



ODOT Announces Competitive Vehicle Grants Open

February 19, 2026

The Oregon Department of Transportation's [Public Transportation Division](#) is accepting applications for the first phase of the *federal 2027–2028 Competitive Transit Grant program that funds replacing and purchasing buses*. This grant is federally funded and cannot be used to fund ODOT's ongoing state budget crisis. In March, the second phase of the federal grant funding for capital and operations projects will open.

Phase 1: Vehicle acquisitions grant *(now open)*

- Total **federal** funding available: \$3.5 million
- Funding source: Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5339(a) Buses and Bus Facilities small urban and rural apportionment funding
- To learn more about eligibility and requirements visit our [website](#) for details.

Phase 1: Grant application timeline

- Open for applications: February 19, 2026
- Initial application due: April 3, 2026
- Final application due: May 29, 2026
- Apply [here](#).

Applicant Support

- [Competitive Transit Grant Application Training Webinar](#)
Thursday, March 12, 2026, 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.
- [Competitive Transit Grant Q&A](#)
Wednesday, March 18, 2026, 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Questions?

Email [Bobbi Jean Cummiskey](#) and your [Regional Transit Coordinator](#).