



## **Passenger Ferry Grant Program – Section 5307(h)**

### **Overview**

The Passenger Ferry Grant program provides competitive funding for projects that support passenger ferry systems in urbanized areas. These funds constitute a core investment in the enhancement and revitalization of public ferry systems in the nation's urbanized areas. Funds are awarded based on factors such as the age and condition of existing ferry boats, terminals and related infrastructure; benefits to riders, such as increased reliability; project readiness; and connectivity to other modes of transportation.

### **Eligible Recipients**

Funding is made available to 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 Activities**

Eligible activities are capital projects to purchase, replace, or rehabilitate passenger ferries, terminals, and related facilities and equipment. Funds may not be used for operating expenses, planning, or preventive maintenance.

### **Match**

The federal share is not to exceed 80 percent of the net project cost for capital expenditures. However, the Federal share of the cost of leasing or purchasing a ferry that is compliant with the Clean Air Act (CAA) or the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is not to exceed 85 percent of the total ferry cost. The federal share in the cost of leasing or acquiring compliant ferry-related equipment and facilities is 90 percent of the net project cost. Applicants must identify these specific activities in their application in order to receive this increased federal share.

### **Statutory Reference**

49 U.S.C. 5307

### **Selected Projects**

- [2021](#)
- [2020](#)
- [2019](#)
- [2017-2018](#)
- [2015-2016](#)
- 2013-2014 (forthcoming)

## Additional Resources

- [Urbanized Area Formula Grants Program Fact Sheet](#)
- [Bipartisan Infrastructure Law](#)

# Fiscal Year 2022 Passenger Ferry Grant Program, Electric or Low-Emitting Ferry Pilot Program, and Ferry Service for Rural Communities Program Notice of Funding

**Date Posted:** July 8, 2022

**Date Closed:** September 6, 2022

**Opportunity ID:** FTA-2022-006-TPM-FERRY, FTA-2022-007-TPM-FERRYPILOT, FTA-2022-008-TPM-FERRYRURAL

**Grant Program:**

[FTA Ferry Programs](#)

**Details: July 8, 2022.** Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO): Solicitation of Project Proposals for the FY 2022 Passenger Ferry Grant Program (Passenger Ferry Program), Electric or Low-Emitting Ferry Pilot Program (Low-No Ferry Program), and Ferry Service for Rural Communities Program (Rural Ferry Program). The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) announces the opportunity to apply for approximately \$36.5 million in competitive grants under the Passenger Ferry Grant Program, approximately \$49 million under the Low-No Ferry Program, and approximately \$209 million under the Rural Ferry Program. See the [Federal Register Notice](#). Synopses and a full announcement are posted on Grants.Gov as opportunity [FTA-2022-006-TPM-FERRY](#) for Passenger Ferry Program applications, opportunity [FTA-2022-007-TPM-FERRYPILOT](#) for Electric or Low-Emitting Ferry Pilot Program applications and opportunity [FTA-2022-008-TPM-FERRYRURAL](#) for Rural Ferry Program applications. Proposals must be submitted electronically through Grants.Gov website by **11:59 PM Eastern Time September 6, 2022**.

**Summary:** The **Passenger Ferry Program** provides funding to 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.

The **Low-No Ferry Program** provides funding for the purchase of electric or low-emitting ferries, the electrification of or other reduction of emissions from existing ferries, and related charging or other fueling infrastructure (for which the applicants will maintain satisfactory continuing control) to reduce emissions or produce zero onboard emissions under normal operation.

The **Rural Ferry Program** provides funding for capital, operating, and planning expenses for ferry service to rural areas.

**Eligible Applicants:** Eligible applicants for the Passenger Ferry Program are: (1) designated recipients as defined in FTA Circular “Urbanized Area Formula Program: Program Guidance and Application Instructions” (FTA.C.9030.1E) and (2) direct recipients of FTA’s Urbanized Area Formula Grants, as well as public entities engaged in providing public transportation passenger ferry service in urban areas that are eligible to be direct recipients.

Eligible applicants for the **Low-No Ferry Program** are any eligible recipient of Section 5307 or Section 5311 funding. Eligible Section 5307 recipients are the same as for the **Passenger Ferry Program**: (1) designated recipients as defined in FTA Circular “Urbanized Area Formula Program: Program Guidance and Application Instructions” (FTA.C.9030.1E) and (2) direct recipients of FTA’s Urbanized Area Formula Grants, as well as public entities engaged in providing public transportation passenger ferry service in urban areas that are eligible to be direct recipients. Eligible Section 5311 recipients are States or Territories or Tribal governments.

Eligible applicants for the **Rural Ferry Program** are States and Territories in which eligible service is operated.

**Link and instructions for attaching the supplemental form to the SF-424:** An applicant may submit a project to multiple programs. Please note if submitting to multiple programs, a separate application package must be submitted to each opportunity ID for the respective program listed on Grants.Gov.

All applicants must complete the [supplemental form](#) and attach it to their submission in Grants.Gov.

**Dates:** Applicants must submit proposals electronically by **11:59 PM Eastern Time on September 6, 2022**. Any agency intending to apply should initiate the process of registering on the Grants.Gov site immediately to ensure completion of registration before the submission deadline.

FTA will be hosting webinars to discuss the requirements of the funding opportunity and how to apply. Potential applicants are welcome to attend any of the webinars. FTA is committed to providing equal access to these sessions for all participants. If you need alternative formats, options, or services, please email [FTAFerryPrograms@dot.gov](mailto:FTAFerryPrograms@dot.gov)

**Ferry Grant Programs NOFO Webinar**

Wednesday, July 27, 2022 | 2:30PM EDT

[Webinar](#)

**Ferry Grant Programs NOFO Webinar, with a focus on new ferry programs**

Thursday, July 28, 2022 | 2:30PM EDT

[Webinar](#)

**For Further Information:** For further information, please contact the FTA program staff at FTAFerryPrograms@dot.gov, or phone Vanessa Williams at (202)-366-4818 or Sarah Clements at (202)-366-3062.