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Application

Federal Award Identification Number (FAIN)	NE-2026-009
Application Number	NE-2026-009-00
Temporary Application Number	6830-2024-2
Award Name	Santee Sioux Nation FY24 BUSC and Section 5311 FY 2024 TTP Competitive Award- Replacement Vans and Planning
Application Status	Final Concurrence / Reservation
Budget Revisions	0

Period of Performance Start Date	N/A		
Original Period of Performance End Date	8/30/2027		
Current Period of Performance End Date	8/30/2027	Revision #: 0	Approved?: No

Budget Period Start Date	N/A
Budget Period End Date	8/30/2027

Part 1: Recipient Information

Name: SANTEE SIOUX TRIBE OF NEBRASKA

Recipient ID	Recipient OST Type	Recipient Alias	UEI	DUNS
6830	Indian Tribe	SANTEE SIOUX NATION	E8GHH34ACJJ3	145859674

Location Type	Address	City	State	Zip
Physical Address	425 FRAZIER AVE N STE 2	NIOBRARA	NE	68760
Mailing Address	425 FRAZIER AVE. N SUITE #2	NIOBRARA	NE	68760

Union Information

There are no union contacts for this application

Part 2: Application Information

Title: Santee Sioux Nation FY24 BUSC and Section 5311 FY 2024 TTP Competitive Award- Replacement Vans and Planning

Application Number	Application Status	Award Type	Application Cost Center	Date Created	Last Updated Date	From TEAM?
NE-2026-009-00	Final Concurrence / Reservation	Grant	Region 7	9/23/2024	9/23/2024	No

Application Executive Summary

The Santee Sioux is applying for FY 2024, BUS Grants Competitive (D2024-BUSC-038) for the total amount of \$193,033. The funds will be used for two brand new Transit Vans to replace the two current transit vans that are past their useful life expectancy. A local match of \$34,065 is required, match is derived from the Tribe's Tax code.

The Tribe is also applying for section 5311 FY 2024, Tribal Transit Program, Competitive (D2025-TRTR-020) for the total amount of \$50,000 and will be used towards a new planning document. The scope of work will include assessing current and projected rider demand, identifying potential service restoration opportunities, and developing strategies to reinstate previously suspended stops and expand access where relevant.

No local match is required.

The Period of Performance is July, 2026- August, 2027.

Attached to this grant is the allocation table for Section 5339 and Section 5311.

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

The transit service will provide transportation for low-income residents in the village of Santee and the general public who currently has no means of transportation to get to their employment. Transportation will be provided by the Santee Sioux Nation to such areas as Niobrara, Center, Creighton, Bloomfield, Verdigre, Winnetoon, Crofton, Nebraska and Springfield, Tyndall, Yankton, South Dakota.

Activities to be performed:

Funds will be used to retire and replace aging transit vans with two new handicapped-accessible shuttle buses. This upgrade significantly enhances the safety, reliability, and accessibility of our transit services for Tribal members and the broader community including elderly, disabled, and other vulnerable individuals who depend on transportation for essential medical appointments, employment, and shopping needs.

Expected outcomes:

The transit service will provide transportation for low-income residents in the village of Santee and the general public who currently has no means of transportation to get to their employment. Transportation will be provided by the Santee Sioux Nation to such areas as Niobrara, Center, Creighton, Bloomfield, Verdigre, Winnetoon, Crofton, Nebraska and Springfield, Tyndall, Yankton, South Dakota.

The Santee Sioux Nation Transit system will achieve several key outcomes through the replacement of its two aging shuttle buses. Replacing the high-mileage, end-of-life vehicles will significantly improve service reliability by reducing breakdowns and ensuring more consistent, on-time transportation. With both new vehicles equipped for wheelchair access, the system will better accommodate elderly and disabled riders, enhancing overall accessibility. The addition of safer, more efficient vehicles will also improve passenger safety, particularly on the rural and often rough roadways that make up much of the service area. Reliable transit will help sustain community access to essential destinations such as medical facilities, workplaces, schools, and shopping centers. These improvements will particularly benefit low-income, elderly, disabled, and other vulnerable populations who rely heavily on public transportation. Collectively, these outcomes will strengthen the long-term sustainability of the Tribes transit program and improve the overall quality of life for residents of the Santee Reservation and surrounding areas.

Intended beneficiaries:

The intended beneficiaries will include the Santee Sioux Nation Transit Personnel and, ultimately, the transit riders. The system will provide safe, reliable and timely transportation services to residents of the community and the surrounding areas.

Subrecipient Activities:

None

Application Point of Contact Information

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

Funding Source	Section of Statute	CFDA Number	Amount
5339 – Buses and Bus Facilities Competitive	5339-3	20526	\$193,033
5311 - Tribal Transit Competitive	5311-1C	20509	\$50,000
Local			\$34,065
Local/In-Kind			\$0
State			\$0
State/In-Kind			\$0
Other Federal			\$0
Transportation Development Credit			\$0
Adjustment			\$0
Total Eligible Cost			\$277,098

Application Budget

Project Number	Budget Item	FTA Amount	Non-FTA Amount	Total Eligible Amount	Quantity
NE-2026-009-01-00	111-00 (111-A1) BUS - ROLLING STOCK	\$193,033.00	\$34,065.00	\$227,098.00	2
NE-2026-009-01-00	BUY 11.12.15 REPLACEMENT VAN	\$193,033.00	\$34,065.00	\$227,098.00	2
NE-2026-009-02-00	600-00 (600-A2) OTHER PROGRAM COSTS	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	\$50,000.00	0
NE-2026-009-02-00	SHORT RANGE 44.24.00 TRANSIT PLANNING	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	\$50,000.00	0

Discretionary Allocations

Discretionary ID	Project Title	Amount Applied	Application Number
D2024-BUSC-038	Santee Sioux Nation Transit Bus Replacement Vehicles	\$193,033	NE-2026-009-00
D2025-TRTR-020	Strategic Transit Bus Travel Plan.	\$50,000	NE-2026-009-00

Part 3: Project Information

Project Title: Vehicle Purchase

Project Number	Temporary Project Number	Date Created	Start Date	End Date
NE-2026-009-01-00	6830-2024-2-P1	9/23/2024	6/30/2026	2/28/2027

Project Description

The Santee Sioux Nation seeks to replace two aging 2017 Ford Transit shuttle buses that have exceeded their service life, with two new, ADA-compliant vehicles. Serving a rural community of 974 residents, the Tribes transit system provides essential demand-response transportation for medical appointments, employment, shopping, and other vital services. The existing buses, one of which is not wheelchair accessible, have accumulated high mileage 177,000 and 200,000 miles resulting in frequent breakdowns, increased maintenance costs, and reduced service reliability. With the nearest major services often over 30 miles away, the buses are critical for access to essential destinations. The project will improve service reliability, enhance accessibility, and provide safe, efficient transportation for vulnerable populations, including low-income, elderly, and disabled residents. New buses will also help reduce wear from rough rural roads and mitigate the impact of annual flooding, ensuring long-term sustainability for the Tribes transit program.

Project Benefits

The transit service will provide transportation for low-income residents in the village of Santee and the general public who currently has no means of transportation to get to their employment. Transportation will be provided by the Santee Sioux Nation to such areas as Niobrara, Center, Creighton, Bloomfield, Verdigre, Winnetoon, Crofton, Nebraska and Springfield, Tyndall, Yankton, South Dakota.

Additional Information

None provided.

Location Description

Santee Sioux Nation

Project Location (Urbanized Areas)

UZA Code	Area Name
310000	Nebraska

Congressional District Information

District	State
3	Nebraska

Program Plan Information

STIP/TIP

Date: Not Provided

Description: STIP listing attached.

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
5339 – Buses and Bus Facilities Competitive	5339-3	20526	\$193,033
Local			\$34,065
Local/In-Kind			\$0
State			\$0
State/In-Kind			\$0
Other Federal			\$0
Transportation Development Credit			\$0
Adjustment			\$0
Total Eligible Cost			\$227,098

Project Budget

Project Number	Budget Item	FTA Amount	Non-FTA Amount	Total Eligible Amount	Quantity
NE-2026-009-01-00	111-00 (111-A1) BUS - ROLLING STOCK	\$193,033.00	\$34,065.00	\$227,098.00	2
NE-2026-009-01-00	11.12.15 BUY REPLACEMENT VAN	\$193,033.00	\$34,065.00	\$227,098.00	2

Project Budget Activity Line Items**Budget Activity Line Item: 11.12.15 - BUY REPLACEMENT VAN**

Scope Name / Code	Line Item #	Line Item Name	Activity	Quantity
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BUS - ROLLING
STOCK (111-00)

11.12.15

BUY REPLACEMENT
VAN

BUY REPLACEMENTS -
CAPITAL BUS

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Extended Budget Description

The new vans purchased will be replacement vehicles. Our current Transit Vans have met their useful life span. They were both purchased in 2017, making them about 9 years old. The vans being replaced have the same useful life as the new vans we will be getting. -Medium-size, light-duty transit buses At least 5 years or an accumulation of at least 150,000 miles

Transit Van #1 1FBZX2CM1HKB08810 has 227,179 miles

Transit Van #2 NM0AE8F79H1317190 has 188,611 miles.

Both vans mileage will continue to rise as we do use these as our everyday transit vans.

The match for these funds is 85% federal and 15% local match.

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

Yes, 3rd Party Contractors will be used for this line item.

Propulsion	Fuel Type	Vehicle Condition	Vehicle Size (ft.)
N/A	N/A	N/A	

Funding Source	Section of Statute	CFDA Number	Amount
5339 – Buses and Bus Facilities Competitive	5339-3	20526	\$193,033
Local			\$34,065
Local/In-Kind			\$0
State			\$0
State/In-Kind			\$0
Other Federal			\$0
Transportation Development Credit			\$0
Adjustment			\$0
Total Eligible Cost			\$227,098

Milestone Name	Est. Completion Date	Description
RFP/ IFB date	6/30/2026	
Contract Award Date	7/15/2026	Contract awarded
Initial Delivery Date	8/15/2026	Initial delivery
Final Delivery Date	8/15/2026	Final delivery
Contract completion date	2/28/2027	Contract completion date

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 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	

Scope Name / Code	Line Item Number	Line Item Name	Quantity	FTA Amount	Total Eligible Cost
BUS - ROLLING STOCK (111-00)	11.12.15	BUY REPLACEMENT VAN	2	\$193,033.00	\$227,098.00

Project Title: Planning Funds

Project Number	Temporary Project Number	Date Created	Start Date	End Date
NE-2026-009-02-00	6830-2024-2-P2	8/19/2025	7/15/2026	2/28/2027

Project Description

The planning funds will be utilized to procure professional planning services through a new planning document. This planning effort will focus on evaluating transit service gaps that resulted from COVID-19 restrictions implemented in 2020, which limited access to certain destinations and reduced service coverage. The scope of work will include assessing current and projected rider demand, identifying potential service restoration opportunities, and developing strategies to reinstate previously suspended stops and expand access where relevant.

Project Benefits

The intended beneficiaries will include the Santee Sioux Nation Transit Personnel and, ultimately, the transit riders. The system will provide safe, reliable and timely transportation services to residents of the community and the surrounding areas.

Additional Information

None provided.

Location Description

This location will take place in Santee NE

Project Location (Urbanized Areas)

UZA Code	Area Name
310000	Nebraska

Congressional District Information

District	State
3	Nebraska

Program Plan Information

STIP/TIP

Date: Not Provided

Description: The tribal transit program does not require a STIP/TIP.

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	\$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

Project Budget

Project Number	Budget Item	FTA Amount	Non-FTA Amount	Total Eligible Amount	Quantity
NE-2026-009-02-00	600-00 (600-A2) OTHER PROGRAM COSTS	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	\$50,000.00	0
NE-2026-009-02-00	44.24.00 SHORT RANGE TRANSIT PLANNING	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	\$50,000.00	0

Project Budget Activity Line Items

Budget Activity Line Item: 44.24.00 - SHORT RANGE TRANSIT PLANNING

Scope Name / Code	Line Item #	Line Item Name	Activity	Quantity
OTHER PROGRAM COSTS (600-00)	44.24.00	SHORT RANGE TRANSIT PLANNING	METROPOLITAN PLANNING	0

Extended Budget Description

This project will fund planning activities. The scope of work will include assessing current and projected rider demand, identifying potential service restoration opportunities, and developing strategies to reinstate previously suspended stops and expand access where feasible.

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 Competitive	5311-1C	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
RFP Send Out Date	7/15/2026	
RFP Bid Award Date	8/15/2026	RFP bid awarded
Contract start date	8/31/2026	
Contract Complete Date	2/28/2027	Contract should be completed by 02.28.27

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)	44.24.00	SHORT RANGE TRANSIT PLANNING	0	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00

Part 4: Fleet Details

Fleet Type: Other

Fleet Comments

Demand Response, currently have two vehicles, are purchasing two more (replacements). The current vehicles will be used as spares.

		Current Value
I.	Active Fleet	
	A. Peak Requirement	2
	B. Spares	2
	C. Total (A+B)	4
	D. Spare Ratio (B/A)	100%
II.	Inactive Fleet	
	A. Other	0
	B. Pending Disposal	0
	C. Total (A+B)	0
III.	Total (I.C and II.C)	4

Fleet Type: Paratransit

Fleet Comments

Demand Response, currently have two vehicles, are purchasing two more (replacements). The current vehicles will be used as spares.

		Current Value
I.	Active Fleet	

	A. Peak Requirement	2
	B. Spares	2
	C. Total (A+B)	4
	D. Spare Ratio (B/A)	100%
II.	Inactive Fleet	
	A. Other	1
	B. Pending Disposal	0
	C. Total (A+B)	1
III.	Total (I.C and II.C)	5

Part 5: FTA Review Comments

FTA Comments for DOL

Comment By Luciana Nears

Comment Type	DOL Review for Certification
Date	7/2/2026
	DOL Section 5333(b) Certification Please review this application for labor certification in accordance with DOL Section 5333(b) Certification.
Comment	Kaylie Hoffman Transit Manager Santee Sioux Nation Office: (402) 644-1892 Cell: (402) 649-2386 Email: kaylie.hoffman@ssndakota.com

Application Review Comments

Comment By Luciana Nears

Comment Type	Pre-Award Manager Returns Application
Date	3/12/2026
	Please address the following comments in the application:
Comment	Change Project 1 funding source from Low-No to Bus and bus facilities competitive Add \$1 to local Add current mileage to two van being replaced

Application Review Comments

Comment By Gerri Doyle

Comment Type	Environmental Findings
Date	7/1/2026
Project Title	Planning Funds
Project Number	NE-2026-009-02-00
Comment	The proposed planning and program administration activity is found compliant as a Categorical Exclusion under 23 CFR Part 771.118 (c)(4).

Comment By Gerri Doyle

Comment Type	Environmental Findings
Date	7/1/2026
Project Title	Vehicle Purchase
Project Number	NE-2026-009-01-00
Comment	The proposed planning and program administration activity is found compliant as a Categorical Exclusion under 23 CFR Part 771.118 (c)(4). The proposed acquisition activity to purchase replacement vehicles is found compliant as a Categorical Exclusion under 23 CFR Part 771.118 (c)(7).