

FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION

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- The Formula Grants for Rural Areas program provides funds to states to support public transportation in rural areas with populations of less than 50,000
- Funds are apportioned to States based on a formula that includes land area, population, revenue vehicle miles, and low-income individuals in rural areas.



- Eligible recipients- states and federally recognized Indian Tribes
  - Subrecipients may include state or local government authorities, nonprofit organizations, and operators of public transportation or intercity bus service
- Eligible activities- planning, capital, operating, job access and reverse commute projects, and the acquisition of public transportation services



#### FAST Act Authorized Funding For Rural Areas (Section 5311)

(in millions of dollars)

	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020
Formula Grants for Rural Areas	\$552.6	\$564.8	\$577.7	\$591.1	\$604.8
Rural Technical Assistance	\$12.4	\$12.6	\$12.9	\$13.2	\$13.5
Appalachian Formula Program	\$20.0	\$20.0	\$20.0	\$20.0	\$20.0
Tribal Transit Program	\$35.0 M	\$ 35.0	\$35.0	\$35.0	\$35.0
TOTAL	\$620.0	\$632.4	\$645.6	\$659.3	\$673.3



- Appalachian Formula Program \$20M: provides funding to states in the Appalachian Region for purposes eligible under 5311 program.
- Rural Transportation Assistance Program (RTAP): funding for state and national training and technical assistance.
  - National Rural Transportation Assistance Program (NRTAP)
- Tribal Transit Program (TTP) \$35M: formula and competitive funds allocated directly to Federally Recognized Indian Tribes for the purposes of providing public transportation services.
- Intercity Bus Program: requires a state to spend 15% of its annual Section 5311 apportionment to carry out a program to develop and support intercity bus transportation.

#### Appalachian Formula Program

- FTA apportions ADTAP funds to designated states by a statutory formula
  - 13 states are apportioned ADTAP funds
- State may use ADTAP program funds for capital projects, operating assistance, planning, job access reverse commute projects, and the acquisition of public transportation services
- States that are eligible for ADTAP funds may use amounts that cannot be used for operating expenses for a highway project if the governor approves



- FTA is in the process of making updates to the 9040.IG circular to reflect changes made under the FAST Act
  - Circular will have minimal updates due to the Administration's focus on streamlining regulations



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