DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Transit Administration

Section 5309 Bus and Bus Facilities Livability Initiative and Urban Circulator Program Grants

AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration (FTA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice to Extend Application Deadline for the Bus and Bus Facilities and Urban Circulator Livability Initiative Programs.


DATES: This Notice will extend the submittal date for proposals of the discretionary Bus Livability and Urban Circulator Programs to February 10, 2010.

ADDRESSES: Proposals may be submitted to FTA electronically at buslivability@dot.gov or urbancirculator@dot.gov through the GRANTS.GOV APPLY function.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Contact the appropriate FTA Regional Administrator (Appendix A) for proposal specific information and issues. For general program information on the Bus Livability Program, contact Kimberly Sledge, Office of Transit Programs, 202–366–2053, e-mail: kimberly.sledge@dot.gov or Henrika Buchanan-Smith, 202–366–4020, e-mail: henrika.buchanan-smith@dot.gov. For general information on the Urban Circulator Program contact Elizabeth Day, Office of Planning and Environment, (202) 366–5159, e-mail: Elizabeth.Day@dot.gov. A TDD is available at 1–800–877–8339 (TDD/FIRS).

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Peter Rogoff, Administrator.

Appendix A

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States served: Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia, and District of Columbia.

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States served: Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, New Mexico and Texas.

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States served: Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, and Nebraska.

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States served: Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming.
Clearance is requested for the following:

The data collection will provide critical information to achieve community and economic development financial institutions. It includes a one-year, independent, multi-year evaluation of activities associated with an active low-income community businesses. The evaluation involves multiple research methods to produce valid evidence for describing and assessing the program activities as well as identify project-specific and community-level outputs and outcomes. The data collection will provide critical information for the evaluation.

The Notice announces the CDFI Fund’s intent to request approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for new information collection activities associated with an independent, multi-year evaluation of the NMTC Program. This notice announces the CDFI Fund’s intent to request approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for new information collection activities associated with an independent, multi-year evaluation of the NMTC Program. It includes a one-time information collection effort involving participants and stakeholders in the program, which is intended to describe and assess program activities as well as identify project-specific and community-level outputs and outcomes. The data collection will provide critical information for the evaluation.

Clearance is requested for the following:

**Title:** Evaluation of the New Markets Tax Credit (NMTC) Program

**OMB Number:** Not yet assigned

**Type of Request:** New collection of information

The NMTC Program was established by the Community Renewal Tax Relief Act of 2000 to encourage private capital investment in low-income communities that are, or are perceived to be, high investment risks. It permits individual and corporate taxpayers to receive a credit against federal income taxes for making qualified equity investments in designated Community Development Entities (CDEs). Substantially all of the qualified equity investment must in turn be used by CDEs to provide investments in Qualified Active Low-Income Community Businesses (QALICBs), which include both operating businesses and real estate developments. The federal tax credits are allocated competitively by the CDFI Fund to CDEs. CDEs, in turn, select the projects in which to invest.

There is considerable flexibility and, consequently, variability with respect to the types of projects that can be supported by NMTC-stimulated investments. They can include for-profit and non-profit businesses involving a range of commercial, industrial, retail, manufacturing, mixed-uses, and facilities such as for childcare, health or charter schools.

The evaluation involves multiple research methods to produce valid evidence for describing and assessing program activities and outcomes. The focus is on the program’s primary objective of attracting capital to low-income, economically distressed communities so as to further their economic and community development. The evaluation is intended to inform an array of important policy questions, including: How and in what manner the program is affecting the flow of new private capital to low-income communities; where, in what timeframe, and how that capital is invested to achieve community and economic development.