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U.S. Department of Transportation

Federal Transit Administration

Application

Federal Award Identification Number (FAIN)	NE-2026-010
Application Number	NE-2026-010-00
Temporary Application Number	6776-2026-2
Award Name	Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska FY25 and FY26 FTA Sec 5311 Tribal Operating Assistance Formula Funds
Application Status	Final Concurrence / Reservation
Budget Revisions	0

Period of Performance Start Date	N/A		
Original Period of Performance End Date	9/30/2028		
Current Period of Performance End Date	9/30/2028	Revision #: 0	Approved?: No

Budget Period Start Date	N/A
Budget Period End Date	9/30/2028

Part 1: Recipient Information

Name: WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA

Recipient ID	Recipient OST Type	Recipient Alias	UEI	DUNS
6776	Indian Tribe	WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA	QHU1JXKM7D51	041643834

Location Type	Address	City	State	Zip
Mailing Address	P.O. BOX 687	WINNEBAGO	NE	68071
Physical Address	100 BLUFF STREET	WINNEBAGO	NE	68071

Union Information

There are no union contacts for this application

Part 2: Application Information

Title: Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska FY25 and FY26 FTA Sec 5311 Tribal Operating Assistance Formula Funds
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Application Number	Application Status	Award Type	Application Cost Center	Date Created	Last Updated Date	From TEAM?
NE-2026-010-00	Final Concurrence / Reservation	Grant	Region 7	4/23/2026	4/23/2026	No

Application Executive Summary

This is a FY25 and FY26 Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Public Transportation on Indian Reservations Formula funds application in the amount of FY25 \$523,892; and FY26 \$589,266 totaling \$1,113,158.00 representing 100% federal share of the total eligible amount. The funds will be used to cover all eligible operating expenses such as driver salaries, fuel, maintenance, etc. To continue transit operations. Start use of Operating funds that will cover expenses for existing service incurred beginning 08/01/26 to 09/30/2027. While the operating dates in this FTA formula grant overlap by one year with the other funding grants dates, the Tribe will not be duplicating any grant supported services or operational costs.

This application addresses the Winnebago Tribal Transit (WTT) program's objective to meet the needs of its approximately 4,000 patrons (both tribal members and members of the general public), many of whom reside rurally and rely on WTT services to access safe transportation for critical employment, healthcare, and social services.

The Grant funding for our tribal transit program helps us to meet the immediate needs of the Winnebago community, but also the programs participation in the cooperative efforts of the Winnebago Tribe and the State of Nebraska in addressing transportation needs of the broader northeast Nebraska area.

The Winnebago Tribe requests pre-award authority for eligible operating expenses incurred prior to grant award. Pre-award expenses are anticipated to include costs associated with maintaining existing transit operations, including driver salaries and wages, fringe benefits, fuel, vehicle maintenance and repairs, insurance, dispatching, and other eligible operating expenses necessary to provide uninterrupted public transportation services.

The Tribe anticipates incurring eligible operating expenses beginning August 1, 2026, through the date of grant award and execution. Any costs incurred during this period will be tracked separately and charged to the grant only in accordance with FTA requirements and approved pre-award authority provisions.

The Winnebago Tribe's current federally approved Indirect Cost Rate Agreement of 14.73 % is attached under Recipient Documents. Indirect costs included in this application are calculated in accordance with the approved rate and applicable federal regulations.

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?

No, this Grant does not use Lapsing Funds.

Will indirect costs be applied to this application?

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

Indirect Rate Details: This award is applying an approved Indirect cost rate(s). The Winnebago Tribe maintains a federally approved Indirect Cost Rate Agreement of 14.73%. A new Indirect cost rate is being negotiated once approved document will be uploaded.

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 Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska will utilize this FTA Formula Award funds for FY25 \$523,892; and FY26 \$589,266 totaling \$1,113,158.00 to maintain existing transit services on the reservation.

Activities to be performed:

The funds will be used to cover all eligible operating expenses such as driver salaries, fuel, maintenance, etc. To continue transit operations. Start use of Operating funds that will cover expenses for existing service incurred beginning 08/01/26 to 09/30/2027. While the operating dates in this FTA formula grant overlap by one year with the other funding grants dates, the Tribe will not be duplicating any grant supported services or operational costs.

Expected outcomes:

The funding will permit the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska to provide operations that would continue to help provide the riders with safe transportation to work, for educational and health accessibility.

Intended beneficiaries:

Tribal and non-Tribal riders on the Winnebago Reservation.

Subrecipient Activities:

None.

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	\$1,113,158
Local			\$0
Local/In-Kind			\$0
State			\$0
State/In-Kind			\$0
Other Federal			\$0
Transportation Development Credit			\$0
Adjustment			\$0
Total Eligible Cost			\$1,113,158

Application Budget

Project Number	Budget Item	FTA Amount	Non-FTA Amount	Total Eligible Amount	Quantity
NE-2026-010-01-00	600-00 (600-A1) OTHER PROGRAM COSTS	\$1,113,158.00	\$0.00	\$1,113,158.00	0
NE-2026-010-01-00	30.09.01 UP TO 100% FEDERAL SHARE	\$1,113,158.00	\$0.00	\$1,113,158.00	0

Discretionary Allocations

This application does not contain discretionary allocations.

Part 3: Project Information

Project Title: Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska FY25 and FY26 FTA Sec 5311 Tribal Operating Assistance Formula Funds
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Project Number	Temporary Project Number	Date Created	Start Date	End Date
NE-2026-010-01-00	6776-2026-2-P2	4/23/2026	8/1/2026	9/30/2027

Project Description

The Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska requests Section 5311 Federal FY25 \$523892; and FY26 \$589,266 totaling \$1,113,158 funds to assist with the on-going operation and administration of the Winnebago Tribal Transit Program.

Project Benefits

This will benefit the 4,000 patrons (Tribal members and General Public Passengers) of the Winnebago Tribal Transit program, which can primarily consist of low-income individuals, transporting them to and from jobs, healthcare facilities, higher education, personal shopping and activities. Transporting the elderly, disabled, young and unlicensed individuals on and off the Winnebago Tribal Reservation in Nebraska and Iowa.

Additional Information

The Winnebago Tribal Transit Program is empowered to increase family income by assisting our passengers with being able to access employment opportunities and higher education opportunities. Native Americans from the Siouxland Area in northeast Nebraska, northwest Nebraska, northwest Iowa and southeastern South Dakota can access healthcare services from the Winnebago Twelve Clans Unity Hospital/Winnebago Comprehensive Healthcare System services in Winnebago, Nebraska. Additionally, residents of the Winnebago Reservation will also use the transportation services to address the challenges of living in a food desert.

Location Description

Providing transportation to both tribal members and members of the general public, on and off the Winnebago Tribe Reservation in Nebraska and Iowa who may rely on the services of the Winnebago Tribal Transit Program to access employment opportunities, educational opportunities, healthcare, social services and personal such as grocery or supply shopping.

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: not applicable to winnebago tribe.

UPWP

Date: Not Provided

Description: not applicable

Long Range Plan

Date: Not Provided

Description: not applicable

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Project Budget Activity Line Items

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

These funds will cover salary, fringe benefits, repairs and maintenance, fuel, and all other operating costs including but not limited to insurance, legal fees, etc.

The Tribe is using Federal funds at the 100:0 match ratio for the time period of August 1, 2026, with an end date of September 30, 2027. Indirect cost will be applied.

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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Adjustment			\$0
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Milestone Name	Est. Completion Date	Description
Start Date	8/1/2026	Operations and administrative assistance will begin on 08/01/2026.
End Date	9/30/2027	The operations and administration will be completed, including closeout.

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	7/14/2026

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	\$1,113,158.00	\$1,113,158.00

Part 4: Fleet Details

No fleet data exists for this application.

Part 5: FTA Review Comments

FTA Comments for DOL

Comment By Sharon Coats

Comment Type DOL Review for Information

Date 7/15/2026

Comment Sending to DOL for informational purposes.

Application Review Comments

Comment By Sharon Coats

Comment Type Pre-Award Manager Returns Application

Date 7/1/2026

Period of Performance (POP) End Date: This is listed as 9/30/2027 but the latest milestone is scheduled for completion on 9/30/2028. I recommend pushing the POP End date out at a minimum of 3 months to 12/30/2028. POP End dates cannot be earlier than the latest milestone end date.

Comment Pre-Award Authority: This is only used for expenses incurred before the grant award if the issues in my comments are addressed immediately, this grant will be awarded before August 1, 2026. Therefore, pre-award should not be selected, and those statements can be removed from the grant in the Application Details Executive Summary Section.

Indirect Cost Rate: Unrestricted Rate is listed 14.73% but the period is from 10/01/2024-09/30/2025. Is there another approved, unexpired unrestricted rate that can be attached to the grant? Approved indirect costs should be placed in the Recipient Document file in TrAMS.

Application Review Comments

Comment By Gerri Doyle

Comment Type Environmental Findings

Date 7/14/2026

Project Title Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska FY25 and FY26 FTA Sec 5311 Tribal Operating Assistance Formula Funds

Project Number NE-2026-010-01-00

Comment The proposed operating assistance activity is found compliant as a Categorical Exclusion under 23 CFR Part 771.118 (c)(4).

