

FTA Section 5311(f) Program Overview and Application Guidance Intercity Bus Assistance

Administered by the Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT)
Local Assistance Division-Transit Section

Project Period is two years beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027

American with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Information

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Program Background The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) defines intercity bus as regularly scheduled bus service for the general public that operates with stops in rural areas over fixed routes connecting two or more urbanized areas not in close proximity. Intercity bus services funded under Section 5311(f) include those that support the connection between rural areas and the larger regional or national system of intercity bus service, meet the intercity travel needs of residents in rural areas, and support the infrastructure of the intercity bus network through planning, and marketing assistance.

Private entities may request 50% of their Estimated Net Operating Deficit using Federal funds. Private entities are not eligible for state funds. Non-profit or public organizations may request 50% federal funds of their deficit.

Instructions

Access the ICB Application, Budget Template, and the Checklist, Certifications, and Assurances under the 5311(f) Intercity Bus Application here: <https://www.nebraskatransit.com/funding-and-applications>

You will also find attached samples of the Labor Narrative and Public Notice. Note that there are several forms that are not required of private carriers.

Upon submitting your application, please ensure that the following forms are included:

- Exhibit "A"
- Labor Narrative
- Public Notice
- Application

If you are a new applicant to the 5311(f) intercity bus program, you are strongly encouraged to contact NDOT prior to submitting the application.

You can contact Carly Grutel at 402-479-3185, carly.grutel@nebraska.gov.