



MEMORANDUM

TO: Knoxville Regional TPO Technical Committee & Executive Board
FROM: Mayor Indya Kincannon, City of Knoxville
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Doug Burton, TPO Coordinator
Isaac Thorne, Director of Transit (City of Knoxville/KAT)
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Mike Patterson, Transportation Director (ETHRA)
DATE: May 20, 2025
SUBJECT: Distribution of the FTA Section 5307 & Section 5339 Urban Area Funding

Federal Transit Administration – Fiscal Year 2025 – Section 5307 & 5339 Funding

On March 15, 2025, President Trump signed the *Full-Year Continuing Appropriations and Extensions Act* into law. FY 2025 runs from October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025. On May 5th, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) published in the Federal Register the urban area FY 2025 funding appropriation amounts for Knoxville.

The City of Knoxville is the Designated Recipient of the FTA Section 5307 and Section 5339 funding. On April 26, 2017, with the City of Knoxville's concurrence, the TPO Executive Board approved the Section 5307 and Section 5339 urban area funding distribution agreement. This agreement is based on set percentages for how the Section 5307 funds will be distributed each year to KAT, Knox County CAC Transit, and ETHRA. As the Section 5339 funds are limited for use by fixed-route transit providers, they go exclusively to KAT.

FTA Required Program of Projects (POP) & Public Hearing & Next Steps

It is a requirement of the FTA that a hearing be held to allow for public input regarding the proposed Program of Projects (POP). The POP is a list of transit projects for each agency to be funded with Section 5307 and 5339 funding. The public hearing on the POP has been conducted as part of the TPO Executive Board meeting for the last ten years. The POP public hearing will be held during the June or July meeting. After the Executive Board meeting, the TPO staff will add the funds and projects into the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Also, concurrently, I will send a letter to the FTA Region 4 Administrator detailing each agency's amount of Section 5307 funding they are to receive.

Section 5307 – FTA Urban Area Funding

Section 5307 funding can be used for capital, maintenance, limited operating, and administration. Table One shows the Section 5307 Knoxville urban area funding apportionments since FY 2020. For FY 2025, the Knoxville urban area received \$8,906,179 which is an increase of \$174,801 over the FY 2024 allocation.



Table One Historic FTA Section 5307 Urban Area Allocations		
Fiscal Year	Section 5307 Allocation	Difference FY25-FY24
FY 2025	\$8,906,179	+174,801
FY 2024	\$8,731,378	
FY 2023	\$8,503,793	
FY 2022	\$8,342,107	
FY 2021	\$6,501,581	
FY 2020	\$6,501,910	

Table Two shows the amount of Section 5307 funding that will be distributed to each agency based upon the agreed percentages.

Table Two FY 2025 – FTA Section 5307 Knoxville Urban Area Funding Distribution Between Transit Agencies				
Agency	Lock-In % Rate	FY 2025 Award	FY 2024 Award	Difference FY25-FY24
Knoxville Area Transit (COK)	79.8%	\$7,107,130	\$6,967,640	\$139,490
Knox County CAC Transit	14.9%	\$1,327,021	\$1,300,975	\$26,046
ETHRA	5.3%	\$472,028	\$462,763	\$9,265
Totals	100%	\$8,906,179	\$8,731,378	\$174,801

Section 5339 – FTA Bus & Bus Facilities

This funding can be used for a variety of capital projects including the purchase of vehicles, maintenance equipment, transit amenities (benches and shelters), and technology, etc. Table Three shows the amount of Section 5339 funding apportioned to the urban area for FY 2025 is \$756,148. The FY 2025 amount reflects an increase of \$25,102 when compared to FY 2024. All funding goes to KAT per the distribution agreement.

Table Three Historic FTA Section 5339 Urban Area Allocations 100% Awarded to KAT		
Fiscal Year	Section 5339 Allocation	Difference FY25-FY24
FY 2025	\$756,148	+25,102
FY 2024	\$731,046	
FY 2023	\$705,601	
FY 2022	\$687,530	
FY 2021	\$716,504	
FY 2020	\$779,731	

Knoxville Urban Area Formula - Federal Transit Administration - Grant Funding								TPO Executive Board
Fiscal Year 2025 - Section 5307 Urbanized Area Formula Funding							September 24, 2025	
Fiscal Year 2025 - Section 5339 Bus & Bus Facilities Funding								
Fiscal Years 2024 & 2025 - Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility Of Seniors & Individuals With Disabilities								
Urbanized Area: Knoxville, Tennessee								
Program of Projects (POP)					Prepared by:			
The TPO Executive Board will hold a public hearing on the POP at 9:00 a.m. on September 24, 2024 in the Small Assembly Room of the City County Building at 400 Main Street, Knoxville, TN 37902.				Knoxville Regional Transportation Planning Organization 400 Main Street, Suite 403 - Knoxville, TN 37902				
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Advanced comments must be provided by September 23rd (4:00 p.m.) to Doug Burton at the TPO. If there are no changes this POP will be considered final.				Comments or questions call Doug Burton at 865-215-3824.				
					doug.burton@knoxplanning.org			

Section 5307 Urbanized Area Formula Transit Grant Program				Notes:		
FY 2025 Final Annual Apportionment		\$8,906,179.00		The City of Knoxville is the Designated Recipient		
Total Section 5307 Funding Available		\$8,906,179.00		of the Section 5307 funds and is the contracting agency for Knoxville Area Transit (KAT)		
City of Knoxville/KAT Federal Share Amount =		\$7,107,130.00		Knoxville Knox County Community Action Committee (CAC)		
Knoxville Knox County CAC Federal Share Amount =		\$1,327,021.00		East Tennessee Human Resource Agency (ETHRA)		
ETHRA Federal Share Amount =		\$472,028.00				
Total Federal Amount Distributed =		\$8,906,179.00				
Remaining Balance of FY 2025 5307 Funding =		\$0.00	federal share			

Agency	Project Description	Federal Share	TDOT Share*	LOCAL Share	Project Cost
City of Knoxville/ KAT	1) Preventive Maintenance/Associated Capital Maintenance Items	\$5,685,704.00	\$710,713.00	\$710,713.00	\$7,107,130.00
	2) ADA Non-Fixed Route Paratransit	\$400,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$500,000.00
	3) Rehab/Renovate Maintenance and Transit Facility	\$560,000.00	\$70,000.00	\$70,000.00	\$700,000.00
	4) ADP Software/ADP Hardware	\$280,000.00	\$35,000.00	\$35,000.00	\$350,000.00
	5) System Security Costs - E911 Fees and Safety Equipment (Guard Cockpit for Transit Buses)	\$181,426.00	\$22,678.00	\$22,678.00	\$226,782.00
	City of Knoxville/KAT Sub-Total	\$7,107,130.00	\$888,391.00	\$888,391.00	\$8,883,912.00
Knox Co. CAC	1) Operating Assistance To provide trips in urban area	\$976,329.00	\$643,510.00	\$332,819.00	\$1,952,658.00
	2) Job Access Operating Assistance To provide work related trips in urban area	\$310,692.00	\$0.00	\$310,692.00	\$621,384.00
	3) Preventative Maintenance To provide vehicle maintenance	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$25,000.00
	4) Safety & Security Projects	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$25,000.00
	Knox Co. CAC Sub-Total	\$1,327,021.00	\$643,510.00	\$653,511.00	\$2,624,042.00
ETHRA	1) Operating Assistance To provide trips in urban area	\$171,950.00	\$0.00	\$171,950.00	\$343,900.00
	2) Job Access Operating Assistance To provide work related trips in urban area	\$129,594.00	\$0.00	\$129,594.00	\$259,188.00
	3) Preventive Maintenance and Associated Capital Maintenance Items	\$168,714.00	\$21,089.00	\$21,089.00	\$210,892.00
	4) Safety & Security Projects Operating Assistance	\$1,770.00	\$0.00	\$1,770.00	\$3,540.00
	ETHRA Sub-Total	\$472,028.00	\$21,089.00	\$324,403.00	\$817,520.00
Safety & Security projects are required to represent 0.75% of the total 5307 federal allocation. Amount meets requirement**		\$203,196.00	\$22,678.00	\$29,448.00	\$255,322.00
TOTAL Section 5307 to KAT/City of Knoxville		\$7,107,130.00	\$888,391.00	\$888,391.00	\$8,883,912.00
TOTAL Section 5307 to Knoxville Knox County CAC		\$1,327,021.00	\$643,510.00	\$653,511.00	\$2,624,042.00
TOTAL Section 5307 to ETHRA		\$472,028.00	\$21,089.00	\$324,403.00	\$817,520.00
TOTAL Section 5307 to all Agencies		\$8,906,179.00	\$1,552,990.00	\$1,866,305.00	\$12,325,474.00

* TDOT traditionally provides half of the local match. TDOT will not make a commitment until after each grant has been approved by FTA. For CAC operating assistance project, TDOT match shown may be associated with the Critical Trip grant funding.

Each agency is ultimately responsible for the entire match share and must independently work with TDOT to secure any State funding.

**A certain percentage of urban area funds must be used for Safety & Security. Please refer to FTA for details on breakdown of agency versus urban area requirement.

Final dollar amounts entered into the FTA/TDOT grants may vary by a dollar or two depending on rounding requirements of each agency.

Section 5339 Bus & Bus Facilities Grant Program				Page 2 Program of Projects			
FY 2025 Apportionment		\$756,148.00					
Total Funding Available		\$756,148.00			Notes:		
City of Knoxville/KAT Federal Share Amount =		\$756,148.00			The City of Knoxville is the Designated Recipient of the Section 5339 funds and is the contracting agency for Knoxville Area Transit (KAT)		
Total Federal Amount Distributed =		\$756,148.00					
Remaining Balance of FY 2025 5339 Funding =		\$0.00	federal share				

Project Description	Total Federal Share	Total TDOT Share*	Total LOCAL Share	Total Project Cost
City of Knoxville/ KAT				
1) Buy Van for SVC Replacement	\$196,148.00	\$24,519.00	\$24,519.00	\$245,186.00
2) Acquire - Bus Route Shelters/Signage	\$112,000.00	\$14,000.00	\$14,000.00	\$140,000.00
3) Acquire - Shop Equipment	\$160,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$200,000.00
4) Misc Support Equipment/Mobile Fare Collection	\$160,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$200,000.00
5) Support Vehicles	\$128,000.00	\$16,000.00	\$16,000.00	\$160,000.00
TOTAL Section 5339 to KAT/City of Knoxville	\$756,148.00	\$94,519.00	\$94,519.00	\$945,186.00

* TDOT traditionally has provided half of the local match for capital projects. TDOT will not make a final commitment until after each grant has been approved by FTA. Each agency is ultimately responsible for the entire match share and must independently work with TDOT to secure any State funding. Final dollar amounts entered into the FTA/TDOT grants may vary by a dollar or two depending on rounding requirements of each agency.

Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility Of Seniors & Individuals With Disabilities							
FY 2024 Apportionment		\$831,150.00					
FY 2025 Apportionment		\$837,858.00					
Total Funding Available		\$1,669,008.00			Notes:		
Knoxville Knox County Community Action Committee		\$1,669,008.00			Knoxville Knox County Community Action Committee (CAC) is the Designated Recipient of the Section 5310 funds		
Total Federal Amount Distributed =		\$1,669,008.00					
Remaining Balance of FY 2024 & 2025 5310 Funding =		\$0.00	federal share				

Project Description	Total Federal Share	Total TDOT Share*	Total LOCAL Share	Total Project Cost
Knoxville Knox County Community Action Committee (CAC)				
Funding of Operations, Administration, and Capital Projects. Projects will be determined under a separate public call-for-projects and approved by the TPO Executive Board. CAC is the Designated Recipient and will submit the grant to the FTA.	\$1,669,008.00	\$406,763.50	\$406,763.50	\$2,482,535.00
TOTAL Section 5310 to Knoxville Knox County CAC	\$1,669,008.00	\$406,763.50	\$406,763.50	\$2,482,535.00

* For Section 5310 projects TDOT traditionally has provided half of the local match for both capital and operating projects. TDOT will not make a final commitment until after each grant has been approved by FTA. As funding has not been awarded through a competitive process yet the TDOT and Local Share calculations are best estimates. Application information, when available, will be posted on www.knoxtpo.org. Final dollar amounts entered into the FTA/TDOT grants may vary by a dollar or two depending on rounding requirements of each agency.