



STATE OF TENNESSEE
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
 DIVISION OF MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION RESOURCES
 SUITE 1800, JAMES K. POLK BUILDING
 505 DEADERICK STREET
 NASHVILLE, TN 37243-0349
 (615)741-2781

JOHN C. SCHROER
 COMMISSIONER

BILL HASLAM
 GOVERNOR

July 30, 2014

Dear Transit Agency Directors:

TDOT is pleased to announce the allocation of Urban Operating Assistance Program (UROP) funds for State Fiscal Year 15 (FY15). Allocations were based on population reported in the 2010 Census. Gatlinburg and Pigeon Forge are taken off the top before the distribution by population due to the high impact of tourism in those communities. UROP funds are intended to supplement other available operating funds for urban transit agencies. The table below shows the allocated funds to each urban transit agency.

Agency	FY15 Allocation
City of Bristol	\$ 387,400.00
Chattanooga Area Regional Transportation Authority (CARTA)	\$ 2,124,100.00
City of Clarksville (Clarksville Transit System)	\$ 884,300.00
Southeast Tennessee Human Resource Agency (CUATS)	\$ 372,200.00
Jackson Transit Authority (JTA)	\$ 400,600.00
City of Johnson City (Johnson City Transit System -JCTS)	\$ 671,100.00
City of Kingsport (Kingsport Area Transit System - KATS)	\$ 594,000.00
City of Knoxville (Knoxville Area Transit)	\$ 3,113,900.00
Memphis Area Transit Authority (MATA)	\$ 5,908,300.00
City of Morristown	\$ 329,000.00
City of Murfreesboro	\$ 742,500.00
Oak Ridge	\$ 165,500.00
City of Gatlinburg (Gatlinburg Mass Transit System -GMTS)	\$ 353,600.00
City of Pigeon Forge (Pigeon Forge Fun Time Trolleys + Sevierville)	\$ 606,100.00
Nashville-Metropolitan Transit Authority (MTA)	\$ 4,585,000.00
Regional Transportation Authority (RTA)	\$ 569,500.00
Franklin Transit Authority (FTA)	\$ 249,600.00
Total	\$ 22,056,700.00

** Pigeon Forge inherited Sevierville allocation due to agreement between the 2 agencies to transfer service provision to Pigeon Forge*

Per the February 25, 2014 letter to UROP Grantees, Commissioner Schroer approved several changes to the UROP program for FY15 and FY16.


- Grantees may use up to \$1million in UROP funds for either operating or capital expenses.
- TDOT will reimburse 80% of the first \$400,000 in expenses (80% state, 20% local). Above \$400,000, TDOT will reimburse 50% (50% state, 50% local).
- Federal funds obligated for capital purchases should be exhausted before using UROP funds for capital expenses with no federal share.
- Federal funds obligated for operating expenses should be exhausted before using UROP funds for operating expenses with no federal share.

To request a UROP contract, please email or mail the following to Kwabena (KB) Aboagye (kwabena.aboagye@tn.gov):

- A completed UROP Request Form (attached);
- A PDF of the full final report from your agency's most recent FTA Triennial Review (if applicable);
- Documentation of the status of corrective actions associated with any findings from the Triennial Review.
- An indirect cost allocation plan, current indirect rate calculation, and a letter from the cognizant agency approving the plan. (Applies only if indirect costs are charged to UROP).

I hope that these changes will provide agencies with additional flexibility. During FY16, we will re-evaluate the situation and decide on the matching level for FY17. If you have any questions, please contact K.B. Aboagye at 615-741-2781.

Sincerely,


Liza Joffron
Director

cc: Toks Omishakin, Deputy Commissioner/Chief
Larry Sanborn, Multimodal Assistant Director
Jason Spain, TPTA Executive Director
Tommy Bradberry, TPTA President



FY2015 Urban Operating Funds Request Form

Name of Transit Agency	
Amount of UROP Funding Requested	
Requested Start Date for Contract	
Have all available 5307 funds been obligated in FTA grants? (yes/no)	
Date of Most Recent FTA Triennial Review (please attach)	
Date of Letter from FTA Closing All Findings (please attach)	