

July 1, 2024
NOTICE TO INTERESTED PARTIES
FY 2026 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR FORMULA GRANTS FOR RURAL AREAS 49 USC
SECTION 5311, BUS AND BUS FACILITIES INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT PROGRAM 49 USC SECTION
5339 AND ENHANCED MOBILITY OF SENIORS AND INDIVIDUALS
WITH DISABILITIES 49 USC SECTION 5310

The State of New Mexico Department of Transportation's Transit and Rail Division is accepting Letters of Intent from organizations interested in applying for the following grant opportunities:

- FTA Section 5311 Program (Rural/Non-Urbanized Public Transportation) which provides administrative and operating assistance and includes Section 5339 Grants for Bus and Bus Facilities which provides capital grants to support rural public transportation.
- Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310 Program (Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities) which provides capital grants to assist private non-profit organizations and, under certain conditions, public agencies, to provide safe, efficient, and coordinated transportation services for seniors and individuals with disabilities for whom public transportation is otherwise unavailable, insufficient, or inappropriate.

Descriptions of these and other grant programs are available on the FTA website:

<https://www.transit.dot.gov/grants>

THIS NOTICE APPLIES TO FUNDING FOR THE 2026 FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR FOR SECTIONS 5311 and 5310 PROGRAMS BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2025, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2026.

Letters of Intent **must** include:

1. Organization Name, Address, Telephone Number, and Website information
2. Name, phone number, e-mail address, and title of the contact person that will be completing the application.
3. Specify which application opportunities you are intending to apply for (Section 5311 and/or Section 5310)

Interested parties wishing to apply for assistance under Sections 5311 and 5310 **MUST submit a signed Letter of Intent in BlackCat no later than July 29, 2024.**

To submit your Letter of Intent in BlackCat:

1. Go to the **Projects** tab and create the projects that you intend to apply for at \$0. If you are not sure of the projects that you will be applying for, that's fine. Just create one project at \$0. You will not be bound to the projects that you select, and you can modify the projects you will be applying for in your actual application.
2. Once your projects have been created, go to the **Applications** tab where you will find the **Section 5310/5311/5339 Letter of Intent to Apply for Funding FFY 2026** opportunity.
3. Select Apply
4. Upload your Letter of Intent where it says **Attach** under Application Forms.
5. Select **Attach** under Projects and attach the projects you just created in step 1.
6. Once your projects have been added and there is a green checkmark next to your document upload, hit **Submit**.

If you do not have access to BlackCat, please contact either me (VijayK.Ummadi@dot.nm.gov) or Alexis (AlexisCorning.Padil@dot.nm.gov) so we can help give you access. If you know of any other agencies that might be interested in applying, feel free to forward this email to them.

For further information on these programs, please contact Deborah Bach at Deborah.Bach@dot.nm.gov or Alexis or me.

Thank you,

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