



Homeland Security

Fiscal Year 2015 Intercity Bus Security Grant Program

Overview

As appropriated by the *Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2015* (Pub. L. No. 114-4) and as authorized by Section 1531 of the *Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007* (9/11 Act) (Pub. L. No. 110-53) (6 U.S.C. § 118); the Fiscal Year (FY) 2015 Intercity Bus Security Grant Program (IBSGP) is one of the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) grant programs that directly support transportation infrastructure security activities. This grant program is part of a comprehensive set of measures authorized by Congress and implemented by the Administration to strengthen the nation's critical infrastructure against risks associated with potential terrorist attacks. FY 2015 IBSGP provides funds to owners and operators of intercity bus systems to protect critical surface transportation infrastructure and the traveling public from acts of terrorism and to increase the resilience of transit infrastructure.

In Fiscal Year 2015, DHS awarded \$3,000,000 to promote sustainable, risk-based efforts to protect intercity bus systems and the traveling public from terrorism.

The IBSGP plays an important role in the implementation of the National Preparedness System by supporting the building, sustainment, and delivery of core capabilities essential to achieving the National Preparedness Goal (the Goal) of a secure and resilient nation. Delivering core capabilities requires the combined effort of the whole community, rather than the exclusive effort of any single organization or level of government. The FY 2015 IBSGP supports core capabilities across the five mission areas of prevention, protection, mitigation, response, and recovery based on allowable costs.

Funding

In FY 2015, the total amount of funds distributed under this grant program is \$3,000,000. FY 2015 IBSGP funds are awarded to support the creation of a sustainable program for the protection of intercity bus systems and the traveling public from terrorism.

Eligibility

Eligible applicants under the FY 2015 IBSGP are private operators providing transportation by an over-the-road bus that have completed a vulnerability assessment and developed a security plan that the Secretary of Homeland Security has approved as described in Section 1531 of the 9/11 Act. Eligibility for funding is limited to applicants that meet one or both of the following criteria:

- Operate fixed-route intercity bus transportation providing services to a FY 2015 Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI)-designated jurisdiction.

- Operate a charter bus service using over-the-road buses and provide a minimum of 50 trips annually to one or more FY 2015 UASI-designated jurisdictions.
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Funding Guidelines

FY 2015 IBSGP allowable costs are focused on intercity bus initiatives that strengthen emergency operations planning and citizen protection capabilities and help address security priorities. Eligible activities include, but are not limited to:

- Operating and capital costs associated with over-the-road bus security awareness, preparedness and response training, including training for front-line employees for potential security threats and conditions (must be DHS-approved training courses);
- Live or simulated exercises for the purpose of assessing and improving the capabilities of entities to prevent, prepare for, mitigate against, respond to, and recover from acts of terrorism (must be DHS-approved exercises);
- Public awareness campaigns for enhanced over-the-road bus security (must be DHS-approved);
- Modifying over-the-road buses to increase their security;
- Installing cameras and video surveillance equipment on over-the-road buses and at terminals, garages, and over-the-road bus facilities;
- Hardening and modifying terminals, garages and facilities, including terminals and other over-the-road bus facilities owned by state or local governments, to increase their security.

The period of performance for the IBSGP is thirty-six (36) months from the date of award. For additional information regarding allowable costs, including management and administration costs, refer to the FY 2015 IBSGP Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO).

Application Process and Evaluation Criteria

FY 2015 IBSGP applicants competed for funds irrespective of their size and without the use of a tier system. Recipients were selected through a competitive process based on the ratings of the National Review Panel (NRP). Applicants submitted an Investment Justification (IJ) that provided evidence of how the project fits into an overall effort to meet critical infrastructure security requirements, and how the investment provides significant security impact.

The FY 2015 IBSGP used a risk-based prioritization consistent with DHS policy. The DHS/Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), in conjunction with the DHS/Transportation Security Administration (TSA), verified compliance with each of the administrative and eligibility criteria identified in the guidance. Eligible applications were reviewed and scored by the NRP, which included representatives from DHS/TSA, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), and DHS/FEMA. DHS/FEMA and DHS/TSA then reviewed the NRP recommendations and made recommendations for funding to the Secretary of DHS.

IBSGP Resources

A variety of resources are available to address programmatic, technical, and financial questions, which can assist with IBSGP, including:

- The FY 2015 IBSGP NOFO is located online at: <http://www.fema.gov/grants> as well as on <http://www.grants.gov>.
- For additional program-specific information, applicants may contact the Centralized Scheduling and Information Desk (CSID) help line at (800) 368-6498 or AskCSID@dhs.gov. CSID hours of operation are from 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. EDT, Monday through Friday.
- For financial-related questions, including pre- and post-award administration and technical assistance, applicants may contact the DHS/FEMA Grant Programs Directorate Call Center at (866) 927-5646 or via e-mail to ASK-GMD@dhs.gov.

FY 2015 IBSGP Awards

State	Agency	Award
Alabama	Spirit Coach, LLC	\$32,560
Arkansas	Eventure America, Inc. dba Little Rock Tours	\$23,849
Arizona	Citizen Auto Stage Co. Inc. dba Citizen Express Lines	\$25,534
	Industrial Bus Lines, Inc. dba: All Aboard America!	\$39,140
California	Amador Stage Lines dba Allen Transportation Company	\$4,299
	American Star Tours, Inc.	\$43,508
	Carreras Tours, LLC	\$12,006
	Royal Coach Tours	\$33,259
	SF Navigatour, Inc. dba Super Sightseeing Tours	\$37,083
	Silverado Stages, Inc.	\$12,797
	Storer Transportation Services dba Storer Travel Service	\$37,683
	Sureride Charter, Inc dba Sun Diego Charter	\$70,426
	Via Adventures, Inc	\$91,144
Colorado	Ramblin' Express, Inc.	\$49,867
Connecticut	Dattco Tours, Inc.	\$53,524
Florida	Escot Bus Lines, Inc.	\$4,299
	Travel Lovers Tours and Cruises, Inc.	\$11,169
Georgia	Daniels Charters & Tours LLC	\$12,770
	Samson Tours, Inc.	\$61,097
	Southeastern Stages, Inc	\$66,293
	St. Simons Transit Company	\$5,800
Iowa	Burlington State Lines, Ltd	\$44,934
Illinois	Chicago Classic Coach, LLC	\$16,768
	Peoria Charter Coach Company	\$44,517
Indiana	Bloomington Shuttle Service, Inc.	\$11,495
	Kaser Enterprises, Inc. dba Royal Excursions Chauffeur	\$47,217
Kansas	Village Tours, LLC dba Village Charters & Tours	\$59,410
Kentucky	Miller Transportation Inc.	\$30,137
Louisiana	Gaten's Adventures Unlimited, LLC	\$39,181
	Hotard Coaches Inc. dba Hotard Destination Services	\$52,844
	Louisiana Motor Coach Inc.	\$23,392
Massachusetts	Joseph's Transportation, Inc.	\$7,839
	Local Motion, Inc., DBA Local Motion of Boston	\$30,152
	M & L Transit Systems, Inc.	\$28,170
Maryland	AP Xpress Bus Company, Inc.	\$8,897
	Eyre Bus Service, Inc.	\$38,162
Maine	Isherwood Enterprises Inc. dba Custom Coach of Portland	\$28,791
	Northeast Charter and Tour Company, Inc.	\$19,006
Michigan	Indian Trails, Inc.	\$30,945
Minnesota	Voigt's Bus Service Inc.	\$34,392
	Peter Pan Bus Lines, Inc.	\$51,119
	White Knight Limousine, dba White Knight Coaches	\$8,058

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North Carolina	T.R.Y. dba Young Transportation	\$17,552
Nebraska	Busco Inc., dba Arrow Stage Lines	\$32,320
New Hampshire	Jalbert Leasing Inc. dba C & J Trailways	\$25,805
New Jersey	A-1 Limousine, Inc.	\$42,210
	Academy Express, LLC	\$134,134
	Coach USA, Inc	\$131,101
	Safety Bus Service, Inc	\$16,203
	Stout's Charter Service, Inc.	\$29,750
New Mexico	New Mexico Texas Coaches, LLC	\$40,762
Nevada	Celebrity Coaches of America, Inc.	\$11,305
New York	Adirondack Transit Lines, Inc.	\$92,557
	Coastal Charter Service Corp dba North Fork Express	\$44,806
	Hampton Jitney, Inc	\$20,752
	Hampton Transportation Ventures Inc.	\$15,120
	Monsey New Square Trails, Inc.	\$139,002
	Schoolman Transportation System, Inc. dba Classic Coach	\$21,118
	Southern Tier Stages, Inc. dba Shafer's Tour & Charter	\$5,130
	Trans-Express Inc.	\$21,534
	West Point Tours Inc.	\$5,077
Pennsylvania	Yankee Trails World Travel	\$45,836
	David Thomas Tours, Inc.	\$39,508
	Frank Martz Coach Company, Inc.	\$66,673
	Fullington Auto Bus Company, Inc.	\$14,324
	O.D. Anderson, Inc. dba Anderson Coach & Tour	\$84,581
	Schrock, Inc.	\$26,193
Texas	Susquehanna Transit Company	\$19,470
	Autobuses Ejecutivos LLC	\$17,847
	Echos Tours and Charter	\$16,221
	GBJ, Inc. DBA AFC Transportation of Houston	\$75,135
	Greyhound Lines, Inc	\$85,990
	Roadrunner Charters Inc.	\$58,278
	Southwestern Coaches DBA Arrow Trailways of TX	\$20,816
	Star Shuttle, Inc. dba Star Shuttle & Charter	\$40,378
Tornado Bus Company	\$18,961	
Virginia	DC Trails Inc.	\$31,421
	James River Bus Lines	\$4,299
	Newton Bus Service, Inc.	\$14,746
	QT Transport Inc.	\$4,299
	Winn Bus Lines, Inc	\$16,271
Wisconsin	Badger Coaches, Inc.	\$68,982
Total		\$3,000,000