

Application

Federal Award Identification Number (FAIN)	AK-2026-005
Application Number	AK-2026-005-00
Temporary Application Number	6803-2026-1
Award Name	FY 2023 Section 5311 TTP Discretionary - Express Route Bus Pilot
Application Status	Final Concurrence / Reservation
Budget Revisions	0

Period of Performance Start Date	N/A		
Original Period of Performance End Date	12/30/2027		
Current Period of Performance End Date	12/30/2027	Revision #: 0	Approved?: No

Budget Period Start Date	N/A
Budget Period End Date	12/30/2027

Part 1: Recipient Information

Name: KENAITZE INDIAN TRIBE

Recipient ID	Recipient OST Type	Recipient Alias	UEI	DUNS
6803	Indian Tribe	KENAITZE INDIAN TRIBE	UWLMMPTKNZN1	149211364

Location Type	Address	City	State	Zip
Mailing Address	PO BOX 988	KENAI	AK	99611
Physical Address	150 N WILLOW ST	KENAI	AK	99611

Union Information

There are no union contacts for this application

Part 2: Application Information

Title: FY 2023 Section 5311 TTP Discretionary - Express Route Bus Pilot
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Application Number	Application Status	Award Type	Application Cost Center	Date Created	Last Updated Date	From TEAM?
AK-2026-005-00	Final Concurrence / Reservation	Grant	Region 10	10/10/2025	10/10/2025	No

Application Executive Summary

This grant includes \$960,155 in FY 2023 Section 5311 TTP Discretionary funding (D2023-TRTR-102) to fund supplies, operating support, bus stop construction, employee training, and indirect costs for the Kenaitze Indian Tribe's Alaska's Express Route Bus Pilot in the central Kenai Peninsula region of Alaska.

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 is applying an approved Indirect cost rate(s).

Indirect Rate Details: The Department of Interior (DOI) approved the Kenaitze Indian Tribe's indirect cost rate on 7/25/2024, which covers 1/1/2023 through 9/30/2024 (see Applicant Documents in the Organizational Profile). The currently approved indirect cost rate is 33.98% and will be applied to this grant. Once future rates are approved, they will then be applied to this grant.

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

For generations, the need for affordable public transit options across Alaska's central Kenai Peninsula region has gone largely unfulfilled, and a fixed-route public transit system connecting the residents of our communities has never existed. Many low-income individuals living in Kenaitze Indian Tribes service area cannot afford to purchase private vehicles, sustain servicing and repair costs, or maintain insurance coverage. Although the zone-based, demand-response fare structure offered by the FTA-funded Central Area Rural Transit System (CARTS) meets some local needs for access to essential goods, services, health, and education, even this option is cost-prohibitive for commuters crossing several zones to travel from home to work and back, and retail rates offered by Alaska Cab are even less affordable. In order to expand transportation access and options, Kenaitze is proposing to pilot a fixed-route Bus service connecting the communities of Nikiski, Kenai, Soldotna, and Sterling; operating along the Kenai Spur Highway, the Sterling Highway, and Kalifornsky Beach Road; and complementing the extant services provided by CARTS and Alaska Cab. Through improved coordination with local and regional partners including the cities of Kenai and Soldotna, and the Kenai Peninsula Borough government this proposal seeks to leverage existing transportation infrastructure with new start-up funding to make the entire transit network more efficient for providers and less costly for patrons. Kenaitze currently operates a Transportation Department with a fleet of transit vehicles, will supply the two (2) transit Buses to be used for passenger service, and has a vested interest in the continued success of programs serving both Tribal Members and the broader public. By surpassing 200,000 annual vehicle miles during this 2-year performance period, Kenaitze will qualify for formula funding from FTA to continue operating Bus service reliably and sustainably over the long-term.

Activities to be performed:

This proposal seeks to leverage existing transportation infrastructure with new start-up funding to make the entire transit network more efficient for providers and less costly for patrons. Kenaitze currently operates a Transportation Department with a fleet of transit vehicles, will supply the two (2) transit Buses to be used for passenger service, and has a vested interest in the continued success of programs serving both Tribal Members and the broader public.

Expected outcomes:

By surpassing 200,000 annual vehicle miles during this 2-year performance period, Kenaitze will qualify for formula funding from FTA to continue operating Bus service reliably and sustainably over the long-term.

Intended beneficiaries:

Kenaitze Indian Tribe (Kenaitze, the Tribe) is a federally recognized tribal government reorganized in 1971 under the statutes of the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934, as amended for Alaska in 1936. The Tribe's service area comprises the communities of Kenai, Soldotna, Sterling, Nikiski, Salamatof, Ridgeway, Cohoe, Kalifornsky, Cooper Landing, Funny River, and Kasilofa geographical area that spreads across more than 15,000 square miles of rural Alaska. Tribal facilities are located in Kenai, close to the ancestral fishing grounds of the Kahtnuhtana Denaina (Kenaitze people) where the Kenai River empties into Cook Inlet. Kenaitze serves 2,168 Tribal Members and approximately 4,410 Alaska Native/American Indian (AN/AI) residents of the central Kenai Peninsula; the total service area population is approximately 35,943 people.

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 Competitive	5311-1C	20509	\$960,155
Local			\$0
Local/In-Kind			\$0
State			\$0
State/In-Kind			\$0
Other Federal			\$0
Transportation Development Credit			\$0
Adjustment			\$0
Total Eligible Cost			\$960,155

Application Budget

Project Number	Budget Item	FTA Amount	Non-FTA Amount	Total Eligible Amount	Quantity
AK-2026-005-01-00	600-00 (600-A1) OTHER PROGRAM COSTS	\$960,155.00	\$0.00	\$960,155.00	13
AK-2026-005-01-00	11.42.20 ACQUIRE - MISC SUPPORT EQUIPMENT (FY 2023 Section 5311 TTP Discretionary 100:0) (00)	\$23,247.00	\$0.00	\$23,247.00	1
AK-2026-005-01-00	11.43.20 CONSTRUCT - MISC. EQUIPMENT (FY 2023 Section 5311 TTP Discretionary 100:0) (00)	\$3,600.00	\$0.00	\$3,600.00	9
AK-2026-005-01-00	11.79.00 PROJECT ADMINISTRATION - Indirect Costs (FY 2023 Section 5311 TTP Discretionary 100:0) (00)	\$175,265.00	\$0.00	\$175,265.00	1
AK-2026-005-01-00	11.7D.02 EMPLOYEE EDUCATION/ TRAINING (FY	\$4,965.00	\$0.00	\$4,965.00	1

AK-2026-005-01-00	30.09.01	2023 Section 5311 TTP Discretionary 100:0) (00) UP TO 50% FEDERAL SHARE (FY 2023 Section 5311 TTP Discretionary 100:0) (00)	\$753,078.00	\$0.00	\$753,078.00	1
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Discretionary Allocations

Discretionary ID	Project Title	Amount Applied	Application Number
D2023-TRTR-102	Support the Express Route Bus Pilot with operating assistance for two service routes.	\$960,155	AK-2026-005-00

Part 3: Project Information

Project Title: FY 2023 Section 5311 TTP Discretionary - Express Route Bus Pilot

Project Number	Temporary Project Number	Date Created	Start Date	End Date
AK-2026-005-01-00	6803-2026-1-P1	10/10/2025	10/1/2025	9/30/2027

Project Description

Kenaitze is proposing to pilot a fixed-route Bus service connecting the communities of Nikiski, Kenai, Soldotna, and Sterling; operating along the Kenai Spur Highway, the Sterling Highway, and Kalifornsky Beach Road; and complementing the extant services provided by CARTS and Alaska Cab. Through improved coordination with local and regional partners including the cities of Kenai and Soldotna, and the Kenai Peninsula Borough government this proposal seeks to leverage existing transportation infrastructure with new start-up funding to make the entire transit network more efficient for providers and less costly for patrons. Kenaitze currently operates a Transportation Department with a fleet of transit vehicles, will supply the two (2) transit Buses to be used for passenger service, and has a vested interest in the continued success of programs serving both Tribal Members and the broader public.

Project Benefits

By surpassing 200,000 annual vehicle miles during this 2-year performance period, Kenaitze will qualify for formula funding from FTA to continue operating Bus service reliably and sustainably over the long-term.

Additional Information

None provided.

Location Description

Kenaitze is proposing to pilot a fixed-route Bus service connecting the communities of Nikiski, Kenai, Soldotna, and Sterling; operating along the Kenai Spur Highway, the Sterling Highway, and Kalifornsky Beach Road; and complementing the extant services provided by CARTS and Alaska Cab.

Project Location (Urbanized Areas)

UZA Code	Area Name
020000	Alaska

Congressional District Information

District	State
1	Alaska

Program Plan Information

STIP/TIP

Date: Not Provided

Description: There is no STIP requirement for 5311 TTP Formula and Discretionary Funds, 9040.1H Chapter 10, page 3. Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and/or Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Requirement.

UPWP

Date: N/A

Description: N/A

Long Range Plan

Date: N/A

Description: N/A

Project Control Totals

Funding Source	Section of Statute	CFDA Number	Amount
5311 - Tribal Transit Competitive	5311-1C	20509	\$960,155
Local			\$0
Local/In-Kind			\$0
State			\$0
State/In-Kind			\$0
Other Federal			\$0
Transportation Development Credit			\$0
Adjustment			\$0
Total Eligible Cost			\$960,155

Project Budget

Project Number	Budget Item	FTA Amount	Non-FTA Amount	Total Eligible Amount	Quantity
AK-2026-005-	600- OTHER PROGRAM COSTS	\$960,155.00	\$0.00	\$960,155.00	13

01-00	00 (600- A1)						
AK-2026-005-01-00		11.42.20	ACQUIRE - MISC SUPPORT EQUIPMENT (FY 2023 Section 5311 TTP Discretionary 100:0) (00)	\$23,247.00	\$0.00	\$23,247.00	1
AK-2026-005-01-00		11.43.20	CONSTRUCT - MISC. EQUIPMENT (FY 2023 Section 5311 TTP Discretionary 100:0) (00)	\$3,600.00	\$0.00	\$3,600.00	9
AK-2026-005-01-00		11.79.00	PROJECT ADMINISTRATION - Indirect Costs (FY 2023 Section 5311 TTP Discretionary 100:0) (00)	\$175,265.00	\$0.00	\$175,265.00	1
AK-2026-005-01-00		11.7D.02	EMPLOYEE EDUCATION/ TRAINING (FY 2023 Section 5311 TTP Discretionary 100:0) (00)	\$4,965.00	\$0.00	\$4,965.00	1
AK-2026-005-01-00		30.09.01	UP TO 50% FEDERAL SHARE (FY 2023 Section 5311 TTP Discretionary 100:0) (00)	\$753,078.00	\$0.00	\$753,078.00	1

Project Budget Activity Line Items

Budget Activity Line Item: 30.09.01 - UP TO 50% FEDERAL SHARE (FY 2023 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	1

Extended Budget Description

This activity line item includes \$753,078 in FY 2023 Section 5311 TTP Discretionary (D2023-TRTR-102) funding for operating assistance for the time period of 10/01/2025 - 09/30/2027.

MATCH RATIO

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

STIP

There is no STIP requirement for 5311 TTP Funds, 9040.1H 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
5311 - Tribal Transit Competitive	5311-1C	20509	\$753,078
Local			\$0
Local/In-Kind			\$0
State			\$0
State/In-Kind			\$0
Other Federal			\$0
Transportation Development Credit			\$0
Adjustment			\$0
Total Eligible Cost			\$753,078

Milestone Name	Est. Completion Date	Description
Start Date	10/1/2025	Anticipated program operations start
End Date	9/30/2027	tentative program end date

Budget Activity Line Item: 11.43.20 - CONSTRUCT - MISC. EQUIPMENT (FY 2023 Section 5311 TTP Discretionary 100:0) (00)

Scope Name / Code	Line Item #	Line Item Name	Activity	Quantity
OTHER PROGRAM COSTS (600-00)	11.43.20	CONSTRUCT - MISC. EQUIPMENT	CONSTRUCTION OF BUS SUPPORT EQUIP/FACIL	9

Extended Budget Description

This activity line item includes \$3,600 in - FY 2023 Section 5311 TTP Discretionary (D2023-TRTR-102) funding for construction of nine (9) bus stop signs located along the Kenai Spur Highway, the Sterling Highway, and Kalifornsky Beach Road, Alaska. Using skids; no ground disturbance. Tribal staff in-house will be doing the construction and installation.

MATCH RATIO

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

STIP

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

USEFUL LIFE

These signs will have an anticipated useful life of 3 years. Due to weather and the natural environment, it is anticipated that the signs will become damaged and need replacement after a few seasons of operation.

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

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

Funding Source	Section of Statute	CFDA Number	Amount
5311 - Tribal Transit Competitive	5311-1C	20509	\$3,600
Local			\$0
Local/In-Kind			\$0
State			\$0
State/In-Kind			\$0
Other Federal			\$0
Transportation Development Credit			\$0
Adjustment			\$0
Total Eligible Cost			\$3,600

Milestone Name	Est. Completion Date	Description
Start Date	10/1/2025	project start
End Date	9/30/2027	tentative project end

Budget Activity Line Item: 11.42.20 - ACQUIRE - MISC SUPPORT EQUIPMENT (FY 2023 Section 5311 TTP Discretionary 100:0) (00)

Scope Name / Code	Line Item #	Line Item Name	Activity	Quantity
OTHER PROGRAM COSTS (600-00)	11.42.20	ACQUIRE - MISC SUPPORT EQUIPMENT	ACQUISITION OF BUS SUPPORT EQUIP/FACILITIES	1

Extended Budget Description

This activity line item includes \$23,247 in FY 2023 Section 5311 TTP Discretionary (D2023-TRTR-102) funding for bus equipment, including SurfacePro tablet, wet/dry fac, first-aid and winterweather kits, replacement tires, tire chains, and uniforms for drivers.

MATCH RATIO

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

STIP

There is no STIP requirement for 5311 TTP Funds, 9040.1H 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
5311 - Tribal Transit Competitive	5311-1C	20509	\$23,247
Local			\$0
Local/In-Kind			\$0
State			\$0
State/In-Kind			\$0

Other Federal		\$0
Transportation Development Credit		\$0
Adjustment		\$0
Total Eligible Cost		\$23,247

Milestone Name	Est. Completion Date	Description
Start Date	10/1/2025	Project Start
End Date	9/30/2027	Tentative project end

Budget Activity Line Item: 11.7D.02 - EMPLOYEE EDUCATION/TRAINING (FY 2023 Section 5311 TTP Discretionary 100:0) (00)

Scope Name / Code	Line Item #	Line Item Name	Activity	Quantity
OTHER PROGRAM COSTS (600-00)	11.7D.02	EMPLOYEE EDUCATION/TRAINING	TRAINING - OTHER PROGRAM COSTS	1

Extended Budget Description

This activity line item includes \$4,965 in FY 2023 Section 5311 TTP Discretionary (D2023-TRTR-102) funding for employee training for the time period of 10/01/2025 - 09/30/2027.

MATCH RATIO

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

STIP

There is no STIP requirement for 5311 TTP Funds, 9040.1H 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
5311 - Tribal Transit Competitive	5311-1C	20509	\$4,965
Local			\$0
Local/In-Kind			\$0
State			\$0
State/In-Kind			\$0
Other Federal			\$0
Transportation Development Credit			\$0
Adjustment			\$0
Total Eligible Cost			\$4,965

Milestone Name	Est. Completion Date	Description
Start Date	10/1/2025	start program operations

End Date	9/30/2027	tentative program end date
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Budget Activity Line Item: 11.79.00 - PROJECT ADMINISTRATION - Indirect Costs (FY 2023 Section 5311 TTP Discretionary 100:0) (00)

Scope Name / Code	Line Item #	Line Item Name	Activity	Quantity
OTHER PROGRAM COSTS (600-00)	11.79.00	PROJECT ADMINISTRATION	OTHER CAPITAL ITEMS (BUS)	1

Extended Budget Description

This activity line item includes \$175,265 in FY 2023 Section 5311 TTP Discretionary (D2023-TRTR-102) funding for indirect expenses at the rate of 33.98% for the time period of 10/01/2025-09/30/2027.

MATCH RATIO

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

STIP

There is no STIP requirement for 5311 TTP Funds, 9040.1H 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
5311 - Tribal Transit Competitive	5311-1C	20509	\$175,265
Local			\$0
Local/In-Kind			\$0
State			\$0
State/In-Kind			\$0
Other Federal			\$0
Transportation Development Credit			\$0
Adjustment			\$0
Total Eligible Cost			\$175,265

Milestone Name	Est. Completion Date	Description
Start Date	10/1/2025	start NICRA based on actual expense
End Date	9/30/2027	NICRA expense based on tentative program end

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 05: Activities, including repairs, replacements, and rehabilitations, designed to promote transportation safety, security, accessibility and effective communication within or adjacent to existing right-of-way, such as: the deployment of Intelligent Transportation Systems and components; installation and improvement of safety and communications equipment, including hazard elimination and mitigation; installation of passenger amenities and traffic signals; and retrofitting existing transportation vehicles, facilities or structures, or upgrading to current standards.

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 (FY 2023 Section 5311 TTP Discretionary 100:0) (00)	1	\$753,078.00	\$753,078.00
OTHER PROGRAM COSTS (600-00)	11.43.20	CONSTRUCT - MISC. EQUIPMENT (FY 2023 Section 5311 TTP Discretionary 100:0) (00)	9	\$3,600.00	\$3,600.00
OTHER PROGRAM COSTS (600-00)	11.42.20	ACQUIRE - MISC SUPPORT EQUIPMENT (FY 2023 Section 5311 TTP Discretionary 100:0) (00)	1	\$23,247.00	\$23,247.00
OTHER PROGRAM COSTS (600-00)	11.7D.02	EMPLOYEE EDUCATION/ TRAINING (FY 2023 Section 5311 TTP Discretionary 100:0) (00)	1	\$4,965.00	\$4,965.00
OTHER PROGRAM COSTS (600-00)	11.79.00	PROJECT ADMINISTRATION - Indirect Costs (FY 2023 Section 5311 TTP Discretionary 100:0) (00)	1	\$175,265.00	\$175,265.00

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	1/26/2026
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Comment