

**American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA)
Transit Investments for Greenhouse Gas and Energy Reduction - TIGGER**

Fact Sheet

What: A Federal Register Notice (vol 74.No 55) <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-6420.htm> on TIGGER was released for comments on March 24, 2009. Federal Register comments on TIGGER must be received by April 7, 2009. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) provided \$100 million to be distributed as discretionary grants to public transit agencies for capital investments that will assist in reducing the energy consumption or greenhouse gas emissions of public transportation systems.

Eligible Agencies and Grant Submittal Process: Transit agencies are eligible to receive TIGGER grants. A consolidated proposal with more than one project may be submitted by a transit agency, or an organization on behalf of more than one transit agency, such as a designated recipient, Metropolitan Planning Organization, State Transit Association, or State Departments of Transportation. Grants will be made for particular projects directly to public transportation agencies. The FTA and grant recipients must comply with all environmental requirements including, but not limited to NEPA.

Projects That May be Proposed: Transit agency projects that either reduce energy consumption or greenhouse gas emissions through a capital investment.

Eligible Projects: Eligible projects are for capital only and may include, but are not limited to, the following: replacement of existing vehicles with more energy-efficient vehicles, repowering existing vehicles with more energy-efficient propulsion, incorporation of wayside energy storage for captured regenerated energy in rail transit systems, and extensions to catenary fixed guideway systems that result in reduced energy consumption. Expansions of fleets or fixed guideway will not be eligible.

Funding Process: The TIGGER program is a competitive grant process based on proposals put together by local transit agencies. Projects will be evaluated based on how proposed projects will reduce either energy consumption or greenhouse gases or both. Each submitted proposal must request a minimum of \$2,000,000. FTA will allow transit agencies to apply together to reach this threshold. Some projects within a proposal may be funded at less than \$2,000,000. The maximum grant amount is \$25,000,000.

Proposed Selection Criteria: The register cites proposed selection criteria and project measurements.

Due Date: Proposals are to be submitted by email at FTA-TIGGER@dot.gov The application due date is May 22, 2009.