

FTA Ferry Programs

Passenger Ferry, Electric and Low-Emitting Ferry Pilot, and Ferry Service for Rural Communities Competitive



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Statutory Authority

- The **Passenger Ferry Grant Program (Passenger Ferry Program) (5307(h))** provides funding for capital projects to purchase, replace, or rehabilitate passenger ferries, terminals, and related facilities and equipment.
- The **Electric and Low-Emitting Ferry Pilot Program (Low-No Ferry Program) (IIJA § 71102)** provides funding for the purchase of electric or low-emitting ferry vessels that reduce emissions by using alternative fuels or on-board energy storage systems and related charging infrastructure to reduce emissions or produce zero onboard emissions under normal operation.
- The **Ferry Service for Rural Communities Program (Rural Ferry Program) (IIJA § 71103)** provides funding for capital, operating and planning assistance for ferry service that operated a regular schedule at any time during the five-year period ending March 1, 2020.



2022 Joint Ferry Programs Competition

- Notice of Funding Opportunity: July 8, 2022
- Applications Due: September 6, 2022

Available Funding: Approximately \$294.5 million

- Passenger Ferry Grant Program: \$36.5 million (\$3.25 million for low or zero- emission ferries)
- Electric and Low-Emitting Ferry Pilot Program: \$49 million
- Ferry Service for Rural Communities: \$209 million

DOT/FTA Program Priorities

The Joint Ferry Programs support DOT and FTA's priorities and objectives through investments that

- (1) renew our transit systems;
- (2) reduce greenhouse gas emissions from public transportation;
- (3) advance racial equity;
- (4) maintain and create good-paying, jobs with a free and fair choice to join a union; and
- (5) connect communities.



Eligible Applicants

Passenger Ferry Program:

- Designated/Direct Recipients of Section 5307 Funding
- States (including Territories of the United States)
- Federally-recognized Tribes

Low-No Ferry Program:

- Designated/Direct Recipients of Section 5307 Funding
- Designated/Direct Recipients of Section 5311 Funding, including
 - States and Territories
 - Tribal Governments

Rural Ferry Program:

- States and territories in which eligible service is operated.



Eligible Projects

Passenger Ferry Program:

- Capital projects to purchase, replace, or rehabilitate passenger ferries, terminals and related infrastructure and equipment (including fare equipment, communication devices) for ferries that serve urban areas.
- Workforce development/training.

Low-No Ferry Program:

- Capital projects for the purchase of electric or low-emitting ferry vessels that reduce emissions by using alternative fuels or on-board energy storage systems and related charging infrastructure to reduce emissions or produce zero onboard emissions under normal operation.

Rural Ferry Program:

- Capital, operating, or planning
- Only net operating expenses are eligible for assistance. Net operating expenses are those expenses that remain after the provider subtracts operating revenues from eligible operating expenses.
- States may further define what constitutes operating revenues, but, at a minimum, operating revenues must include farebox revenues and other fees generated directly by the ferry service such as vehicle fares, cargo fees, cabin fees etc.



Ineligible Projects

Projects not eligible for **Passenger Ferry Program** and **Low-No Ferry Program** funding:

- Planning
- Operating expenses
- Preventive maintenance

Applicants to the **Rural Ferry Program** must be for capital, planning or operating assistance.





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