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U.S. Department of Transportation

Federal Transit Administration

Application

Federal Award Identification Number (FAIN)	MT-2025-026
Application Number	MT-2025-026-00
Temporary Application Number	5974-2025-1
Award Name	FY 23/24/25 - 5311 Tribal Transit Formula - Operating Assistance
Application Status	Final Concurrence / Reservation
Budget Revisions	0

Period of Performance Start Date	N/A		
Original Period of Performance End Date	12/31/2026		
Current Period of Performance End Date	12/31/2026	Revision #: 0	Approved?: No

Budget Period Start Date	N/A
Budget Period End Date	12/31/2026

Part 1: Recipient Information

Name: BLACKFEET TRIBE OF THE BLACKFEET INDIAN RESERVATION MONTANA

Recipient ID	Recipient OST Type	Recipient Alias	UEI	DUNS
5974	Indian Tribe	BLACKFEET TRIBE	GEKFACPRDZK3	038284670

Location Type	Address	City	State	Zip
Physical Address	65 Hospital Rd	BROWNING	MT	59417
Mailing Address	P. O. BOX 1889	BROWNING	MT	59417

Union Information

Union Name	NO UNIONS
Address 1	
Address 2	
City	
State	
Zipcode	
Contact Name	No Unions
Telephone	
Fax	
E-mail	
Website	

Part 2: Application Information

Title: FY 23/24/25 - 5311 Tribal Transit Formula - Operating Assistance

Application Number	Application Status	Award Type	Application Cost Center	Date Created	Last Updated Date	From TEAM?
MT-2025-026-00	Final Concurrence / Reservation	Grant	Region 8	7/17/2025	7/17/2025	No

Application Executive Summary

The Blackfeet Tribe of the Blackfeet Reservation with use FY 2023, 2024, and 2025 5311 Rural Tribal Transit Formula funds in the total amount of \$801,303.

- FY 2023 Full Apportionment \$209,073 (lapsing)
- FY 2024 Full Apportionment \$271,513
- FY 2025 Full Apportionment \$320,717

Assistance from this award will support operating assistance for Blackfeet Transit. This represents 100% federal share of the total eligible amount in the award and there is no match required.

The tribe is requesting pre-award authority starting 10/01/2022; actual pre-award expenditures and obligations will be reported in the initial FFR.

The FY22 Indirect Cost Negotiation Agreement is attached to Award Documents.

Frequency of Milestone Progress Reports (MPR)

Annual

Frequency of Federal Financial Reports (FFR)

Annual

Does this application include funds for research and/or development activities?

This award does not include research and development activities.

Pre-Award Authority

This award is using Pre-Award Authority.

Does this application include suballocation funds?

Recipient organization is the Designated Recipient and can apply for and receive these apportioned funds.

Will this Grant be using Lapsing Funds?

Yes, this Grant will use Lapsing Funds.

Will indirect costs be applied to this application?

This award is applying an approved Indirect cost rate(s).

Indirect Rate Details: FY22 fixed carryforward rate of 13.03% is applicable to total direct salaries and wages including fringe benefits. Agreement is attached to Award Documents.

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

The purpose of this grant award is to provide assistance to the Blackfeet Tribe (of the Blackfeet Reservation) for Blackfeet Transit operations.

Activities to be performed:

Funds will be used to cover eligible costs for the continued operation of Blackfeet Transit on the Blackfeet Reservation and the surrounding service area.

Expected outcomes:

This assistance will allow the tribe to provide critical transit services through our demand response program covering over 200,000 miles per year within the Blackfeet Reservation and to the surrounding service area.

Intended beneficiaries:

Members of the public using public transportation.

Subrecipient Activities:

N/A

Application Point of Contact Information

First Name	Last Name	Title	E-mail Address	Phone
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Application Budget Control Totals

Funding Source	Section of Statute	CFDA Number	Amount
5311 - Tribal Transit Program Formula	5311-1B	20509	\$801,303
Local			\$0
Local/In-Kind			\$0
State			\$0
State/In-Kind			\$0
Other Federal			\$0
Transportation Development Credit			\$0
Adjustment			\$0
Total Eligible Cost			\$801,303

Application Budget

Project Number	Budget Item	FTA Amount	Non-FTA Amount	Total Eligible Amount	Quantity
MT-2025-026-01-00	600-00 (600-A1) OTHER PROGRAM COSTS	\$801,303.00	\$0.00	\$801,303.00	1
MT-2025-026-01-00	30.09.01 Operating Assistance Up To 100% Federal Share	\$801,303.00	\$0.00	\$801,303.00	1

Discretionary Allocations

This application does not contain discretionary allocations.

Part 3: Project Information

Project Title: FY 23/24/25 - 5311 Tribal Transit Formula - Operating Assistance

Project Number	Temporary Project Number	Date Created	Start Date	End Date
MT-2025-026-01-00	5974-2025-1-P1	7/17/2025	10/1/2022	9/30/2026

Project Description

This project uses 5311 Tribal Transit Program formula funds for Blackfeet Transit operating assistance. Assistance in this project covers tribal transit operations and service provided in FY23 through FY26.

Project Benefits

The funds are essential for the Tribe to continue to operate transit service for the general public, elderly, and individuals' disabilities. Blackfeet Transit operates a demand response program and provides over 200,000 miles of service annually. This service provides patrons access to shopping, employment,

medical, work, and social appointments throughout the community and surrounding areas. Rides can be scheduled in advance using the Blackfeet Transit app or by calling toll free providing patrons with the convenience of planned transportation to various locations.

Additional Information

Lapsing funds

Location Description

Blackfeet Indian Reservation and the headquarters address for Blackfeet Transit Program is 200 Black Weasel Rd, Browning, MT 59417.

Blackfeet reserve borders the eastern edge of Glacier and eastward towards a north-south perimeter on the western edge of the town of Cut Bank. The Canadian line defines the northern tier and its southern point extends just to the west of Dupuyer and the eastern ramparts of the Rocky Mountain Front.

Service Area includes Blackfeet reservation, Browning, Great Falls, and Kalispell.

Project Location (Urbanized Areas)

UZA Code	Area Name
300000	Montana

Congressional District Information

District	State
1	Montana

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

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MT-2025-026-01-00	30.09.01 Operating Assistance Up To 100% Federal Share	\$801,303.00	\$0.00	\$801,303.00	1

Project Budget Activity Line Items

Budget Activity Line Item: 30.09.01 - Operating Assistance Up To 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

The Blackfeet Tribe will use FY 2023, 2024, and 2025 Section 5311 Tribal Transit Program formula funds for Blackfeet Transit operating assistance. Operating assistance will cover at a minimum fuel, driver salaries, wages, and fringe benefits, dispatcher salaries, wages, and fringe benefits, licenses, and all other allowable costs required for transit service operations for the period of activity between 10/1/2022 - 09/30/2026 representing 100% Federal share.

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	\$801,303
Local			\$0
Local/In-Kind			\$0
State			\$0
State/In-Kind			\$0

Other Federal			\$0
Transportation Development Credit			\$0
Adjustment			\$0
Total Eligible Cost			\$801,303

Milestone Name	Est. Completion Date	Description
Start Date	10/1/2022	Start date for operations period of performance. This is also the start date for pre-award authority.
End Date	9/30/2026	End date for operating assistance period.

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	Operating Assistance Up To 100% Federal Share	1	\$801,303.00	\$801,303.00

Part 4: Fleet Details

No fleet data exists for this application.

Part 5: FTA Review Comments

FTA Comments for DOL

Comment By Murtaza Naqvi

Comment DOL Review for Information

Type

Date	9/15/2025
Comment	Warren Blackman, Blackfeet Transit Director PO Box 850 Browning, MT 59417 406-338-5604 wblackman@blackfeetnation.com

Application Review Comments

Comment By Murtaza Naqvi

Comment Type	Environmental Findings
Date	9/11/2025
Project Title	FY 23/24/25 - 5311 Tribal Transit Formula - Operating Assistance
Project Number	MT-2025-026-01-00
Comment	C4 is applicable for operating assistance.

Application Review Comments

Comment By Murtaza Naqvi

Comment Type	Project Overview
Date	9/11/2025
Project Title	FY 23/24/25 - 5311 Tribal Transit Formula - Operating Assistance
Project Number	MT-2025-026-01-00
Comment	Technical review

Application Review Comments

Comment By Murtaza Naqvi

Comment Type	Application Details
Date	9/11/2025
Comment	Technical review