

# Memorandum

Subject: **ACTION:** Ferry Boat Program (FBP)  
FY 2017 Full Year Distribution of Funds  
[CFDA No. 20.205]

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In Reply  
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From: /s/ Peter Stephanos  
Director, Office of Program Administration

To: Division Administrators

Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act) authorizes funds for the formula based FBP program for the construction of ferry boat and ferry terminal facilities in accordance with 23 U.S.C. 129(c) and 23 U.S.C. 147. The FBP funds are made available for eligible projects through the State or territory using the data contained in the most recent Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) National Census of Ferry Operators (NCFO) database. States with at least one eligible entity that meet FBP requirements will receive at least \$100,000 for each fiscal year, per 23 U.S.C. 147(f).

Please notify your State DOT that they may request allocation of these funds when carryover funds are provided in FY 2018, for projects ready to be authorized.

The Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2017 (P. L. 114-254) and the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2017 (P.L. 115-31) provide the appropriations for FY 2017 and an obligation limitation (OL) of 92.8 percent of authorized funds. Under the provisions of Section 1102(f) of the FAST Act, Redistribution of Certain Authorized Funds, only the amount of funds for which obligation limitation is provided will be made available and the remaining funds will be distributed to the States. As a result, \$74,240,000.00 in FBP funds is available for distribution.

The attached table (Attachment 1) shows the distribution of funds by State and ferry service. The funds may only be used for eligible projects in the amount identified and may only be used on publicly owned terminals or boats. The available funding will be posted at <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/specialfunding/fbp/>.

The listed ferry services operate either publicly owned vessels, or utilize publicly owned terminal facilities. These publicly owned vessels or terminals are determined to be eligible for the FBP program funds based on the 2014 NCFO database and on follow up reviews by divisions and State DOTs. When requesting an allocation of funds, divisions must confirm that they have reviewed the ferry service and have determined that the operator and the route meet eligibility requirements in 23 U.S.C. 147 and 129(c), as described in the implementing

guidance. Divisions should contact this office if they determine that a ferry service is not eligible for the program. The funds identified for such services will be redistributed to the remaining eligible services based on the statutory formula. Program guidance can be found at <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/fastact/>.

If a ferry operates between more than one State, the ferry service may elect to transfer funds to the appropriate State to implement an eligible project on the ferry system. States and ferry services should coordinate when selecting the projects. In these cases, the allocation request should include the State to which the funds are to be allocated or transferred. Funds may not be transferred among operators.

The maximum Federal share for a project in any State or Puerto Rico under this program is 80%. The maximum share in U.S. Territories is 100%. The sliding scale Federal share does not apply to this program. Other matching flexibilities such as donations and “soft match” may be considered. Guidance can be found at <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/federal-aidessentials/catmod.cfm?id=13>.

When a project is ready to be obligated and the division has confirmed that the ferry service and project are eligible, please submit an allocation request to this office to make the funds available in FMIS. The request should identify the operator and the purpose for which the funds will be used and include confirmation that the ferry operation is eligible.

These funds are available to eligible entities for three fiscal years following the fiscal year in which the funds were initially made available for allocation. FBP funds from FY 2017 that remain unobligated on September 30, 2020 will be withdrawn and redistributed in FY 2021 to eligible entities from which no funds were withdrawn.

FBP funds are subject to the annual August Redistribution of Obligation Limitation.

If there are any questions and for allocation of funds, please contact David Bartz at [David.Bartz@dot.gov](mailto:David.Bartz@dot.gov) or (512)536-5906.

Attachment

**FY 2017 Ferry Boat Formula Fund Distribution**

STATE	OPERATOR NAME	ELIGIBLE	FY 2017 STATE ALLOCATION
AK	Alaska Marine Highway System	Publicly owned Terminal & Vessels	\$16,913,670.00
AK	Ketchikan Gateway Borough	Publicly owned Terminal & Vessels	\$262,209.00
AK	Inter-Island Ferry Authority	Publicly owned Terminal & Vessels	\$143,168.00
	<b>Alaska Total</b>		<b>\$17,319,047.00</b>
AL	Alabama Department of Transportation	Publicly owned Terminal & Vessels	\$151,905.00
	<b>Alabama Total</b>		<b>\$151,905.00</b>
AR	Arkansas State of	Publicly owned Terminal & Vessels	100,000.00
	<b>Arkansas Total</b>		<b>\$100,000.00</b>
CA	Catalina Express	Publicly owned Terminal	\$446,286.00
CA	The Catalina Flyer	Publicly owned Terminal	\$110,928.00
CA	Delta Ferry Authority	Publicly owned Terminal & Vessels	\$20,115.00
CA	Golden Gate Bridge Highway and Transportation District	Publicly owned Terminal & Vessels	\$680,815.00
CA	Angel Island - Tiburon Ferry Co.	Publicly owned Terminal	\$42,554.00
CA	Blue and Gold Fleet	Publicly owned Terminal	\$323,111.00
CA	Long Beach Transit	Publicly owned Terminal & Vessels	\$39,233.00
CA	Island Packers Corp.	Publicly owned Terminal	\$595,819.00
CA	Humboldt County Public Works	Publicly owned Terminal & Vessels	\$1,508.00
CA	San Francisco Bay Area Water Emergency Transportation Authority	Publicly owned Terminal & Vessels	\$821,903.00
	<b>California Total</b>		<b>\$3,082,272.00</b>

CT	Connecticut DOT Bureau of Public Transportation	Publicly owned Terminal & Vessels	100,000.00
	<b>Connecticut Total</b>		<b>\$100,000.00</b>
DE	Delaware DOT	Publicly owned Terminal & Vessels	100,000.00
	<b>Delaware Total</b>		<b>\$100,000.00</b>
FL	St. Johns River Ferry - (HMS Ferries, Inc.)	Publicly owned Terminal & Vessels	\$318,158.00
FL	Putnam County Public Works	Publicly owned Terminal & Vessels	\$4,588.00
FL	Caladesi Island Connection	Publicly owned Terminal	\$32,652.00
FL	National Park Service (Fort Matanzas)	Publicly owned Terminal & Vessels	\$33,644.00
	<b>Florida Total</b>		<b>\$389,042.00</b>
GA	State of Georgia Department of Natural Resources	Publicly owned Terminal & Vessels	\$62,218.00
GA	Savannah Belle Ferry	Publicly owned Terminal & Vessels	\$181,494.00
	<b>Georgia Total</b>		<b>\$243,712.00</b>
HI	Expeditions	Publicly owned Terminal	100,000.00
	<b>Hawaii Total</b>		<b>\$100,000.00</b>
IL	Calhoun Ferry Company	Publicly owned Terminal	\$130,417.00
IL	Illinois Department of Transportation	Publicly owned Terminal & Vessels	\$1,188,510.00
IL	Rock Island County Metropolitan Mass Transit District	Publicly owned Terminal & Vessels	\$17,912.00
IL	City of Grafton	Publicly owned Terminal	\$21,628.00
	<b>Illinois Total</b>		<b>\$1,358,467.00</b>
KY	Kentucky Transportation Cabinet - Kentucky Ferryboat Operations	Publicly owned Terminal & Vessels	\$196,821.00
KY	Butler County Fiscal Court - (Reeds Ferry & Rochester Ferry)	Publicly owned Terminal & Vessels	\$44,699.00
KY	Valley View Ferry Authority	Publicly owned Terminal & Vessels	\$94,703.00
KY	Augusta Ferry Authority Inc.	Publicly owned Terminal	\$56,988.00
	<b>Kentucky Total</b>		<b>\$393,211.00</b>

LA	LA DOTD, Section 42	Publicly owned Terminal & Vessels	\$4,238,639.00
LA	Plaquemines Parish Ferry Department	Publicly owned Terminal & Vessels	\$1,763,676.00
	<b>Louisiana Total</b>		<b>\$6,002,316.00</b>
MA	Seastreak, LLC	Publicly owned Terminal	\$980,081.00
MA	Woods Hole Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket Steamship	Publicly owned Terminal & Vessels	\$1,305,810.00
MA	Boston Harbor Cruises (as MBTA's public ferry transportation provider)	Publicly owned Vessels	\$362,994.00
MA	Boston Harbor Cruises (as City of Salem's public ferry transportation provider)	Publicly owned Vessels	\$42,067.00
	<b>Massachusetts Total</b>		<b>\$2,690,952.00</b>
ME	Casco Bay Island Transit District	Publicly owned Terminal & Vessels	\$304,817.00
ME	State of Maine	Publicly owned Terminal & Vessels	\$460,399.00
ME	Town of Frye Island Ferry Service	Publicly owned Terminal & Vessels	\$9,459.00
	<b>Maine Total</b>		<b>\$774,675.00</b>
MI	Charlevoix County Transportation Authority	Publicly owned Terminal & Vessels	\$44,415.00
MI	Eastern U. P. Transportation Authority	Publicly owned Terminal & Vessels	\$678,548.00
MI	The Isle Royale Line	Publicly owned Terminal	\$114,018.00
MI	Isle Royale National Park	Publicly owned Terminal & Vessels	\$432,125.00
MI	Manitou Island Transit	Publicly owned Terminal	\$49,359.00
MI	Beaver Island Transportation Authority	Publicly owned Terminal & Vessels	\$84,613.00
MI	Plaunt Transportation Company, Inc.	Publicly owned Terminal	\$31,150.00
	<b>Michigan Total</b>		<b>\$1,434,228.00</b>
MN	Grand Portage - Isle Royale Transportation Line, Inc.	Publicly owned Terminal	\$165,367.00
	<b>Minnesota Total</b>		<b>\$165,367.00</b>

MO	National Park Service - Ozark *See Note 1	Publicly owned Terminal & Vessels	\$1,306.00
MO	Mississippi County Port Authority *See Note 1	Publicly owned Terminal & Vessels	\$54,969.00
MO	Ste. Genevieve - Modoc Ferry Inc. *See Note 1	Publicly owned Terminal & Vessels	\$43,725.00
	<b>Missouri Total</b>		<b>\$100,000.00</b>
MS	Warren County Road Department	Publicly owned Terminal & Vessels	100,000.00
	<b>Mississippi Total</b>		<b>\$100,000.00</b>
MT	Blaine County Road Department	Publicly owned Terminal & Vessels	100,000.00
	<b>Montana Total</b>		<b>\$100,000.00</b>
NC	Cape Lookout Cabins and Camps Ferry Service	Publicly owned Terminal	\$11,355.00
NC	N.C. Department of Transportation Ferry Division	Publicly owned Terminal & Vessels	\$1,612,022.00
	<b>North Carolina Total</b>		<b>\$1,623,377.00</b>
NJ	Cape May - Lewes Ferry	Publicly owned Terminal & Vessels	\$477,121.00
NJ	New York Waterway	Publicly owned Terminal	\$1,140,021.00
NJ	Billy Bey Ferry	Publicly owned Terminal	\$1,056,040.00
	<b>New Jersey Total</b>		<b>2,673,181.00</b>
NY	Fire Island Ferries, Inc.	Publicly owned Terminal	\$567,628.00
NY	Fishers Island Ferry District	Publicly owned Terminal & Vessels	\$85,673.00
NY	New York City DOT Ferry Division	Publicly owned Terminal & Vessels	\$5,186,369.00
NY	South Ferry Inc.	Publicly owned Terminal	\$1,005,003.00
NY	North Ferry Company, Inc.	Publicly owned Terminal	\$585,260.00
NY	Sea Lion Project Ltd.	Publicly owned Terminal	\$10,523.00
NY	Sayville Ferry Service Inc.	Publicly owned Terminal	\$51,366.00
NY	The Governors Island Corp.	Publicly owned Terminal	\$169,731.00
	<b>New York Total</b>		<b>\$7,661,553.00</b>

OK	Central Oklahoma Transportation and Parking Authority	Publicly owned Terminal & Vessels	100,000.00
	<b>Oklahoma Total</b>		<b>\$100,000.00</b>
OR	Clackamas County Department of Transportation and Development	Publicly owned Terminal & Vessels	\$19,448.00
OR	Marion County Department of Public Works	Publicly owned Terminal & Vessels	\$363,871.00
	<b>Oregon Total</b>		<b>\$383,319.00</b>
PA	Erie - Western PA Port Authority	Publicly owned Terminal	100,000.00
	<b>Pennsylvania Total</b>		<b>\$100,000.00</b>
RI	Conanicut Marine Services Inc.	Publicly owned Terminal	100,000.00
	<b>Rhode Island Total</b>		<b>\$100,000.00</b>
SC	SC Department of Natural Resources	Publicly owned Terminal & Vessels	\$335.00
SC	Coastal Expeditions - Bull Island Ferry	Publicly owned Terminal	\$14,429.00
SC	Fort Sumter Tours	Publicly owned Terminal	\$170,545.00
	<b>South Carolina Total</b>		<b>\$185,309.00</b>
TN	Tennessee Department of Transportation	Publicly owned Terminal & Vessels	100,000.00
	<b>Tennessee Total</b>		<b>\$100,000.00</b>
TX	Harris County	Publicly owned Terminal & Vessels	\$931,204.00
TX	Texas Department of Transportation	Publicly owned Terminal & Vessels	\$5,779,667.00
	<b>Texas Total</b>		<b>\$6,710,871.00</b>
UT	UDOT Charles Hall Ferry	Publicly owned Terminal & Vessels	100,000.00
	<b>Utah Total</b>		<b>\$100,000.00</b>
VA	Virginia Department of Transportation	Publicly owned Terminal & Vessels	\$1,601,451.00
	<b>Virginia Total</b>		<b>\$1,601,451.00</b>
WA	Lake Chelan Boat Company (NPS)	Publicly owned Terminal	\$437,486.00
WA	Pierce County Public Works and Utilities	Publicly owned Terminal & Vessels	\$130,670.00

WA	Skagit County Department of Public Works	Publicly owned Terminal & Vessels	\$290,452.00
WA	Wahkiakum County	Publicly owned Terminal & Vessels	\$92,382.00
WA	Whatcom County Public Works Department	Publicly owned Terminal & Vessels	\$300,533.00
WA	Kitsap Transit	Publicly owned Terminal & Vessels	\$119,953.00
WA	Washington State Ferries	Publicly owned Terminal & Vessels	\$16,376,491.00
WA	King County Ferry District	Publicly owned Terminal & Vessels	\$247,778.00
	<b>Washington Total</b>		<b>\$17,995,745.00</b>
WI	Cassville Car Ferry/ Cassville Tourism	Publicly owned Terminal & Vessels	100,000.00
	<b>Wisconsin Total</b>		<b>\$100,000.00</b>
WV	City of Sistersville	Publicly owned Terminal & Vessels	100,000.00
	<b>West Virginia Total</b>		<b>\$100,000.00</b>
	<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>\$74,240,000.00</b>

Note 1      The State DOT will coordinate the distribution of funds for eligible projects with the operators listed.