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Dear Agency Representative,

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District Five is soliciting applications for the FY2026/2027 Public Transit Service Development Program Funding. This program was enacted by the Florida Legislature to provide initial funding for special transportation related projects.

**Applicant Eligibility:**

Eligible recipients are public agencies providing or implementing public transit services directly or through contractual agreements. “Public transit” is defined as the transport of people by conveyances or systems of conveyances, traveling on land or water, local or regional in nature, and available for use by the public. This definition is not limited to traditional scheduled fixed route service but may also include demand response or other modes which are open to shared ride use by the general public. Community Transportation Coordinators (CTCs) which are public agencies are eligible recipients. A private entity may provide the local match for the project (i.e., serve as a project sponsor), but the applicant must be a public entity. The public entity is ultimately responsible for stewardship of the award and its outcomes.

**Program Purpose:**

The main goal of the program is to determine whether a new or innovative technique or measure can be used to improve or expand public transportation. Service Development projects specifically include the use of new technologies, services, routes or vehicle frequencies; the purchase of special transportation services and other techniques for increasing service to the riding public; and new technologies or methods for improving operations, maintenance and marketing. However, priority will be given to those projects that have the potential to benefit other transit systems and that have not been undertaken by other agencies.

**Eligible Project Types:**

Project Type	Examples	Maximum Duration (Years)
Technology	Alternative fuel vehicles; new or upgraded administration/management software; in/on-vehicle software systems; onboard safety systems; software application development/procurement or upgrade; mobile fare payment system development/procurement or upgrade; new/improved methods for operations and/or	2

	maintenance	
New mode of service implementation	New service type implementation	3
New route or service area implementation	Entirely new route implementation; implementation of existing service type in new area	3
Improvement to/Expansion of existing service	Frequency increase, hours of service extension, route alignment extension, service area expansion	3
Marketing	Campaign to promote transit service or initiative; public outreach and education campaigns; website functionality overhaul	2



### IMPORTANT UPDATES, DEADLINES & REMINDERS

- Projects must be attached to the application within TransCIP  
- <https://secure.blackcatgrants.com/Login.aspx?site=fldot>
- Completed applications must be uploaded into TransCIP by **5:00 PM EDT on May 30, 2025**
- Awards provided will be funded for State Fiscal Year 2027
- Awardees should anticipate the execution of the Public Transportation Grant Agreement (PTGA) after July 1, 2026
- If there are general questions regarding the Public Service Development Program and/or a need to access TransCIP for the application, please contact Jo Santiago-Mercer at [jo.santiago-mercero@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:jo.santiago-mercero@dot.state.fl.us) or Jarrell Smith at [jarrell.smith@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:jarrell.smith@dot.state.fl.us)

Please forward this solicitation email to other interested eligible entities. If there are any questions, please let us know.



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Can you send the current information for FDOT District Five Public Transit Service Development Program grant and when the application is due to FDOT. John Slot informed me today that Seminole County has a project that would be interested in applying for the Service Development Program this spring. I received from John last spring the March 2024 Grant Application Guidance and request an update for 2025. I appreciate your assistance with this as Seminole County works to improve on our transportation needs of our community.



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