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**RE: FTA Section 5307 CARES Act Program Allocation #1**

Dear Direct Recipients:

The Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) is announcing the first round of funding allocations for the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Stimulus (CARES) Act passed by Congress and enacted on March 27, 2020. The legislation provided \$25 billion in relief for public transit agencies across the United States, including \$29,784,268 to the Tennessee Section 5307 Small Urban Program, to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Allocation 1 represents half of the CARES Act Apportionment for Section 5307 Small Urban transit program. Allocations were determined based on the Operating Expenses reported by each agency in the 2019 National Transit Database. TDOT is issuing this allocation letter to enable Tennessee's small urban transit agencies to apply directly to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for 5307 CARES Act funds.

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

**FTA Section 5307 CARES Act Allocation #1**

<b>UZA</b>	<b>Direct Recipient</b>	<b>CARES Act Allocation 1</b>
Bristol	Bristol Tennessee Transit	\$455,806
	First Tennessee HRA	\$134,449
Clarksville	Clarksville Transit System	\$4,513,677
Cleveland	Cleveland Urban Area Transit System	\$477,169
Jackson	Jackson Transit Authority (incl. STIC)*	\$2,115,795
Johnson City	Johnson City Transit	\$2,666,733
	First Tennessee HRA	\$512,722
Kingsport	Kingsport Area Transit Service	\$1,203,985
	First Tennessee HRA	\$386,907
Morristown	Morristown- ETHRA	\$995,371
Murfreesboro	Murfreesboro Rover Transit (incl. STIC)*	\$1,429,520
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$14,892,134</b>

\*Murfreesboro and Jackson qualify for Small Transit Intensive Cities (STIC) federal funds based on their service performance. Allocation 1 releases 50% of the STIC funds of \$385,163 for each agency. The table includes the STIC allocations for Murfreesboro and Jackson.


CARES Act funds do not have a lapse date. TDOT strongly encourages Small Urban 5307 recipients to obligate these funds expeditiously and to maintain essential, safe public transportation services during and after the COVID-19 pandemic with this relief. TDOT will continue to work with agencies to assess ongoing needs and communicate federal safety protocols.

Tennessee 5307 funds provide high demand public transit service and TDOT wants to ensure that funds are used in Tennessee and that funds discarded back to the FTA are minimized. Direct Recipients must receive TDOT approval 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 that agency's future 5307 allocations.

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 agrees to the Split Letter and the amounts allocated/assigned to each Direct Recipient. Each Direct Recipient is responsible for its application to the FTA to receive Section 5307 funds and assumes the responsibilities associated with award for these funds.

If you have questions, please contact Kaitlyn McClanahan, Grants Administration Program Supervisor, at [kaitlyn.mcclanahan@tn.gov](mailto:kaitlyn.mcclanahan@tn.gov) or by phone at (615) 532-5835.

Best regards,



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