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Re: Letter of Notification to Other Providers

Dear Transit Providers:

The State of Tennessee Department of Transportation, Division of Passenger Transportation, Rail & Freight will be accepting applications for federal grant funds for operating, administrative, capital, and/or technical assistance to provide Rural Public Transportation for SFY2027, pursuant to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5311 Non-Urbanized Area Formula Program. Funds are awarded annually via formula to the following public transportation agencies, which operate in rural regions across the state of Tennessee:

**Delta Human Resource Agency**  
**East Tennessee Human Resource Agency**  
**First Tennessee Human Resource Agency**  
**Gatlinburg Mass Transit System**  
**Mid-Cumberland Human Resource Agency**  
**Northwest Tennessee Human Resource Agency**

**Pigeon Forge Mass Transit**  
**Southeast Tennessee Human Resource Agency**  
**South Central Tennessee Development District**  
**Southwest Human Resource Agency**  
**Upper Cumberland Human Resource Agency**

The purpose of this letter is to advise other private, public transit, and paratransit operators of the funding opportunity and to ensure service across the state is coordinated. Other providers may be eligible to receive reimbursement funds through purchase of service agreements with the eleven funded agencies to avoid duplication of service(s).

Each recipient of Section 5311 funds will hold a public hearing on the proposed grant application. Written comments or proposals regarding the application should be sent to the relevant agency, with a copy forwarded to the Public Transportation Section of the Passenger Transportation Rail & Freight Division via mail or email, at [TDOT.MultiModalAdmin@tn.gov](mailto:TDOT.MultiModalAdmin@tn.gov).

Sincerely,

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