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Ferry Boat Program Overview

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Ferry Boat Presentation Outline

- Program Legislative Overview
- Ferry Boat Discretionary (FBD) Program – *General eligibility and requesting allocation of remaining available funds*
- Ferry Boat Program (FBP) – *General eligibility, formula distribution data, redistribution and requesting allocation*
- Additional Resources

Program Legislative Overview

- **Ferry Boat Discretionary (FBD) Program**
 - Program created in Section 1064 of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (ISTEA)
 - 23 U.S.C. 129(c) and 147 (as in effect prior to MAP-21)
 - Discretionary awards FY1992-2012
- **Ferry Boat Program (FBP)**
 - Program defined in Section 1121 of the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21)
 - Continued in the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act
 - 23 U.S.C. 129(c) and 147
 - Formula distribution FY2013-2018



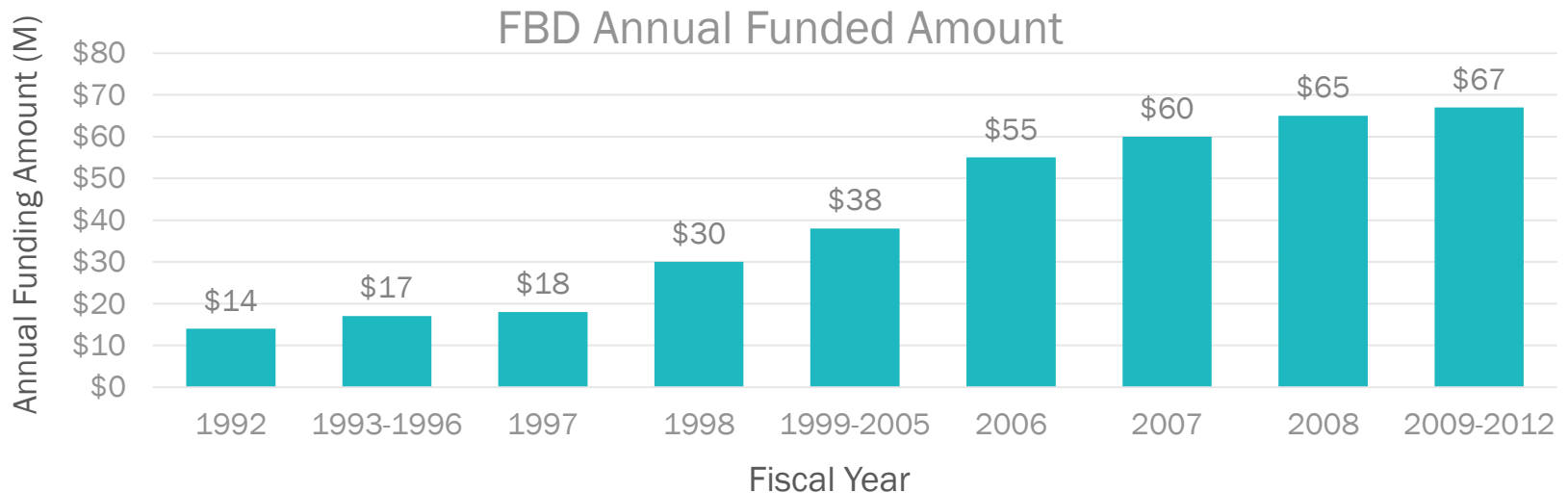
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FBD Funds



Program Overview

- FBD Funds provided for the construction of ferry boats and ferry terminal facilities in accordance with 23 U.S.C. 129(c)
- Funds are available until expended, within the original scope of the congressionally-designated or competitive award
- Federal Share – 80%



Requesting Allocation

- **Before requesting allocation of FBD Funds:**
 - Confirm unallocated balance available
 - Verify that the project is ready to obligate the funds
 - Verify that the proposed project is within the original scope of the award
- **To request allocation of available funds:**
 - Division emails allocation request to program manager
 - Identifies awarded FBD project
 - Includes a statement that the division has verified that the proposed project falls within the original scope of the FBD award

FBD Resources

- To view unallocated award balances:

<https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/discretionary/fbavailable.cfm>

- For additional information:

<https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/federalaid/projects.pdf#page=62>

- FBD Program Codes:

- 3270 - FYs 1992-1997
- Q950 - FYs 1998-2003
- H950 - FYs 2004-2005
- L950 - FYs 2006-2009
- L95E – SAFETEA-LU Extension (P.L. 111-068)



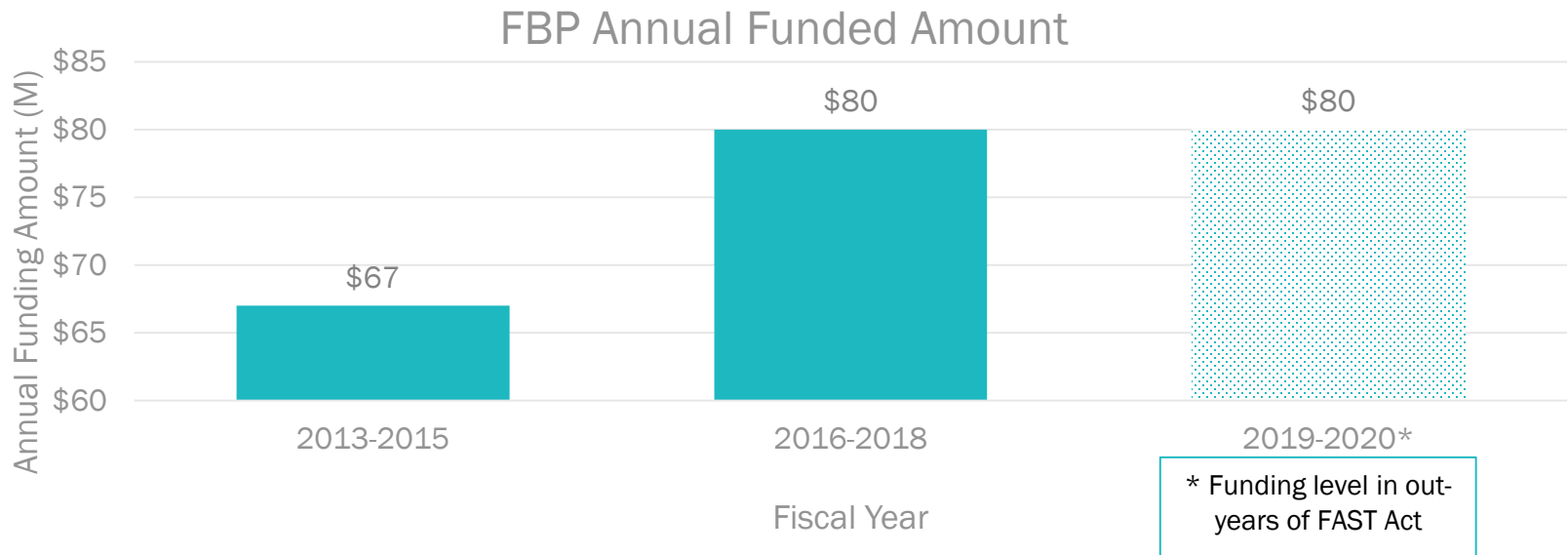
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FBP Funds



FBP Overview

- FBP funds provided for construction of ferry boats, ferry terminals, and ferry maintenance facilities ferry terminal facilities in accordance with 23 U.S.C. 129(c) and 147
- Funds are available until expended, subject to redistribution
- Federal Share – 80%



Ferry Boat Operator Eligibility

- FBP funds are made available to eligible entities in the United States and its territories
- Eligible entities are determined in accordance with 23 U.S.C. 129(c). An eligible project and entity must meet all the following conditions:
 1. It is not feasible to build a bridge, tunnel, combination thereof, or other normal highway structure in lieu of the use of such ferry.
 2. The operation of the ferry shall be on a route classified as a public road within the State and that has not been designated as a route on the Interstate System. Included are ferry boats carrying cars and passengers and ferry boats carrying passengers only on a fixed route.
 3. The ferry boat or ferry terminal facility using Federal funds shall be **publicly owned or operated**, or majority publicly owned (51 percent) if the Secretary determines that the facility provides substantial public benefits.

Ferry Boat Operator Eligibility

4. The operating authority and the amount of fares charged for passage on such ferry shall be under the control of the State or other public entity, and all revenues derived shall be applied to actual and necessary costs of operation, maintenance, and repair, debt service, negotiated management fees, and, in the case of a privately operated toll ferry, for a reasonable rate of return.
5. The ferry may be operated only within a State (including the islands which comprise the State of Hawaii and the islands which comprise any territory of the United States) or between adjoining States or between a point in a State and a point in the Dominion of Canada. Except with respect to operations between the islands which comprise the State of Hawaii, operations between the islands which comprise any territory of the United States, operations between a point in a State and a point in the Dominion of Canada, and operations between any two points in Alaska and between Alaska and Washington, including stops at appropriate points in the Dominion of Canada, no part of such ferry operation shall be in any foreign or international waters.

FBP Implementation Guidance

FAST ACT - <https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/specialfunding/fbp/161212.cfm>

MAP-21 - <https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/map21/guidance/guidefbp.cfm>

Formula Distribution Data

- A state/territory with an eligible entity that meets program requirements will receive at least \$100,000 for the fiscal year, per 23 U.S.C. 147(f)
- Data to determine distribution amounts from biennial census data, collected by the Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS)
- Distribution formula:
 - Number of ferry passengers (35%)
 - Number of vehicles carried (35%)
 - Total route nautical miles (30%)

Submitting Census Data

- Ferry Boat Operators can submit census data at the following link: <https://www.bts.gov/NCFO>
- Submission period closes October 26, 2018

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National Census of Ferry Operators (NCFO)

The Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) conducts a biennial census of all ferry operators operating in the United States and its territories. The information collected from the census is maintained in a national ferry database containing information regarding ferry routes, vessels, passengers and vehicles carried, funding sources, and other information. BTS conducted the initial NCFO in 2006 and has subsequently conducted the NCFO in 2008, 2010, 2014, and 2016. The data collection for the next NCFO will begin in the Spring of 2018.

Read the latest report: [Highlights of the 2016 National Census of Ferry Operators](#)

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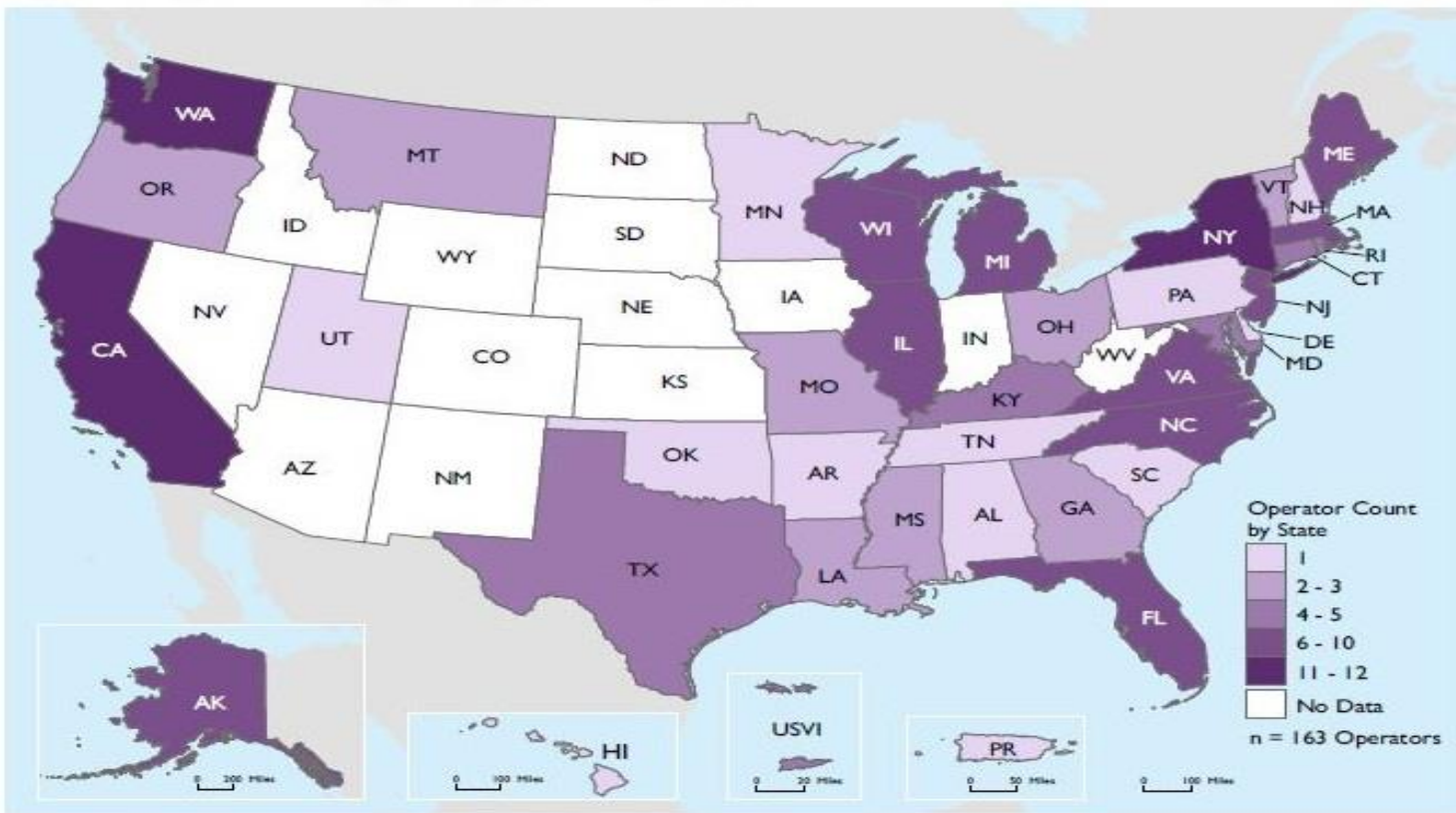
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Ferry Operators Reported by State/Territory



NOTE: Operators are assigned to their state of their reported business address.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Transportation, Bureau of Transportation Statistics, National Census of Ferry Operators 2016, Appendix A, Table 2, available at www.bts.gov as of October 2017.

Fund Redistribution

- FBP Funds remain available until expended
- Eligible entities lose ability to use funds that remain unobligated three fiscal years following fiscal year of distribution
- Funds redistributed nationwide to eligible entities

Fiscal Year of Funds	Funds Must Be Obligated By	Redistribution Occurs After October 1 of Fiscal Year
2013, 2014, 2015, 2016	September, 30, 2019	2020
2017	September, 30, 2020	2021
2018	September, 30, 2021	2022
2019	September, 30, 2022	2023
2020	September, 30, 2023	2024

FBP – Requesting Allocation

- **Before requesting allocation of FBP Funds:**
 - Verify that the project is ready to obligate the funds
 - Confirm that the ferry service is an eligible operator
 - Confirm that the proposed project is eligible for FBP Funds
- **To request allocation of FBP distributed funds:**
 - Division emails allocation request to program manager
 - Identifies awarded FBP operator and fiscal year
 - Include a statement confirming that the project is ready to be obligated
 - Include a statement that the division confirmed that the ferry service and project are eligible for FBP funds

FBP Resources

- For additional information:
<https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/federalaid/projects.pdf#page=64>
- Bureau of Transportation Statistics
<https://cms.bts.dot.gov/surveys/national-census-ferry-operators-ncfo/2016-highlights-ferry-operations-united-states-0>
- FBP Program Codes:
 - M950 – FBP (MAP-21) (FY’s 2013-2014)
 - M95E – FBP (MAP-21 Extension) (FY 2015)
 - Z950 – FBP FAST Act) (FY’s 2016-2020)

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