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Federal Transit Administration

Application

Federal Award Identification Number (FAIN)	NE-2024-013
Award with Amendment Number	NE-2024-013-02
Temporary Application Number	6750-2024-1
Award Name	Ponca Tribe of Nebraska Sec. 5311 Formula Operating Grant
Application Status	Final Concurrence / Reservation
Budget Revisions	0

Period of Performance Start Date	7/30/2024		
Original Period of Performance End Date	1/15/2027		
Current Period of Performance End Date	2/28/2029	Revision #: 1	Approved?: No

Budget Period Start Date	7/30/2024
Budget Period End Date	1/15/2027

Part 1: Recipient Information

Name: PONCA TRIBE OF NEBRASKA

Recipient ID	Recipient OST Type	Recipient Alias	UEI	DUNS
6750	Indian Tribe	PONCA TRIBE OF NEBRASKA	KN2MESZ2EWN6	957113418

Location Type	Address	City	State	Zip
Mailing Address	P.O. BOX 288	NIOBRARA	NE	68760
Physical Address	2523 WOODBINE ST	NIOBRARA	NE	68760

Union Information

There are no union contacts for this application

Part 2: Application Information

Title: Ponca Tribe of Nebraska Sec. 5311 Formula Operating Grant

Award with Amendment Number	Application Status	Award Type	Application Cost Center	Date Created	Last Updated Date	From TEAM?
NE-2024-013-02	Final Concurrence / Reservation	Grant	Region 7	6/25/2026	6/25/2026	No

Application Executive Summary

This is amendment #2. This application is to request Tribal Transit Formula Program FY 24 Section 5311 (c) (1) FY 2024 funds apportioned to the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska (PTON) through the UZA 310000, in the amount of \$668,592 for operating assistance expenses and a service vehicle with a useful life of 4 year/ 150,000 miles. This is a 100% federal funded grant.

Amendment 1: March 2025

This application is to request Tribal Transit Formula Program FY 23 Section 5311 (c) (1) FY 2023 funds apportioned to the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska (PTON) through the UZA 310000, in the amount of \$493,834 for operating assistance expenses.

The grant will fund salary, benefits, training expenses, fuel and oil, and indirect costs.

The Tribe is using Federal funds at the 100%/0% match ratio for the time period 07/01/2025 - 09/30/2027. The new grant total will be \$959,765.

There is no Local Match requirement for 5311 TTP Formula Funds, FTA Circ. 9040.1G Page X-3 #8 Matching Requirements.

STIP

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

This application is to request Tribal Transit Section 5311 (c) (1) FY 2022 funds apportioned to the State of Nebraska for the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska (PTON) through the UZA 310000, in the amount of \$465,931 for operating assistance expenses.

The grant will fund salary, benefits, training expenses, fuel and oil, drug & alcohol testing, uniforms, vehicle wraps for any new vehicle purchases, feasibility study and indirect costs.

The Tribe is using Federal funds at the 100%/0% match ratio for the time period 10/1/2024 - 09/30/2026.

There is no Local Match requirement for 5311 TTP Formula Funds, FTA Circ. 9040.1G Page X-3 #8 Matching Requirements.

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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 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: Amendment 1: March 2025 provisional Indirect Cost rate is 36.48%. (attached).

Please see the attached letter approving the indirect cost rate of 35.41%.

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 general operating expenses and a service vehicle for the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska's Transit program.

Activities to be performed:

Amendment 1: March 2025

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Expected outcomes:
Providing free and low-cost transportation to low-income riders in the Service Delivery Area for necessary transportation.

Intended beneficiaries:
Transit users in the 15-county Service Delivery Area in Nebraska, Iowa and South Dakota.

Subrecipient Activities:
N/A

Application Point of Contact Information

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Application Budget Control Totals

Funding Source	Section of Statute	CFDA Number	Amount
5311 - Tribal Transit Program Formula	5311-1B	20509	\$1,628,357
Local			\$0
Local/In-Kind			\$0
State			\$0
State/In-Kind			\$0
Other Federal			\$0
Transportation Development Credit			\$0
Adjustment			\$0
Total Eligible Cost			\$1,628,357

Application Budget

Project Number		Budget Item	FTA Amount	Non-FTA Amount	Total Eligible Amount	Quantity
NE-2024-013-01-02	600-00 (600-A1)	OTHER PROGRAM COSTS	\$1,628,357.00	\$0.00	\$1,628,357.00	1
NE-2024-013-01-02		11.42.11 Amendment #2 ACQUIRE -	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	\$50,000.00	1

NE-2024-013-01-02	30.09.01	SUPPORT VEHICLES UP TO 100% FEDERAL SHARE	\$465,931.00	\$0.00	\$465,931.00	0
NE-2024-013-01-02	30.09.01	Amendment 1 UP TO 100% FEDERAL SHARE	\$493,834.00	\$0.00	\$493,834.00	0
NE-2024-013-01-02	30.09.01	Amendment - 2 UP TO 50% FEDERAL SHARE	\$618,592.00	\$0.00	\$618,592.00	0

Discretionary Allocations

This application does not contain discretionary allocations.

Part 3: Project Information

Project Title: Operating expenses

Project Number	Temporary Project Number	Date Created	Start Date	End Date
NE-2024-013-01-02	6750-2024-1-P1	6/25/2026	10/1/2024	12/31/2028

Project Description

Amendment 1: March 2025.
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The Tribe is using federal funds at the 100%/0% match ratio for date of award through 9/30/27.

There is no Local Match requirement for 5311 TTP Formula Funds, FTA Circ. 9040.1G Page X-3 #8 Matching Requirements.

Using Federal Transit Section 5311(c)(1) funds in the amount of \$465,931 will be used for operating and non operating expenses for fiscal year 2024-26 of the Tribe's rural transit program. The grant will fund salary, benefits, training expenses. fuel & oil, drug/alcohol testing, uniforms, vehicle wraps and indirect costs.

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Project Benefits

To increase safe and reliable transportation in rural Nebraska.

Additional Information

This program will benefit the ridership in the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska's Service Delivery Area for in-town transportation needs.

Location Description

This grant covers a 15-county Service Delivery Area in Nebraska, Iowa and South Dakota.

Project Location (Urbanized Areas)

UZA Code	Area Name
310000	Nebraska

Congressional District Information

District	State
1	Nebraska
2	Nebraska
3	Nebraska

Program Plan Information**STIP/TIP**

Date: Not Provided

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

UPWP

Date: Not Provided

Description: N/A

Long Range Plan

Date: N/A

Description: N/A

Project Control Totals

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

Adjustment			\$0
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Project Budget

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NE-2024-013-01-02	11.42.11 Amendment #2 ACQUIRE - SUPPORT VEHICLES	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	\$50,000.00	1
NE-2024-013-01-02	30.09.01 UP TO 100% FEDERAL SHARE	\$465,931.00	\$0.00	\$465,931.00	0
NE-2024-013-01-02	30.09.01 Amendment 1 UP TO 100% FEDERAL SHARE	\$493,834.00	\$0.00	\$493,834.00	0
NE-2024-013-01-02	30.09.01 Amendment - 2 UP TO 50% FEDERAL SHARE	\$618,592.00	\$0.00	\$618,592.00	0

Project Budget Activity Line Items

Budget Activity Line Item: 11.42.11 - Amendment #2 ACQUIRE - SUPPORT VEHICLES

Scope Name / Code	Line Item #	Line Item Name	Activity	Quantity
OTHER PROGRAM COSTS (600-00)	11.42.11	ACQUIRE - SUPPORT VEHICLES	ACQUISITION OF BUS SUPPORT EQUIP/FACILITIES	1

Extended Budget Description

Ponca Tribe will utilize this vehicle to escort drivers in the service delivery areas this vehicle has a useful life of 4 years/150,000 miles.

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 - Tribal Transit Program Formula	5311-1B	20509	\$50,000
Local			\$0
Local/In-Kind			\$0
State			\$0
State/In-Kind			\$0
Other Federal			\$0
Transportation Development Credit			\$0
Adjustment			\$0
Total Eligible Cost			\$50,000

Milestone Name	Est. Completion Date	Description
Vehicle Order	10/1/2026	Order vehicle
Vehicle Delivery	11/30/2026	We anticipate taking possession of vehicle by November.
Vehicle Payment	12/31/2026	Payment of vehicle

Budget Activity Line Item: 30.09.01 - Amendment - 2 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

Ponca Tribe requests to use for eligible operating expenses through 12/31/2028 (wages, fuel, maintenance, salary, training).

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	\$618,592
Local			\$0
Local/In-Kind			\$0
State			\$0
State/In-Kind			\$0
Other Federal			\$0
Transportation Development Credit			\$0
Adjustment			\$0
Total Eligible Cost			\$618,592

Milestone Name	Est. Completion	Description
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Date		
Start Date	7/7/2026	This is the date we would incur reimbursable expenses within our service delivery area.
End Date	12/31/2028	Ponca anticipates utilizing all funds by this end date.

Budget Activity Line Item: 30.09.01 - 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	0

Extended Budget Description

For general operating expenses.

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
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Other Federal			\$0
Transportation Development Credit			\$0
Adjustment			\$0
Total Eligible Cost			\$465,931

Milestone Name	Est. Completion Date	Description
Start Date	10/1/2024	Start of federal fiscal year.
End Date	9/30/2026	End of 2nd federal fiscal year.

Budget Activity Line Item: 30.09.01 - Amendment 1 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	0

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Adjustment			\$0
Total Eligible Cost			\$493,834

Milestone Name	Est. Completion Date	Description
Start Date	7/1/2025	
End Date	9/30/2027	

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	7/8/2026

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 100% FEDERAL SHARE	0	\$465,931.00	\$465,931.00

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OTHER PROGRAM COSTS (600-00)	30.09.01	Amendment - 2 UP TO 50% FEDERAL SHARE	0	\$618,592.00	\$618,592.00

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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	7/8/2026

Scope Name / Code	Line Item Number	Line Item Name	Quantity	FTA Amount	Total Eligible Cost
OTHER PROGRAM COSTS (600-00)	11.42.11	Amendment #2 ACQUIRE - SUPPORT VEHICLES	1	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00

Part 4: Fleet Details

No fleet data exists for this application.

Part 5: FTA Review Comments

FTA Comments for DOL

Comment By Jeremiah Shuler

Comment Type	DOL Review for Information
Date	7/14/2026
Comment	This is amendment #2. This application is to request Tribal Transit Formula Program FY 24 Section 5311 (c) (1) FY 2024 funds apportioned to the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska (PTON) through the UZA 310000, in the amount of \$668,592 for operating assistance expenses and a service vehicle with a useful life of 4 year/150,000 miles. This is a 100% federal funded grant.

Application Review Comments

Comment By Jeremiah Shuler

Comment Type	Pre-Award Manager Returns Application
Date	7/7/2026
Comment	

Application Review Comments

Comment By Gerri Doyle

Comment Type	Environmental Findings
Date	7/8/2026
Project Title	Operating expenses
Project Number	NE-2024-013-01-02
Comment	The proposed activity to purchase a non-revenue vehicle is found compliant as a Categorical Exclusion under 23 CFR Part 771.118 (c)(7).

Comment By Gerri Doyle

Comment Type	Environmental Findings
Date	7/8/2026
Project Title	Operating expenses
Project Number	NE-2024-013-01-02
Comment	The proposed operating assistance activity is found compliant as a Categorical Exclusion under 23 CFR Part 771.118 (c)(4).