

FTA

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Veterans Transportation and Community Living Initiative

Grantee Webinar

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Veterans Affairs

Housekeeping Items

- Audio through computer - Please DO NOT call in
- Questions can be entered at any time in Q&A box
- Conference line will be opened at end of presentations for questions via phone
- Address technical, grant-specific questions to FTA regions

Agenda

Welcome

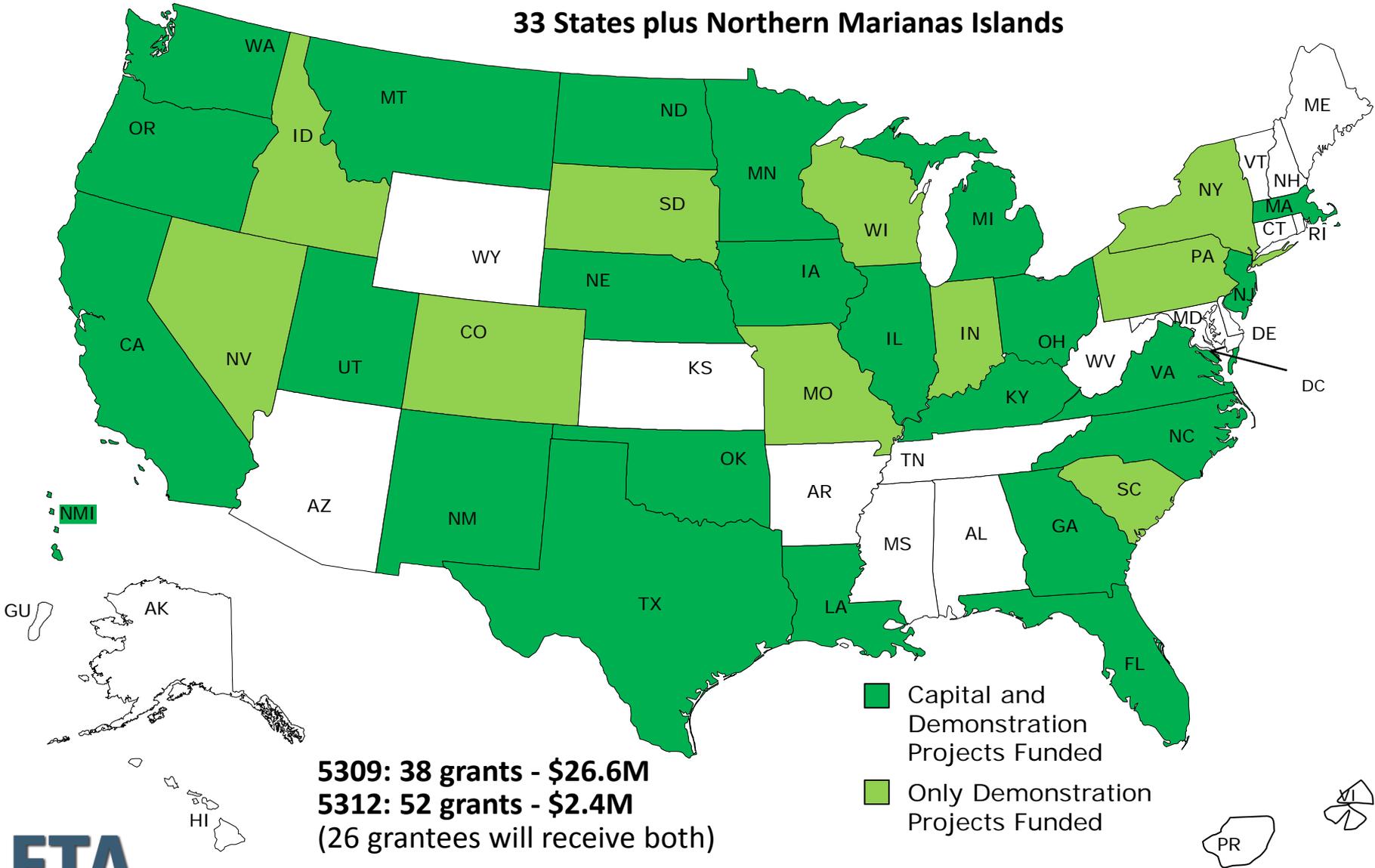
Program Goals & Expectations

Grant Application & Obligation Process

Partners & Technical Assistance Program

Questions

FY 2012 VTCLI Funding Distribution
\$28.9M for 64 awardees
33 States plus Northern Marianas Islands



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Direct Funding Partners
Department of Transportation
Department of Veterans Affairs
Department of Labor

Other Partners
Department of Defense
Department of Health & Human Services
Military and Veterans Service Organizations

PROGRAM GOALS & EXPECTATIONS

VTCLI Purpose

- Build on success of United We Ride Build “One Call Center” model
 - Build or expand one-call/one-click transportation resource centers that would improve access to transportation services for their veterans, military families and other transportation disadvantaged populations in their communities.
- Bring together community providers to tackle Veteran and Military mobility
 - Bring transportation providers, human service agencies, governmental Veteran and Military service providers as well as non-profit Veteran and Military Family support organizations together around the problem of transportation for America’s veterans and military families.

Program Benefits

- Enhance coordinated federal, local transportation and community partnerships
- Integrate services that help U.S. veterans, service member and military families connect with local transportation options
- Improve access to home- and community-based services for people with disabilities and older adults
- Reflect intent of Supreme Court's Olmstead Decision
- Align with White House Joining Forces Initiative

Project Goals

- Establish or expand a one-call/one-click transportation resource center
 - Include resources for veterans, service members and military families
 - Promote use of center with military community
- Create partnerships between transportation providers and veterans and military communities
- Increase involvement of veterans and military communities in local Coordinated Human Services Transportation Planning process

Project Expectations

- Continued development of partnerships with Veterans & Military Service Organizations (VSO/MSO)
- Partnership including VSO/MSOs will be continually involved in the design and implementation of project
- Community will update Coordinated Plan to address transportation needs of veteran & military community (or verify it has already done so)
- Grantee will develop performance measures to track impact of project

What does success look like?

- Grantees complete an operational one-call/one-click center
- The project areas and grantees better understand the transportation needs of veterans, service members and military families
- Grantees and partners improve coordination to effectively meet these needs
- Grantees develop effective measures of outcomes for various stakeholders

GRANT OBLIGATION PROCESS

Receiving your Grant

- Work with FTA regional offices
- First-time FTA recipients encouraged to find pass-through grantee
- Finalize budget with line items
- In-kind match must be verified by FTA
- Double-check with regions on certain issues:
 - Capital leasing
 - Training line items

Spending Funds

- Grants DO NOT have blanket pre-award authority
- Can request pre-award authority from regional office through LONP
- Expenses will not be reimbursed if incurred prior to receipt of LONP or execution of TEAM Grant

Section 5309 Funds

ELIGIBLE EXPENSES

- Hardware (Computers, Servers)
- In-Vehicle Technology
- Software
- Other Capital Costs
 - Facility-Related Capital (Purchase, Lease, Alteration)
 - Design & Engineering
 - Project Administration (Up to 10% of Costs)

INELIGIBLE EXPENSES

- Vehicle Acquisition
- Preventive Maintenance
- Mobility Management
- Cost of Operating One-Call Center
- Marketing
- Non-capital training

Section 5312 Funds

ELIGIBLE EXPENSES

- Marketing
- Outreach
- Coordinated Planning
- Performance Measurement
- Other support activities instrumental to *implementing* One-Call/One-Click project

INELIGIBLE EXPENSES

- Cost of *operating* One-Call Center
- Marketing, outreach activities not related to One-Call/One-Click Capital project

Notes on 5309 & 5312 Funds

- 5309 and 5312 awards cannot be combined into one grant
- Each award has a distinct Project ID Number
 - 5309: “BUSP” ID Number
 - 5312: “NATR” ID Number
- Find the Project ID Numbers on FTA site:
http://www.fta.dot.gov/grants/sitemap_14735.html

Timeline

- By Aug 15 – Make contact with Regional Office
- Oct 2012 – Verify Certs & Assurances, Civil Rights, etc. up to date
- Dec 2012 – Submit draft TEAM application to Region for review
- OBLIGATION GOAL:

March 30, 2013

VTCLI website: www.fta.dot.gov/veterans

Application/Obligation questions to FTA Regions

All other questions to Erik Weber:

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