

Fort Bend County
General Information

Formula Application 2021
STATE-R-2021-FT BEND-00072

Application Instructions	<u>Application Instructions</u>
Agency Name	Fort Bend County
Person to be contacted regarding this application	
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By checking this box, you are indicating that the service profile for this organization is accurate. *	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Project Service Area *	Urban <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rural
If "Urban" is selected, please select the urbanized area.	

General Information

1. Describe the proposed project(s) for which the funds will be used. *

Fort Bend County provides general public demand response and commuter services. All services operate Monday through Friday (excluding County Holidays).

Demand Response services operate to accommodate the first drop-off by 8:00 am and last pick-up by 5:00 pm. Demand Response trips are provided within the County limits and/or to destinations in adjoining counties within one (1) mile of the Fort Bend County line. Reservations are required and can be requested up to thirty (30) calendar days in advance. Requests are taken on a first come first serve basis. The County provides additional services such as the Ambassador Program wherein passenger assistants help passengers with disabilities to and from their destinations. The County also continues planning with human service agency transportation providers within the County and continues to stay involved in the region's public transportation efforts.

Commuter services are provided to Greenway Plaza, Galleria, and Texas Medical Center areas of Houston from park and ride locations in Sugar Land and Rosenberg. The County is also in the process of constructing an additional park and ride facility along the Westpark Toll Road in northwest Fort Bend County.

All services are provided via contract agreements and paid for with Federal and/ or State funding received from the Texas Department of Transportation, FTA and H-GAC. Other funding for these services is provided through the City of Sugar Land and the Development Corp of Richmond and Rosenberg as well as County local match dollars.

2. Provide a description of how the need/demand for the proposed project(s) was determined. *

In 2005, Fort Bend County Public Transportation Department was formed, providing Demand Response services within Fort Bend County and Commuter services going to the Greenway Plaza and Galleria areas. The County has since added Commuter Services to the Texas Medical Center. Funding would provide continued service to individuals in rural areas as well as to individuals who might not have other means of transportation. The surrounding community benefit would be continuity of service to the riders in the areas Fort Bend County currently serves.

As indicated in the project description, Fort Bend County has targeted multiple agencies, organizations, and institutions in the pursuit of coordinating existing transportation services and implementing new transportation services. Funding obtained will continue to support all of the County's coordination activities and projects.

3. Describe the anticipated benefits of the project. *

Fort Bend County has a population of more than 764,000. In FY20, the County completed over 233,000 trips in the current service area. (This amount was 42% less than FY19 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.) The County continues to help bring a better quality of life to individuals, families, communities, and businesses through our services that offer personal mobility and freedom to people from every walk of life by providing options to travel to work, school, or to other locations throughout the service area. These services also provide an overall reduction in Vehicle Miles Traveled throughout the area which directly reduces emissions by eliminating the number of passenger-vehicles on roadways and alleviates congestion on roads in the region.

4. Identify and describe methods to procure goods and/or services related to this project.

First Transit is currently providing purchase of service, Transit Safety and Security Solutions provide ambassador services and Texas Bus Sales is contracted for bus services.

5. If vendors have been previously selected, complete the following (press the save button for additional rows).

Vendor Name	Description of goods/services
First Transit	Purchase of Service

Transit Safety & Security Solutions

Ambassadors

6. Is the proposed project is consistent with continuing, cooperating, and comprehensive regional transportation planning implemented in accordance with 49 U.S.C. §5301? *

☒ Yes ☐ No

Attachments
Upload any additional documents relevant to this application per the application's instructions.

Description

Upload

Vehicle Projects

Vehicle projects include the purchase, rebuild and overhaul of vehicles.

1. Are Vehicle Capital expenses parts of the proposed project?

Yes ☒ No

2. Identify the specific vehicle(s) to be replaced or rebuilt.
(press the save button for additional rows)
Enter License and VIN of vehicle to be replaced/rebuilt

License #	VIN	Reason to select this vehicle	Replace/Rebuild
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Note: vehicles must meet useful life standards to be considered for replacement

3. Identify the vehicle type(s) to be purchased.
(press the save button for additional rows)
Vehicle type to be purchased

Reason to select this vehicle

4. If vehicles are proposed to be purchased, will the vehicles be ADA accessible?

Note1: A non-accessible vehicle requires a "waiver" with the Public Transportation Coordinator's endorsement prior to entering into a grant agreement.

Note2: All fixed route service vehicles are required by FTA to be accessible and will not be granted waivers.

Yes No N/A

Upload an approved copy of Form PTN-116 Request to Purchase Non-Accessible Vehicle(s) in the field provided below.

Form PTN-116 upload

Other Capital

Other Capital includes, but is not limited to: shop equipment, communication and computer equipment, hardware and/or software, preventive maintenance, purchase of service, and other miscellaneous equipment. (Program limitations may apply.)

5. Are Other Capital expenses part of the proposed project description?

☒ Yes No

6. Describe the scope of the Other Capital project in detail.

The other capital expenses outlined in this application include Capital Cost of Contracting for all general public demand response and commuter services already operated by the County. The County currently contracts with First Transit to provide transportation services. Capital costs of contracting are allocated based on the County's cost allocation model.

The other capital expenses outlined in this application include other items such as software maintenance.

7. Describe the need for the Other Capital project. Specifically, identify how the project was selected and what service improvements and/or project benefits are to be addressed.
The County will use the funds in support of existing transit services being provided.

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Service Brochure	https://apps2.txdot.gov/apps/egrants2/egrants2_uploads/783829_340981-ServiceBrochure.pdf
Greenway Map	https://apps2.txdot.gov/apps/egrants2/egrants2_uploads/783829_340981_2-GreenwayMap.pdf
Galleria Map	https://apps2.txdot.gov/apps/egrants2/egrants2_uploads/783829_340981_3-GalleriaMap.pdf
TMC Map	https://apps2.txdot.gov/apps/egrants2/egrants2_uploads/783829_340981_4-TMCMap.pdf

Construction and Rehabilitation Projects

Construction and Rehabilitation Projects can include the following phases:

Planning, Preliminary Engineering (including environmental review), Final Design and Real Estate Acquisition, Construction/Rehabilitation.

1. Are Construction and/or Rehabilitation related expenses part of the proposed project?

Yes ☒ No

2. Identify the project development life cycle(s) that are included as part of this application for funding.

A. Planning and Scoping

B. Preliminary Engineering and Environmental Review

C. Final Design and Real Estate Acquisition

D. Procurement

E. Construction

If **C,D, or E** are selected above, please upload a copy of your FTA Region 6 Categorical Exclusion Worksheet (if this project is not eligible as a categorical exclusion please contact your PTC).
FTA Region 6 Categorical Exclusion Worksheet

3. **This question is divided into 3 subparts - 3a through 3c - for the purpose of obtaining detailed information on status and funding for the various phases.**

3a. Identify completed phases and describe the activities that have taken place for those phases. Identify actual costs per phase and funding sources.

Phase	Activities which have taken place	Cost	Funding Source
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Total: \$0

3b. Describe any current activities in progress, by project phase. Identify the cost per phase, funding sources and amounts committed.

Phase	Activities in progress	Cost	Funding Source	Amount Committed
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Total: \$0

\$0

3c. Describe future activities, by project phase. For each phase provide the estimated cost, secured funding sources and amounts, and funds being requested.

Phase	Activities to be accomplished	Cost	Funding Source	Amount Committed	Amount Requested
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Total: \$0

\$0

\$0

4. Provide the facility location if available.

N/A

Address

City

State

Zip

5. Describe the facility including the facility function.

Attachments

Upload any additional documents relevant to this application.

Description

Upload

As an authorized official of the Fort Bend County

I certify to the following:

- 1.The information presented in the application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.
- 2.I have not intentionally made any misstatements or misrepresented the facts.
- 3.The organization has the resources and technical capacity to support the project.
- 4.The organization has the resources and technical capacity to provide the required match.
- 5.The organization uses generally accepted accounting standards for its financial recordkeeping

functions.

6.The organization will participate in a continuous, comprehensive dialogue throughout the life of the project.

This includes but is not limited to:

- On-Site monitoring by TxDOT personnel
- Timely submission of required reports
- Timely written notification of events that will affect the outcome of the project

7.The organization will comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations.

This includes but is not limited to:

- Annual Certifications and Assurances
- Master grant agreements
- Project grant agreements
- Applicable federal program circulars and similar federal and state guidance

8.Applicant Affirmation: Compensation has not been received for participation in the preparation of the specifications for this call for projects.

By checking and completing this document I certify that the above statements are true and that I have the authority to sign this document.

Name

Title

Date

To be electronically signed in eGrants by County Judge upon Commissioner's Court approval.

Agency Name
Fort Bend County

Program Type
STATE-R

Does this budget include indirect costs? *
Yes ✓ No

If yes, please enter the Indirect Rate
%

Attachments

Description	Upload

If this budget includes In-Kind funds
please upload supporting documentation.

When entering budget line items, fill out a row and then press the save button for additional rows.

Description	# of Units	Scope			Fuel Type			
Third Party Contract Capital Cost of Contracting - 11.71.12		Award Amount \$20,577	State Match	Local Match	In-Kind Match	Total Funds \$20,577	Match Ratio	TDC 0
Description Acquisition - Acquisitioned Software - 11.42.08		Scope Award Amount \$5,191				Total Funds \$5,191		TDC 0
Description Preventive Maintenance - 11.7A.00		Scope Award Amount \$285				Total Funds \$285		TDC 0
Description Acquisition - Miscellaneous Equipment - 11.42.20		Scope Award Amount \$10,400				Total Funds \$10,400		TDC 0
Description Project Administration - 11.79.00		Scope Award Amount \$27,166				Total Funds \$27,166		TDC 0
Description Operating - 30.09.01		Scope Award Amount \$270,375				Total Funds \$270,375		TDC 0
		Award Amount	State Match	Local Match	In-Kind Match	Total Funds		TDC
Subtotal:		\$333,994	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$333,994		0

Getting Around Fort Bend County

Using Demand Response Service

Scheduling a Trip

To schedule a ride, call 281-633-RIDE (7433) or toll-free 1-866-751-TRIP (8747) Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. to reserve your trip.

We do not offer same day rides

Reservations can be made one business day in advance or up to 30 days in advance.

Trips will be scheduled on a time and space availability basis.

Reservationists will need the following information to set up your trip:

- Name
- Home address
- Telephone number
- Pick-up address
- Destination address
- Appointment time and/or pick-up time

Cancelling a Trip

You must call reservations (option 2) as soon as possible to cancel a trip in advance. Cancellations received the same day as a scheduled trip will be considered a "late cancel" trip.



Notices

- Passengers must be ready **15 minutes before to 15 minutes after** scheduled pick-up time. Not being ready or deciding not to go is considered a "no-show" trip.
- Six or more no-shows, cancels-at-door, and/or late cancels within a 90-day period may result in a 30-day suspension from service.
- All passengers must wear seat belts.
- Passengers must provide an approved seat restraint for children 40 lbs or less.
- Passengers 12 years old or younger must be accompanied by an adult 18 years old or older.
- This is a shared ride service.

Fares and Service Information

- Fare is \$1.00 per person per one-way trip. All passengers are required to pay fare, unless you are riding along solely as a personal care assistant.
- Regular service is curb-to-curb. If you require special assistance, this must be requested when the trip is reserved.
- Demand response rides are limited to pick-ups within Fort Bend County only, but passengers may be dropped off up to a mile outside the county line.
- If you would like a copy of our Passenger Guidelines, please visit our website, or you may request that a copy be mailed to you by calling our office.
- Visit FBCTransit.org for more information on all of our transit services.

County Holidays

No bus services are provided on Fort Bend County holidays. The following holidays are observed:

New Year's Day	MLK Jr. Birthday
Good Friday	Labor Day
FBC Fair Day	Independence Day
Memorial Day	Thanksgiving Holidays
Veterans Day	Christmas Holidays

Commuter Bus Service

With convenient weekday schedules, Fort Bend County residents working in Harris County can ride the Fort Bend Transit bus into the Texas Medical Center, Greenway Plaza, or the Galleria area, where riders can transfer to Metro buses or Metro Rail to travel to other areas of Houston. Please visit our website at FBCTransit.org for more information, including maps and schedules for each of our commuter routes.



Contact Us

Physical Address:
3737 Bamore Road
Rosenberg, TX 77471

Mailing Address:
301 Jackson St.
Richmond, TX 77469

281-633-RIDE (7433)
1-866-751-TRIP (8747)

Fax: 832-471-1843

Email: transit@fortbendcountytexas.gov
FBCTransit.org

Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, disability, age, or other protected status in programs and activities receiving Federal financial assistance (42 U.S.C. Section 2000d).

Fort Bend County is committed to ensuring that no individual who uses our services is excluded from participation, denied benefits, or discriminated against. If you believe you have been subjected to discrimination, you may file a complaint by calling the Fort Bend County Title VI Coordinator at 281-633-7433.

You may send a written complaint to Fort Bend Transit Department, ATTN: Title VI Coordinator, 301 Jackson St., Richmond, TX 77469, or via email at transit@fortbendcountytexas.gov.

Complaints may also be filed with the following organization no later than 180 days after the date of the alleged discrimination: Federal Transit Administration Office of Civil Rights ATTN: Complaint Team, East Building, 5th Floor – TCR, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE, Washington, DC 20590.



Fort Bend County Public Transportation Services

Providing Fort Bend County residents with safe and efficient public transportation services, while maintaining service quality and customer satisfaction.





