



How the Federal Transit Administration Can Help You Fight Trafficking and Promote Transit Safety

At the end of March 2019, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) announced two funding opportunities to help the transit industry and its partners combat human trafficking and develop innovative approaches to improve public transit safety. A limited amount of funding is available for competitive grants. Applications for these grants are due May 28, 2019.

One of these announcements is an invitation for one or more national nonprofit organizations to work with FTA in developing, evaluating, demonstrating and implementing technical guidance materials that promote public safety awareness campaigns addressing public safety in transit systems, including crime prevention, human trafficking, and operator assault. FTA intends to award \$2 million for this national technical assistance campaign.

For state agencies and local operators of public transit, FTA also is intending to award \$2 million in competitive grants to demonstrate innovation around these critical areas of public transit safety:

- Reducing or eliminating human trafficking occurring at transit systems or through the use of transit systems;
- Protecting transit operators from the risk of assault;
- Reducing crime on public transit vehicles and facilities; and
- Improving passenger and public safety.

You must be an FTA grantee to be eligible for these grants, whose awards are limited to state or local governments, public transit providers, nonprofits, or consortia that include one or more FTA grantees. These grants can provide 80 percent of project costs; the successful applicants need to provide a 20 percent non-federal share of expenses.

FTA has additional details on this initiative at <https://www.transit.dot.gov/about/news/fta-seeks-put-brakes-human-trafficking-public->

[transit-makes-4-million-available-public](#). Furthermore FTA invites potential applicants or other interested parties to attend one of its informational webinars on this initiative. The webinars are taking place April 8 and April 16, 2019. For information and to register for one of these webinars, go to

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