenses charged.

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	100% FEDERAL SHARE	1	\$721,867.00	\$721,867.00

Project Title: FY24 5311 Rural Funds for Operating

Project Number	Temporary Project Number	Date Created	Start Date	End Date
MN-2025-021-02-00	7009-2025-4-P2	7/15/2025	10/1/2025	9/30/2026

Project Description

Operating assistance for Big Woods Transit during the period of October 2025 - September 2026.

Project Benefits

Big Woods will continue to provide transportation services to rural areas of northern Minnesota. The

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Adjustment			\$0
Total Eligible Cost			\$321,858

Project Budget

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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	1

Extended Budget Description

This line item will use \$160,929 in FY24 5311 Rural Formula funds for operating assistance from 10/1/25 to 9/30/26. A local match of \$160,929 will be provided by the tribal general fund. The funds will be used for wages, fuel cost, prevented maintenance, and other operating assistance costs. 5311 Rural Operating Assistance listed in 2025/2028 MN STIP under project listing TRF-9101-25, page 131.

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Part 4: Fleet Details

No fleet data exists for this application.

Part 5: FTA Review Comments

FTA Comments for DOL

Comment By	Colin Korst
Comment Type	DOL Review for Information
Date	9/3/2025
Comment	No subrecipients