

FERRY PROGRAMS: PASSENGER FERRY GRANT PROGRAM

Program Summary

Projects funded under the Passenger Ferry Grant Program will improve the condition and quality of existing passenger ferry services, support the establishment of new passenger ferry services, and repair and modernize ferry boats, terminals, and related facilities and equipment.

Note: This program is part of a joint NOFO with the Electric or Low-Emitting Ferry Pilot Program and Ferry Service for Rural Communities Program. An applicant may submit to multiple programs or may choose to submit to only one of the programs. See NOFO for further details.

Eligibility

Eligible Applicants

Designated recipients and eligible direct recipients of Section 5307 funds, States and federally recognized Tribes that operate a public ferry system in an urbanized area.

Eligible Projects

Capital Projects—purchase, construction, replacement, or rehabilitation of ferries, terminals, related infrastructure, and related equipment (including electric or low-emitting ferry vessels and related infrastructure). Operating costs and planning projects are not eligible.

Want to Apply? Here are some important Details

- Register early on [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) and [sam.gov](https://www.sam.gov) to obtain a unique entity identifier.
- Applicants are encouraged to identify scaled funding options in case insufficient funding is available to fund a project at the full requested amount.
- FTA encourages applicants to demonstrate State or local support by including letters of support. Applications that include letters of support will be viewed more favorably than those that do not.
- In FY 2023, FTA received 22 eligible applications from nine States requesting \$208 million in Federal Passenger Ferry Program funds. Seven projects were funded at a total of \$50.1 million.

Funding Details

Cost Sharing:
Max. Federal share for capital projects is 80% of the net project cost.

Funding Available:
\$51 Million

Important Dates

FY 2024 Deadline:
June 17, 2024 at 11:59pm Eastern Time

Partnerships

- Must demonstrate coordination/support (such as through letters of support) if the project requires formal coordination with other agencies/partners.
- Applicants should submit evidence of the non-Federal funds source, by including, for example, a board resolution or letter of support from the State. See NOFO for more examples.

Resources

- [Website](#)
- [NOFO](#)



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