



U.S. Department
of Transportation
**Federal Highway
Administration**

Memorandum

Subject: **ACTION:** Ferry Boat Program (FBP)
FY 2020 Full Year Distribution of Funds
[CFDA No. 20.205]

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In Reply
Refer to: HISM-10

From: Peter Stephanos
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Management

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 for projects ready to be authorized.

The funds are contract authority authorized under the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act and made available for obligation under the obligation limitation provided in the Department of Transportation Appropriations Act, 2020 (title I, division H of Public Law 116-94). 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, \$72,480,000.00 of new FY 2020 FBP funding is available for distribution. In addition to the new authorization FY 2020 funds, the FAST Act requires FHWA to withdraw and redistribute FBP funds that have not been obligated by the end of the third fiscal year following the year in which the funds were first allocated. Because of this redistribution process, an additional \$19,980,674.54, is available for distribution in FY 2020. In total, \$92,460,674.54 of FBP funds are made available for FY 2020.

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 2018 National Census of Ferry Operators database and on follow-up reviews performed by FHWA 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 <https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/specialfunding/fbp/161212.cfm>.

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. If the ferry service wants to transfer of FBP funds to another Federal agency for project implementation, form FHWA 1576 must be completed and submitted to this office.

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 and project 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 distributed for FY 2020 that remain unobligated on September 30, 2023 will be withdrawn and redistributed in FY 2024 to eligible entities from which no funds were withdrawn.

FBP funds are subject to the annual August Redistribution of Obligation Limitation. Therefore, allocation should not be requested until the project is ready for obligation.

If there are any questions and for allocation of funds, please contact Katie Hulbert at 202-809-4758 or by e-mail at Kathleen.hulbert@dot.gov.

Attachment

Attachment 1

FY 2020 Ferry Boat Formula Fund Distribution and FY 2013-2016 Redistribution

STATE	OPERATOR	ELIGIBLE	FY 2020 STATE ALLOCATION
AK	Alaska Marine Highway System	Publicly owned U.S. Term. & Vessels	\$19,509,224.00
AK	Ketchikan Gateway Borough	Publicly owned Terminal & Vessels	\$268,293.00
AK	Inter-Island Ferry Authority	Publicly owned Terminal & Vessels	\$208,087.00
AK	Seldovia Village Tribe	Publicly owned Terminal & Vessels	\$54,967.00
	ALASKA Totals		\$20,040,571.00
AL	Alabama DOT (Ferry Operator: Hornblower Marine Services Global Maritime)	Publicly owned Terminal & Vessels	\$165,491.00
	ALABAMA Total		\$165,491.00
AS	Department of Port Administration - American Samoa Government	Publicly owned Terminal & Vessels	\$472,692.00
	AMERICAN SAMOA Total		\$472,692.00
AR	Arkansas Department of Transportation (ArDOT)	Publicly owned Terminal & Vessels	\$121,295.00
	ARKANSAS Total		\$121,295.00
CA	Catalina Express	Publicly owned Terminal only	\$670,804.00
CA	The Catalina Flyer	Publicly owned Terminal only	\$91,050.00
CA	Golden Gate Bridge Highway and Transportation District	Publicly owned Terminal & Vessels	\$1,749,707.00
CA	Angel Island - Tiburon Ferry Co.	Publicly owned Terminal only	\$35,181.00
CA	Blue and Gold Fleet	Publicly owned Terminal only	\$261,558.00
CA	CALTRANS/ Ca Dept. of Transportation	Publicly owned Terminal & Vessels	\$323,203.00
CA	San Francisco Bay Area Water Emergency Transportation Authority (WETA)	Publicly owned Terminal & Vessels	\$1,372,472.00
CA	Long Beach Transit	Publicly owned Terminal & Vessels	\$46,232.00
CA	Island Packers Corp.	Publicly owned Terminal only	\$977,891.00
CA	Delta Ferry Authority (Previously Jersey Island Ferry)	Publicly owned Terminal & Vessels	\$13,050.00

CA	Chemehuevi Indian Tribe	Publicly owned Terminal & Vessels	\$83,234.00
CA	Humboldt County Public Works	Publicly owned Terminal & Vessels	\$1,465.00
CA	Alcatraz Cruises	Publicly Owned Terminal Only	\$1,222,114.00
CALIFORNIA Totals			\$6,847,961.00
CT	Connecticut DOT Bureau of Public Transportation	Publicly owned Terminal & Vessels	\$75,000.00
CT	The Town of Greenwich CT	Publicly owned Terminal & Vessels	\$25,000.00
CONNECTICUT Totals			\$100,000.00
DE	Delaware DOT	Publicly owned Terminal & Vessels	\$139,204.00
DELAWARE Total			\$139,204.00
FL	Hontoon Island State Park	Publicly owned Terminal & Vessels	\$1,363.00
FL	St. Johns River Ferry - (HMS Ferries, Inc.)	Publicly owned Terminal & Vessels	\$499,635.00
FL	Putnam County Public Works	Publicly owned Terminal only	\$7,859.00
FL	Yankee Freedom III, LLC	Publicly owned Terminal only	\$259,357.00
FL	Caladesi Island Adventure	Publicly owned Terminal only	\$25,639.00
FL	National Park Service (Fort Matanzas)	Publicly owned Terminal & Vessels	\$8,511.00
FLORIDA Totals			\$802,364.00
GA	State of Georgia, Department of Natural Resources	Publicly owned Terminal & Vessels	\$28,113.00
GA	Savannah Belles Ferry	Publicly owned Terminal & Vessels	\$904,553.00
GA	Cumberland Island National Seashore (Lang's Seafood, Inc. as concessionaire)	Publicly owned Terminal only	\$36,906.00
GEORGIA Totals			\$969,572.00
HI	Expeditions	Publicly owned Terminal only	\$100,000.00
HAWAII Total			\$100,000.00
IL	Calhoun Ferry Company	Publicly owned Terminal only	\$350,749.00
IL	Rock Island County Metropolitan Mass Transit District	Publicly owned Terminal & Vessels	\$29,483.00
IL	Illinois Department of Transportation	Publicly owned Terminal & Vessels	\$1,060,101.00

IL	City of Grafton	Publicly owned Terminal only	\$38,394.00
ILLINOIS Totals			\$1,478,727.00
KY	Valley View Ferry Authority	Publicly owned Terminal & Vessels	\$156,584.00
KY	U.S. DOI - Mammoth Cave National Park	Publicly owned Terminal & Vessels	\$85,979.00
KY	Augusta Ferry Authority	One publicly owned terminal.	\$78,213.00
KY	Butler County Fiscal Court	Publicly owned Terminal & Vessels	\$70,546.00
KY	Kentucky Transportation Cabinet - Cumberland River Ferry	Publicly owned Terminal & Vessels	\$151,213.00
KENTUCKY Totals			\$542,535.00
LA	Plaquemines Parish Ferry Department	Publicly owned Terminal & Vessels	\$806,356.00
LA	St. Mary Parish Council	Publicly owned Terminal & Vessels	\$19,977.00
LA	Louisiana Department of Transportation	Publicly owned Terminal & Vessels	\$2,143,547.00
LOUISIANA Totals			\$2,969,880.00
MA	Boston Harbor Cruises LLC	Publicly owned Terminal & Vessels	\$699,913.00
MA	Woods Hole Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket Steamship Authority	Publicly owned Terminal & Vessels	\$1,864,467.00
MASSACHUSETTS Totals			\$2,564,380.00
MD	Wicomico County - Road Division	Publicly owned Terminal & Vessels	\$100,000.00
MARYLAND Total			\$100,000.00
ME	Casco Bay Island Transit District	Publicly owned Terminal & Vessels	\$498,464.00
ME	State of Maine	Publicly owned Terminal & Vessels	\$663,003.00
ME	Town of Frye Island Ferry Service	Publicly owned Terminal & Vessels	\$132,897.00
MAINE Totals			\$1,294,364.00
MI	Charlevoix County Transportation Authority	Publicly owned Terminal & Vessels	\$146,130.00
MI	Eastern U. P. Transportation Authority	Publicly owned Terminal & Vessels	\$1,014,493.00
MI	Isle Royale National Park	Publicly owned Terminal & Vessels	\$611,664.00
MI	Manitou Island Transit, Inc	Publicly owned Terminal only	\$87,429.54

MI	Beaver Island Transportation Authority	Publicly owned Terminal & Vessels	\$122,162.00
MI	Plaunt Transportation Company Inc.	Publicly owned Terminal & Vessels	\$30,084.00
MI	Mackinac Island Transportation Authority (MITA) (Operated by Star Line Mackinac Island Passenger Service)	Publicly owned Terminal only	\$428,468.00
MICHIGAN Totals			\$2,440,430.54
MN	Grand Portage-Isle Royale Transportation Line, Inc.	Publicly owned Terminal only	\$1,668,475.00
MINNESOTA Total			\$1,668,475.00
MO	National Park Service - Akers Ferry *See Note 1	Publicly owned Terminal & Vessels	\$10,400.00
MO	Ste. Genevieve - Modoc Ferry Inc. *See Note 1	Publicly owned Terminal & Vessels	\$55,200.00
MO	Mississippi County Port Authority *See Note 1	Publicly owned Terminal & Vessels	\$40,821.00
MISSOURI Totals			\$106,421.00
MS	Ship Island Excursions *See Note 1	Publicly owned Terminal only	\$96,000.00
MS	Warren County Board of Supervisors *See Note 1	Publicly owned Terminal & Vessels	\$4,000.00
MISSISSIPPI Totals			\$100,000.00
MT	Chouteau County *See Note 1	Publicly owned Terminal & Vessels	\$26,600.00
MT	Blaine County Road Department *See Note 1	Publicly owned Terminal & Vessels	\$73,400.00
MONTANA Totals			\$100,000.00
NC	Cape Lookout Cabins and Camps Ferry Service	Publicly owned Terminal only	\$12,952.00
NC	N.C. Department of Transportation Ferry Division	Publicly owned Terminal & Vessels	\$1,971,800.00
NORTH CAROLINA Totals			\$1,984,752.00
NJ	Cape May - Lewes Ferry	Publicly owned Terminal & Vessels	\$715,412.00
NJ	New York Waterway	Publicly owned Terminal only	\$1,878,102.00
NJ	Statue Cruises	Publicly owned Terminal only	\$4,277,716.00
NEW JERSEY Totals			\$6,871,230.00
NY	Fire Island Ferries Inc.	Publicly owned Terminals only	\$172,657.00
NY	Fishers Island Ferry District	Publicly owned Terminal & Vessels	\$88,459.00

NY	North Ferry Company Inc	Publicly owned Terminals only	\$1,223,200.00
NY	New York City DOT Ferry Division	Publicly owned Terminal & Vessels	\$803,583.00
NY	South Ferry Inc.	Publicly owned Terminals only	\$1,103,155.00
NY	Trust for Governor's Island (Previously HMS Ferries, Inc.)	Publicly owned Terminal & Vessels	\$403,216.00
NY	Empire State Development, Erie Canal Harbor, Queen City Bike Ferry (Previously Empire State Development, Erie Canal Harbor Devel. Corp. (ECHPC))	Publicly owned Terminal & Vessels	\$17,794.00
NY	NYC Ferry	Publicly owned Terminal only	\$913,143.00
NEW YORK Totals			\$4,725,207.00
OH	Put-in-Bay Boatline Co.	Publicly owned Terminal & Vessels	\$166,108.00
OHIO Total			\$166,108.00
OK	Central Oklahoma Transportation and Parking Authority	Publicly owned Terminal & Vessels	\$106,126.00
OKLAHOMA Total			\$106,126.00
OR	Clackamas County Department of Transportation and Development	Publicly owned Terminal & Vessels	\$59,696.00
OR	Marion County Department of Public Works	Publicly owned Terminal & Vessels	\$456,844.00
OREGON Totals			\$516,540.00
PR	Puerto Rico Maritime Transport Authority	Publicly owned Terminal & Vessels	\$583,086.00
PUERTO RICO Total			\$583,086.00
RI	Conanicut Marine Services, Inc.	Publicly owned Terminal only	\$14,073.00
RI	A & R Marine Corporation, DBA Prudence & Bay Islands Transport	Publicly owned Terminal only	\$54,659.00
RI	The Block Island Ferry (Interstate Navigation)	Publicly owned Terminal only	\$144,812.00
RI	The Rhode Island Department of Transportation (RI Providence to Newport Ferry)	Publicly owned Terminal only	\$101,222.00
RHODE ISLAND Totals			\$314,766.00
SC	Fort Sumter Tours/Spiritline Cruises (NPS Concessionaire)	Publicly owned Terminal only	\$126,982.00
SOUTH CAROLINA Total			\$126,982.00
TN	Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT)	Publicly owned Terminal & Vessels	\$159,934.00
TENNESSEE Total			\$159,934.00

TX	Harris County	Publicly owned Terminal & Vessels	\$429,031.00
TX	Texas Department of Transportation	Publicly owned Terminal & Vessels	\$3,995,568.00
TEXAS Totals			\$4,424,599.00
UT	UDOT Charles Hall Ferry	Publicly owned Terminal & Vessels	\$105,267.00
UTAH Total			\$105,267.00
VA	Transportation District Commission of Hampton Roads	Publicly owned Terminal & Vessels	\$85,873.00
VA	Virginia Department of Transportation	Publicly owned Terminal & Vessels	\$2,202,359.00
VIRGINIA Totals			\$2,288,232.00
WA	Colville Confederated Tribes (Inchelium-Gifford Ferry)	Publicly owned Terminal & Vessels	\$203,497.00
WA	Pierce County Public Works	Publicly owned Terminal & Vessels	\$361,253.00
WA	Skagit County Department of Public Works	Publicly owned Terminal & Vessels	\$395,061.00
WA	Washington State - Eastern Region	Publicly owned Terminal & Vessels	\$110,284.00
WA	Whatcom County Public Works Department	Publicly owned Terminal & Vessels	\$363,836.00
WA	Kitsap Transit	Publicly owned Terminal & Vessels	\$252,701.00
WA	Washington State Ferries	Publicly owned Terminal & Vessels	\$24,363,306.00
WA	Wahkiakum County	Publicly owned Terminal & Vessels	\$106,218.00
WA	King County Department of Transportation, Marine Division	Publicly owned Terminal & Vessels	\$230,870.00
WASHINGTON Totals			\$26,387,026.00
WV	City of Sistersville	Publicly owned Terminal & Vessels	\$100,819.00
WEST VIRGINIA Total			\$100,819.00
WI	Wisconsin Department of Transportation, SW Region	Publicly owned Terminal & Vessels	\$457,998.00
WI	Cassville Car Ferry/ Cassville Tourism	Publicly owned Terminal & Vessels	\$17,640.00
WISCONSIN Totals			\$475,638.00
Grand Total			\$92,460,674.54

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

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