FACT SHEET

FTA Section 5311 Program
Formula Grants for Rural Areas

Program Purpose
This program provides capital, planning, and operating assistance to support public transportation in rural areas with populations less than 50,000, where many residents often rely on public transit to reach their destinations. It also provides funding for state and national training and technical assistance through the Rural Transportation Assistance Program.

Eligible Applicants
General public transportation providers in rural areas of less than 50,000.

Eligible Projects
Administration, planning, capital investments, operating, and job access reverse commute projects.

Project Selection
Annual program funds are apportioned by formula to the State. TDOT Multimodal allocates funds apportioned to rural areas by formula based on population, general public ridership, and general public revenue miles.

Match Requirements
TDOT is a pass through entity of federal funds.
TDOT provides for a state match if available in the state annual budget.
Contracts are established with subrecipients to receive federal and state funds.

Capital - 80% Federal, 10% State, 10% Local
ADA Capital – 85% Federal, 7.5% State, 7.5% Local
Operating – 50% Federal, 25% State, 25% Local
Project Administration – 80% Federal, 10% State, 10% Local
Planning – 80% Federal, 10% State, 10% Local

State Overmatch (if available in the state annual budget) – All activities listed at 0% Federal, 75% State, 25% Local

Program Requirements
Agencies awarded federal and state funding are required to comply with all federal and state program rules and requirements as detailed in the federal program, administration, and procurement circulars, as well as in the TDOT State Management Plan. Monthly, quarterly, and annual submission of information and reports to document compliance and measure project performance is required. Compliance reviews, including on-site visits to monitor project performance and management, will be conducted by TDOT.