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U.S. Department of Transportation

Federal Transit Administration

Application

Federal Award Identification Number (FAIN)	MN-2026-004
Application Number	MN-2026-004-00
Temporary Application Number	6935-2026-1
Award Name	5311 and 5311c Operating Assistance
Application Status	Final Concurrence / Reservation
Budget Revisions	0

Period of Performance Start Date	N/A		
Original Period of Performance End Date	3/30/2028		
Current Period of Performance End Date	3/30/2028	Revision #: 0	Approved?: No

Budget Period Start Date	N/A
Budget Period End Date	3/30/2028

Part 1: Recipient Information

Name: FOND DU LAC RESERVATION

Recipient ID	Recipient OST Type	Recipient Alias	UEI	DUNS
6935	Indian Tribe	FOND DU LAC RESERVATION	J37EL8RWMHK6	039582366

Location Type	Address	City	State	Zip
Physical Address	1785 HIGHWAY 210	CARLTON	MN	55718
Mailing Address	1720 BIG LAKE RD	CLOQUET	MN	55720

Union Information

There are no union contacts for this application

Part 2: Application Information

Title: 5311 and 5311c Operating Assistance

Application Number	Application Status	Award Type	Application Cost Center	Date Created	Last Updated Date	From TEAM?
MN-2026-004-00	Final Concurrence / Reservation	Grant	Region 5	3/6/2026	3/6/2026	No

Application Executive Summary

A total of \$672,837 (\$148,353 in FY24 5311c Tribal Formula [LAPSING] , \$139,173 in FY25 5311c Tribal Formula, and \$385,311 in FY25 5311 Rural Formula funding) will be used to support Operational expenses (7/01/2026-12/31/2027) such as, salaries, gas and supplies with a useful life of less than one year. Local funding of \$385,311 will be provided by Fond du Lac Reservation to match the 5311 Rural formula funds at 50%. This project will make a large impact for the community by improving the access of Reservation residents and visitors to health care, shopping, education, recreation, public services and employment because will continue to operate Fond du Lac Transit in calendar year 2027. Our people have come to depend on Fond du Lac Transit for access to these many places and Fond du Lac Transit has a duty to provide transportation services to all Band members who live on or near the Reservation. Fond du Lac Transit runs 6:00am-6:00pm seven days a week at this time. With two runs to Duluth Monday - Friday. More information can be found at www.fdlband.org under Transit tab.

Attachments to this application include STIP documentation and approval, 5311 suballocation letter, and 5311 Tribal Formula apportionment tables.

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 not 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

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

To be used for operational expenses of Fond du Lac Transit between 07/01/2026 and 12/31/2027.

Activities to be performed:

Provide funding for operational expenses of the transit system such as, salaries, gas and supplies with a useful life of less than a half year for the term of the grant.

Expected outcomes:

The additional funds will continue to improve the access of Reservation residents and visitors to health care, shopping, education, recreation, public services and employment through reliable public transit. These additional funds will allow Fond du Lac Transit to continue these services longer into the years to come.

Intended beneficiaries:

All people that live on or near the Reservation, and in the Fond du Lac Transit service area

Subrecipient Activities:

None.

Application Point of Contact Information

First Name	Last Name	Title	E-mail Address	Phone
Evan	Gross	Transportation Program Specialist	evan.gross@dot.gov	(312) 886-1619
Jason	Holliday	Planning Director	jasonholliday@fdlband.org	(218) 878-2625

Application Budget Control Totals

Funding Source	Section of Statute	CFDA Number	Amount
5311 - Tribal Transit Program Formula	5311-1B	20509	\$287,526
5311 - Rural Area Formula	5311-1A	20509	\$385,311
Local			\$385,311
Local/In-Kind			\$0
State			\$0
State/In-Kind			\$0
Other Federal			\$0
Transportation Development Credit			\$0
Adjustment			\$0

Total Eligible Cost	\$1,058,148
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Application Budget

Project Number	Budget Item	FTA Amount	Non-FTA Amount	Total Eligible Amount	Quantity
MN-2026-004-01-00	600-00 (600-A1) OTHER PROGRAM COSTS	\$287,526.00	\$0.00	\$287,526.00	1
MN-2026-004-01-00	30.09.01 UP TO 50% FEDERAL SHARE	\$287,526.00	\$0.00	\$287,526.00	1
MN-2026-004-02-00	600-00 (600-A2) OTHER PROGRAM COSTS	\$385,311.00	\$385,311.00	\$770,622.00	1
MN-2026-004-02-00	30.09.01 UP TO 50% FEDERAL SHARE	\$385,311.00	\$385,311.00	\$770,622.00	1

Discretionary Allocations

This application does not contain discretionary allocations.

Part 3: Project Information

Project Title: 5311c Tribal Formula Operating Assistance

Project Number	Temporary Project Number	Date Created	Start Date	End Date
MN-2026-004-01-00	6935-2026-1-P1	4/1/2026	7/1/2026	12/31/2027

Project Description

This project includes \$148,353 in FY24 5311c Tribal Formula funds, \$139,173 in FY25 5311c Tribal Formula funds to be used for Operational expenses (7/01/2026-12/31/2027) such as, salaries, gas and supplies with a useful life of less than one year at a 100% share. This project will make a large impact for the community by improving the access of Reservation residents and visitors to health care, shopping, education, recreation, public services and employment because will continue to operate Fond du Lac Transit in calendar years 2026-2027. The Fond du Lac Band has come to depend on Fond du Lac Transit for access to these many places and Fond du Lac Transit has a duty to provide transportation services to all Band members who live on or near the Reservation. Fond du Lac Transit runs 6:00am-6:00pm seven days a week at this time.

There are future plans to re-establish the two runs to Duluth, MN on Monday - Friday.

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Project Benefits

Grant will be used to service the Fond du Lac Reservation and surrounding area. This project makes a large impact on the community by improving the access to employment, medical, school, shopping,

recreation and community events. Fond du Lac Transit has a duty to provide service to all Fond du Lac Band members who live on or near the Reservation. Fond du Lac Transit is open Monday - Friday 5am-6pm and Saturday and Sunday 6am-6pm.

Additional Information

None provided.

Location Description

Operations for this project will take place at the Fond du Lac Transit Facility located at 1659, MN-210, Carlton, MN 55718.

Project Location (Urbanized Areas)

UZA Code	Area Name
270000	Minnesota

Congressional District Information

District	State
8	Minnesota

Program Plan Information

STIP/TIP

Date: Not Provided

Description: No STIP required for Tribal formula program projects

UPWP

Date: N/A

Description: N/A

Long Range Plan

Date: 1/4/2023

Description: Fond du Lac Long Range Transportation Plan. Page 20 and 21.

Project Control Totals

Funding Source	Section of Statute	CFDA Number	Amount
5311 - Tribal Transit Program Formula	5311-1B	20509	\$287,526
Local			\$0
Local/In-Kind			\$0
State			\$0
State/In-Kind			\$0
Other Federal			\$0
Transportation Development Credit			\$0
Adjustment			\$0
Total Eligible Cost			\$287,526

Project Budget

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MN-2026-004-01-00	600-00 (600-A1) OTHER PROGRAM COSTS	\$287,526.00	\$0.00	\$287,526.00	1
MN-2026-004-01-00	30.09.01 UP TO 50% FEDERAL SHARE	\$287,526.00	\$0.00	\$287,526.00	1

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

Grant funds will be used for allowable Operational expenses (7/01/2026-12/31/2027 (5311 FY24 and FY25) such as salaries, gas and supplies with a useful life of less than one year.

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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Local/In-Kind			\$0
State			\$0
State/In-Kind			\$0
Other Federal			\$0
Transportation Development Credit			\$0
Adjustment			\$0
Total Eligible Cost			\$287,526

Milestone Name	Est. Completion Date	Description
Start Date	7/1/2026	FY 2024 and FY 2025 Operational Assistance to be started by 7/01/2026.

End Date	12/31/2027	FY 2024 and FY 2025 Operational Assistance to be spent by 12/31/2027.
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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
	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	1	\$287,526.00	\$287,526.00

Project Title: 5311 Rural Formula Operating Assistance

Project Number	Temporary Project Number	Date Created	Start Date	End Date
MN-2026-004-02-00	6935-2026-1-P2	4/28/2026	7/1/2026	12/31/2027

Project Description

This application includes \$385,311 in FY25 5311 Rural Formula funds to be used for Operational expenses (7/01/2026-12/31/2027) such as, salaries, gas and supplies with a useful life of less than one year at a 50% share. The Fond du Lac band will provide local funds of \$385,311 as a 50% match for a total amount of \$770,622. This project will make a large impact for the community by improving the access of Reservation residents and visitors to health care, shopping, education, recreation, public services and employment because will continue to operate Fond du Lac Transit in calendar years 2026-2027. The Fond du Lac Band has come to depend on Fond du Lac Transit for access to these many places and Fond du Lac Transit has a duty to provide transportation services to all Band members who live on or near the Reservation. Fond du Lac Transit runs 6:00am-6:00pm seven days a week at this time.

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Additional Information

None provided.

Location Description

Operations for this project will take place at the Fond du Lac Transit Facility located at 1659, MN-210, Carlton, MN 55718.

Project Location (Urbanized Areas)

UZA Code	Area Name
270000	Minnesota

Congressional District Information

District	State
8	Minnesota

Program Plan Information

STIP/TIP

Date: 10/22/2025

Description: STIP # TRF-9101-26

UPWP

Date: N/A

Description: N/A

Long Range Plan

Date: 1/14/2023

Description: Fond du Lac Long Range Transportation Plan. See pages 20 and 21.

Project Control Totals

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Local/In-Kind			\$0
State			\$0
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Other Federal			\$0
Transportation Development Credit			\$0

Adjustment	\$0
Total Eligible Cost	\$770,622

Project Budget

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MN-2026-004-02-00	600-00 (600-A2) OTHER PROGRAM COSTS	\$385,311.00	\$385,311.00	\$770,622.00	1
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Project Budget Activity Line Items

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

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OTHER PROGRAM COSTS (600-00)	30.09.01	UP TO 50% FEDERAL SHARE	OPERATING ASSISTANCE	1

Extended Budget Description

FY2025 5311 Rural Formula funding suballocated from MNDOT and matched by Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa at 50%, will be utilized for allowable Operational expenses of Fond du Lac Transit, between 7/01/2026 and 12/31/2027.

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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Transportation Development Credit			\$0
Adjustment			\$0
Total Eligible Cost			\$770,622

Milestone Name	Est. Completion	Description
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Date		
Start Date	7/1/2026	FY25 Operational assistance will be started by 7/1/26.
End Date	12/31/2027	Funds for operational costs will be spent out by 12/31/27.

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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	1	\$385,311.00	\$770,622.00

Part 4: Fleet Details

No fleet data exists for this application.

Part 5: FTA Review Comments

FTA Comments for DOL

Comment By **Evan Gross**

Comment Type DOL Review for Information

Date 5/18/2026

Comment 5311 Funds/Tribal. DOL for Information