

# FTA

FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION

## The Passenger Ferry Grant Program



U.S. Department of Transportation  
Federal Transit Administration

# Statutory Authority

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

Authorizes FTA to award on a competitive basis for passenger ferry projects that support passenger ferry systems in urbanized areas, such as ferry vessels, terminals, and related infrastructure.

The Passenger Ferry Grant Program is a set-aside from the Section 5307 - Urbanized Area Formula Program.

### **Funding Available:**

\$30 million authorized per year thru FY 2020.

# Eligibility Information

## **Eligible Projects:**

Capital projects to purchase, replace, or rehabilitate passenger ferries, terminals and related infrastructure and equipment (including fare equipment, communication devices); and workforce development activities.

Projects must support public transportation ferry systems serving an urbanized area. Vehicles ferries are eligible if they also accommodate walk-on passengers.

## **Ineligible Projects:**

Planning, operating expenses, and preventive maintenance.

## **Eligible Applicants:**

Designated recipients, direct recipients of Section 5307 funds, States (including Territories of the United States) and Federally-recognized tribes. |

# Match Requirements

- Capital: 80 percent Federal share and a 20 percent Local Match requirement. (80%/20%)

## Exceptions:

- **85%** for net project costs for acquiring vehicles (including clean-fuel or alternative fuel) attributable to compliance with the Clean Air Act (CAA) or attributable to compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990

*Ex.: the 85% is for the whole vehicle.*

- **90%** for net project costs for vehicle-related equipment or facilities (including clean-fuel or alternative-fuel vehicle-related equipment or facilities) attributable to compliance with the CAA or ADA

*Ex.: the 90% it's for the piece (on the vessel) or (ramp) in the facility, not the whole facility. It's the piece or part that must be in compliance with CAA or ADA.*

# Evaluation Criteria

1. Demonstration of Need
2. Demonstration of Benefits
3. Planning and Local/Regional Prioritization
4. Project Readiness
5. Technical/Legal/Financial Capacity
6. Connectivity to Other Modes of Transportation

**NOTE:** The six criteria were from the [FY17 Ferry NOFO](#), and would likely be used for FY19, but that could change.

# 2017 & 2018 Ferry Competition

## Quick Facts:

- **22** project proposals from **12** states
- Total of **\$65.4** million requested
- **20** projects funded for a total of **\$58.2** million
- Largest award was \$6 million
- List of funded projects on the FTA website

<https://www.transit.dot.gov/funding/grants/passenger-ferry-grant-program-section-5307>

- Watch FTA's [Video](#) highlighting the Passenger Ferry Grant Program

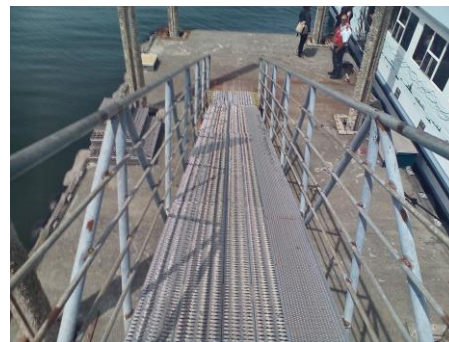
# Funded Projects

- **Jacksonville Transportation Authority** received \$6,000,000 to replace the St. Johns River Ferry slips. The new docking equipment will be used for the St. Johns River Ferry, which connects the north and south ends of Florida State Road A1A and serves more than 475,000 riders each year.



# Funded Projects

- **Kitsap County Public Transportation Authority** received \$4.5 million to replace and expand the pedestrian bridge that connects the main terminal building to the passenger-only terminal.





# Questions

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