FY-2024 NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY FOR THE ALDOT SECTION 5311(f) INTERCITY BUS PROGRAM

The Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT), Local Transportation Bureau, is now accepting Applications for funding consideration through the Section 5311(f) Intercity Bus Program. The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) provides funding for transit services that assist intercity bus transportation (both over-the-road buses and feeder services).

Fifteen (15) percent of the State's annual Section 5311 apportionment for rural transit service will be set aside for this program. Available federal funds for the Section 5311(f) program are approximately **\$3,000,000.** Applications will be for Operating and Capital Assistance. Operating Assistance will be funded at 50/50 with intercity bus in-kind matching funds and/or 100% ARP funds. Capital projects funding will require a 20% local match share.

The following organizations are eligible to submit an application for the Section 5311(f) program:

- 1. Nonprofit organizations.
- 2. Public bodies/Governmental Authorities.
- 3. Private for Profit organizations.

Because several intercity bus routes are currently established in Alabama, applicants will apply to: 1) continue existing service with no changes, 2) expand service by adding new service area or route or other service enhancement (assumes continuation of existing service), or 3) start new service.

The application package provides specific information on eligibility, match, eligible activities, and evaluation criteria. The Section 5311(f) application and State Management Plan can be found at:

https://www.dot.state.al.us/programs/IntercityBusProgram.html.

The deadline for submitting applications to the ALDOT Local Transportation Bureau is **5:00 P.M.** on **October 19, 2023. Applications received late will be returned. Postmarked submissions will not be accepted.**

All applications will be reviewed, evaluated, prioritized, and approved by ALDOT prior to the development and submission of a consolidated ALDOT grant application to the FTA Region IV office for funding consideration.

If you have questions or comments concerning the grant application, or if information is needed in another language or alternative format, contact Wiley Brooks, ALDOT, Local Transportation Bureau, 1409 Coliseum Boulevard, Montgomery, AL 36110; (334) 242-6767 or <u>brookswi@dot.state.al.us</u>.

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