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# Ferry Boat Program (FBP)

## U.S. Territorial Peer Exchange

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# FBP Overview





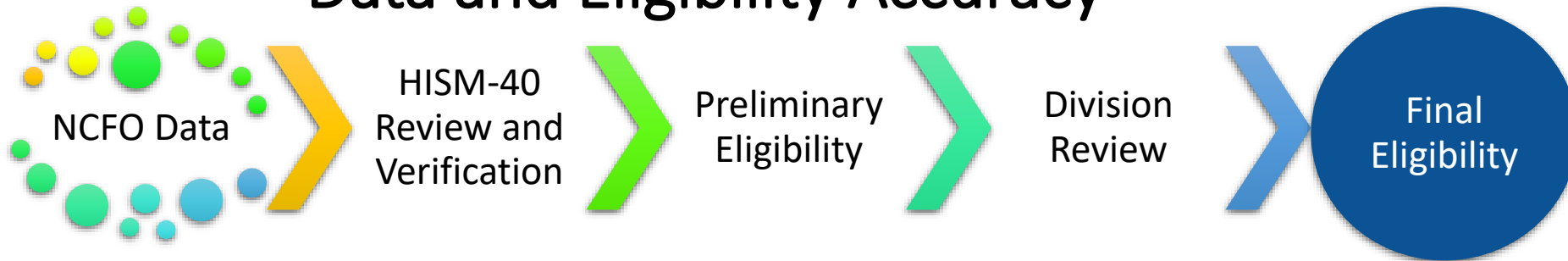
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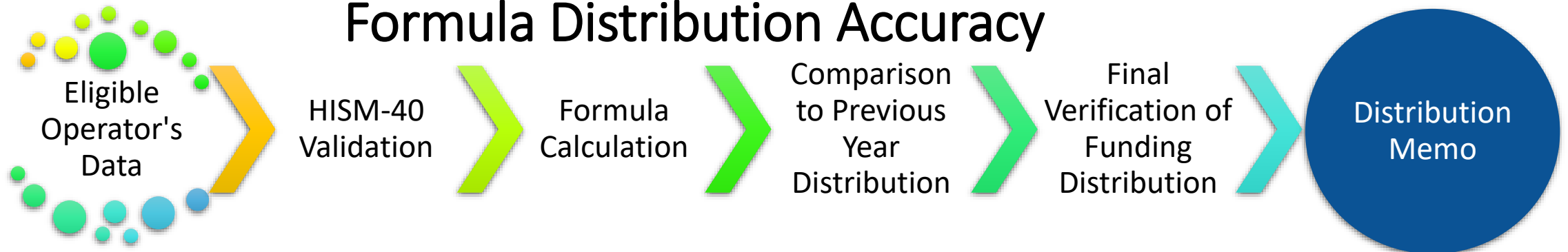
- 23 U.S.C. 129(c) and 23 U.S.C. 147
- Formula-based allocated program
- Based on data from the Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) National Census of Ferry Operators (NCFO)
- State DOTs and territories are recipients
- Annual FBP distribution memo

# FBP Funds Distribution Review and Validation Process

## Data and Eligibility Accuracy



## Formula Distribution Accuracy





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# Can PRHP/THP Funds Be Used to Establish a New Ferry Service?

## **Puerto Rico Highway Program (PRHP)**

Yes, 25 percent for activities are eligible under chapter 1

## **Territorial Highway Program (THP)**

Yes, included in eligible uses



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# IIJA Infusion of Funds

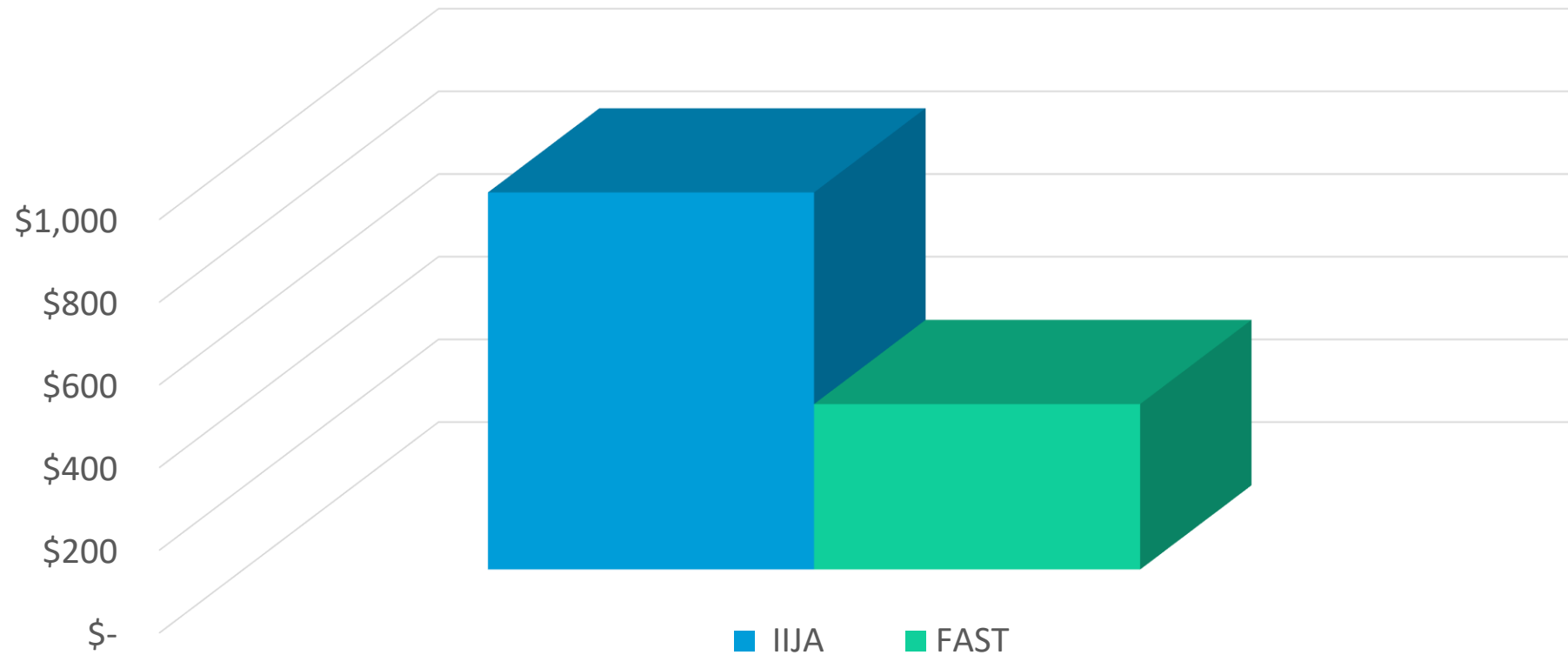




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# IIJA Infusion of Funds

**IIJA vs. FAST Act (Total) (in \$ Millions)**





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# IIJA Infusion of Funds

| <b>Funds</b>                  | <b>FY22</b> | <b>FY23</b> | <b>FY24</b> | <b>FY25</b> | <b>FY26</b> | <b>Total</b> |
|-------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| Highway<br>Trust Fund<br>(HF) | \$110M      | \$112M      | \$114M      | \$116M      | \$118M      | \$570M       |
| General<br>Funds (GF)         | \$68.4M     | \$68.4M     | \$68.4M     | \$68.4M     | \$68.4M     | \$342M       |



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# IIJA Updates



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# Federal Participation

## Pre-IIJA

- Construction of ferry boats and ferry terminal facilities

## IIJA Expansions

- Construction of maintenance facilities
- Procurement of transit vehicles used exclusively as an integral part of an intermodal ferry trip
- Operating costs



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# Federal Share

## Pre-IIJA

- Shall be 80 percent

## IIJA Exception

- May be up to 85 percent in the case of a project to replace or retrofit a diesel fuel ferry vessel that provides substantial emissions reductions





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