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Re: 5339b Grant Buses and Bus Facilities Program

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) announced the availability of approximately \$423.35 million of Fiscal Year 2019 funds for buses, bus facilities, and bus equipment. The purpose of the Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Program is to assist in the financing of buses and bus facilities capital projects, including replacing, rehabilitating, purchasing or leasing buses or related equipment, and rehabilitating, purchasing, constructing or leasing bus-related facilities. Applications are due June 21, 2019.

Madison Metro Transit has applied for this grant in the past 3 years for bus purchases and have been unsuccessful. While scoring highly on the application, other agencies had greater needs (e.g. older buses) and received the grant. Also, our application was not as strong in the commitment to funding category because of the summer timing of the grant application the capital budget is not yet approved.