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**RE: FTA Section 5307 FFY2019 Program Allocation**

Dear Direct Recipients:

The FTA has announced the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2019 5307 Small Urban apportionment. TDOT is issuing this allocation letter to enable Tennessee's small urban agencies to apply directly to the FTA for these 5307 funds.

TDOT Multimodal is pleased to announce the allocation of FTA Section 5307 program funds for FFY2019. Allocations are determined by formula. Factors include the UZA population reported by the 2010 US Census, as well as verified 2017 National Transit Database (NTD) data for Revenue Miles, Unlinked Passenger Trips, and Local Participation.

The table below shows the funds allocated to each Direct Recipient:

FTA Section 5307 FFY2019 Allocation

Direct Recipient	FFY19 Allocation
Bristol Tennessee Transit	\$381,875.00
Clarksville Transit System	\$2,536,659.00
Cleveland Urban Area Transit System	\$769,532.00
Jackson Transit Authority*	\$1,579,154.00
Johnson City Transit	\$1,728,091.00
Kingsport Area Transit Service	\$991,141.00
Morristown- ETHRA	\$516,828.00
Murfreesboro Rover Transit System*	\$1,789,610.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$10,292,890.00</b>

\*Murfreesboro and Jackson each qualify for Small Transit Intensive Cities (STIC) federal funds in the amount of \$261,911.00 based on their agency's service performance. The table above represents the full 5307 allocation for small urban areas which includes the additional STIC funds for Murfreesboro and Jackson.

TDOT offers a state match on 5307 capital expenses only. TDOT Multimodal does not match 5307 operating expenses. Contracts will have a three year term period at time of request, unless circumstances exist that require a period beyond three years, which will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

In years past, TDOT has permitted 5307 funds to be available indefinitely and the FTA has drawn on Tennessee's oldest small urban funds in order to prevent funds from lapsing. However, the result is that several agencies have accumulated 5307 funds, reserving these funds for future capital projects. While TDOT appreciates the need to plan for future projects, TDOT must balance future needs against the current needs of other transit agencies. In order to establish a balance between saving for future projects and meeting current needs, TDOT will make the FFY2019 5307 funds available for obligation through April 30, 2022. Funds allocated are subject to redistribution if not obligated by the deadline.

Tennessee 5307 funds are in high demand across the state and TDOT wants to ensure every \$1 is utilized for public transit service and that discarding any funds back to the FTA is minimized. Direct Recipients must receive approval from TDOT prior to deobligating funds in their active 5307 grants. In the event that funds are deobligated by a direct recipient without TDOT written approval, funds may be deducted from the agency's future 5307 allocations.

The table below indicates the period of availability for all 5307 funds:

Federal Fiscal Year	Deadline for Obligating Funds in FTA Grants
FFY17	April 30, 2020
FFY18	April 30, 2021
FFY19	April 30, 2022

As identified in this Split Letter, the Designated Recipient authorizes the assignment/allocation of Section 5307 to the Direct Recipient(s) named herein. The undersigned agree to the Split Letter and the amounts allocated/assigned to each Direct Recipient. Each Direct Recipient is responsible for its application to the Federal Transit Administration to receive Section 5307 funds and assumes the responsibilities associated with any award for these funds.

If you have any questions, please contact Alaire Brown, 5307 Program Manager, at [alaire.brown@tn.gov](mailto:alaire.brown@tn.gov) or by phone at (615) 313-3192.

Best regards,



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