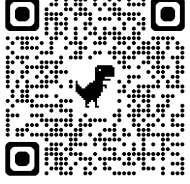
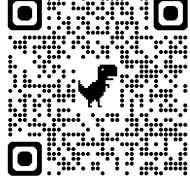
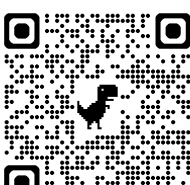



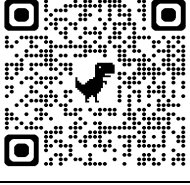


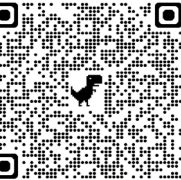



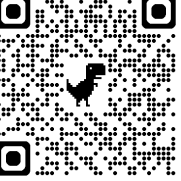

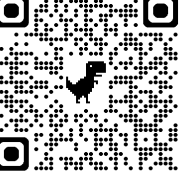


## Federal Transit Administration (FTA) References & Resources

	<p><b><u><a href="#">FTA Circulars</a></u></b>  FTA Circulars serve as a crucial resource for grant recipients, offering guidance on complying with statutory and regulatory requirements, as well as providing directions on both comprehensive and program-specific issues.  <a href="https://www.transit.dot.gov/regulations-and-programs/fta-circulars/circulars">https://www.transit.dot.gov/regulations-and-programs/fta-circulars/circulars</a></p>
	<p><b><u><a href="#">FTA Apportionments</a></u></b>  Annually, Congress passes and the President signs legislation to appropriate annual funds for the Department of Transportation, FTA publishes a Federal Register notice. This notice provides an overview of apportionments and allocations for FTA programs, along with policy and guidance for public transit administration.  <a href="https://www.transit.dot.gov/funding/apportionments/current-apportionments">https://www.transit.dot.gov/funding/apportionments/current-apportionments</a></p>
	<p><b><u><a href="#">FTA Grant Programs</a></u></b>  FTA provides grants to public transit systems, including buses, subways, light rail, commuter rail, trolleys and ferries. Since 1964, FTA has partnered with state and local governments to create and enhance public transportation systems, investing more than \$20 billion annually to support and expand public transit services. FTA provides annual formula grants to transit agencies nationwide as well as discretionary funding in competitive processes. View a listing of FTA grant opportunities, sortable by grant type.  <a href="https://www.transit.dot.gov/funding/grants/grant-programs">https://www.transit.dot.gov/funding/grants/grant-programs</a></p>
	<p><b><u><a href="#">Dear Colleague Letters</a></u></b>  The Dear Colleague Letters are issued to provide timely policy updates and directions for FTA grant recipients.  <a href="https://www.transit.dot.gov/regulations-and-guidance/policy-letters/administrator-dear-colleague-letters">https://www.transit.dot.gov/regulations-and-guidance/policy-letters/administrator-dear-colleague-letters</a></p>
	<p><b><u><a href="#">Transit Workforce Center</a></u></b>  From early education through ongoing professional development, the Transit Workforce Center provides program support, technical assistance, and workforce development activities in partnership with Federal, state, and local agencies, industry organizations, schools, colleges and universities, and other education providers.  <a href="https://www.transitworkforce.org/">https://www.transitworkforce.org/</a></p>
	<p><b><u><a href="#">FTA-sponsored Technical Assistance Centers</a></u></b>  This FTA website provides a list of resources for grant recipients who seek technical assistance, training, and research resource programs through national nonprofit organizations across a number of areas to improve public transportation.  <a href="https://www.transit.dot.gov/funding/grants/fta-sponsored-technical-assistance-training-and-research-resource-programs">https://www.transit.dot.gov/funding/grants/fta-sponsored-technical-assistance-training-and-research-resource-programs</a></p>
	<p><b><u><a href="#">Real Property Acquisition</a></u></b>  The website provides FTA project sponsors with the resources necessary to comply with federal real property acquisition requirements.  <a href="https://www.transit.dot.gov/RealEstate">https://www.transit.dot.gov/RealEstate</a></p>
	<p><b><u><a href="#">Transit Award Management System (TrAMS)</a></u></b>  TrAMS is a web-based tool for FTA grant recipients to apply for federal funds, manage programs according to federal requirements, and allow FTA to review, approve, control, and oversee fund use. Access and usage information is available in the TrAMS User Resources and Training section of this website.  <a href="https://www.transit.dot.gov/funding/grant-recipient-resources/teamtrams/transit-award-management-system-trams">https://www.transit.dot.gov/funding/grant-recipient-resources/teamtrams/transit-award-management-system-trams</a></p>

	<p><b><u><a href="#">FTA Recipient Award Toolkit</a></u></b>  This toolkit helps grant recipients with decisions on developing applications for award in the TrAMS, consistent with FTA Circulars and other requirements.  <a href="https://www.transit.dot.gov/funding/grants/applying/fta-recipient-award-toolkit">https://www.transit.dot.gov/funding/grants/applying/fta-recipient-award-toolkit</a></p>
	<p><b><u><a href="#">FTA Categorical Exclusion (CE) Worksheet</a></u></b>  The FTA CE Worksheet assists project sponsors in providing sufficient documentation to FTA to support a <b><u><a href="#">CE</a></u></b> determination in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and FTA’s environmental regulations (<b><u><a href="#">23 CFR Part 771</a></u></b>). It includes instructions and links to FTA’s environmental resources information and environmental standard operating procedures to guide the analysis of potential environmental effects.  <a href="https://www.transit.dot.gov/regulations-and-programs/environmental-policy-and-programs/fta-categorical-exclusion-ce-worksheet">https://www.transit.dot.gov/regulations-and-programs/environmental-policy-and-programs/fta-categorical-exclusion-ce-worksheet</a></p>
	<p><b><u><a href="#">Certifications and Assurances</a></u></b>  The FTA Annual Certifications and Assurances is a mandatory, single-year document where FTA fund recipients formally certify compliance with federal statutes, regulations, and agency policies to receive grants and cooperative agreements to affirm grant recipient compliance with core federal requirements (e.g., civil rights, procurement, DBE, drug &amp; alcohol, safety, environmental reviews, prevailing wages) and note special assurances.  <a href="https://www.transit.dot.gov/funding/grant-recipient-resources/certifications-and-assurances/certifications-assurances">https://www.transit.dot.gov/funding/grant-recipient-resources/certifications-and-assurances/certifications-assurances</a></p>
	<p><b><u><a href="#">Period of Performance</a></u></b>  Period of Performance is the specific timeframe, defined in the grant agreement, during which a grant recipient can incur new obligations and carry out authorized work. This phase follows award execution, with start and end dates stipulated in the grant award documents (e.g., TrAMS). A Training Video is available regarding updating period of performance for grants, including a demo in TrAMS. This video is for grant recipients familiar with TrAMS. <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5GdZ9ch7I_4">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5GdZ9ch7I_4</a></p>
	<p><b><u><a href="#">FY26 Comprehensive Review Contractor’s Manual</a></u></b>  Manual outlining expectations for oversight contractors in assessing grant recipient compliance and serves as a resource for grant recipients on program-specific and cross-cutting requirements.  <a href="https://www.transit.dot.gov/regulations-and-programs/program-oversight/fy26-comprehensive-review-contractors-manual">https://www.transit.dot.gov/regulations-and-programs/program-oversight/fy26-comprehensive-review-contractors-manual</a></p>
	<p><b><u><a href="#">Public Transportation Agency Safety Plans (PTASP)</a></u></b>  This FTA website offers resources for public transit operators receiving federal Urbanized Area Formula Grants (Section 5307) and rail agencies under the State Safety Oversight (SSO) program to develop an Agency Safety Plan (ASP) and implement a Safety Management System (SMS). <a href="https://www.transit.dot.gov/PTASP">https://www.transit.dot.gov/PTASP</a></p>
	<p><b><u><a href="#">National Rural Transit Assistance Program (RTAP)</a></u></b>  National RTAP is an FTA funded resource aimed to address the training and technical assistance needs of rural and tribal transit operators across the nation, and to support the state RTAP programs. It offers a comprehensive set of free technical assistance programs and resources include training materials, webinars, newsletters and technical briefs, peer resources, research, and innovative technology initiatives. <a href="https://www.nationalrtap.org/">https://www.nationalrtap.org/</a></p>
	<p><b><u><a href="#">FTA Email Subscription</a></u></b>  Sign up and stay connected with the latest updates on program information, initiatives, and training opportunities.  <a href="https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDOTFTA/subscriber/new">https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDOTFTA/subscriber/new</a></p>