



11/13/2025

Coordinated Call for Projects

Rural Discretionary and Intercity Bus Programs

Housekeeping

- **Purpose**
- **Phones**
- **Questions and Answers**
- **Recording and Presentation**

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Programs

Name	Description
Rural Discretionary	Assist public transportation providers in rural areas to provide passenger transportation services to the public using the most efficient combination of knowledge, materials, resources and technology. Rural Discretionary (RD) funds are available through this call for projects which cannot reasonably be funded through FTA and State program formula allocations or local resources and are consistent with identified objectives.
Intercity Bus (ICB)	Support connections, services, and infrastructure to meet the intercity mobility needs of residents in rural areas , consistent with identified objectives.

Table 1 – Programs Description

Schedule and Milestones

Activity/Milestone	Target Due
RD and ICB Webinar	11/18/2025
Deadline for submitting written questions	12/12/2025
Deadline for application submission	01/23/2026
Applications Scored	02/26/2026
Application Negotiations Completed	04/02/2026
Texas Transportation Commission approval	07/2026
Project Grant Agreements distributed for Year 1	08/01/2026
Project Grant Agreements executed for Year 1	09/01/2026

Table 2 – Schedule and Milestones

Important Notices

- This funding opportunity is available biennially or every two years. The next request for proposals is slated for Fall of 2027.
- One (1) project per each RD and ICB grant application. Limit five (5) grant applications for each.
- Proposed projects may have a duration of up to two years, beginning in either FY27 or FY28.
- Master Grant Agreement (MGA) and current FTA and TxDOT Certification and Assurances (C&A) are a prerequisite to a fully executed grant agreement.

Application Instructions

- **Scope and Objectives**

- Rural Discretionary (RD)
- Intercity Bus (ICB)

- **Reminders**

Application Instructions – ICB

- **Operating Assistance**

- **One Operating Assistance form per route in IGX is required.**

- **Project Evaluation**

- Successful ICB applicants will be expected to submit [performance and ridership data](#) to TxDOT-PTN monthly.

Points of Emphasis – RD

- **Funding Categories**

- Local administrative expenses
- Capital expenses
- Planning activities
- Marketing activities
- Operating expenses

Budget and Milestones

- **Indirect Cost**
- **In-Kind Match**
- **Multiyear Funding Requests**
- **Transportation Development Credits (TDC)**

Transit Technical Services Program

- **Introduction**
- **Program Overview**
- **Eligibility and Criteria**
- **Email your questions to TTSP@txdot.gov.**

Resources

- **Call for Projects Email: ptn_programmgmt@txdot.gov**
- **IGX Help Desk Email: ptn_igxhelp@txdot.gov**
- **IGX Help Desk Phone: 512.486.5957**
 - (Monday – Friday 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM CST. Closed on federal holidays)
- **Coordinated Call for Projects Link**
 - <https://www.txdot.gov/business/grants-and-funding/public-transportation-grants.html>

Questions?

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