



All Stations Accessibility Program (ASAP)



Est. application deadline¹: Early 2025



Est. funding¹: \$343M

1. Estimated based on previous NOFO would be 1/30/25; subject to updates when NOFO is released. NOFO estimated to be released December 2024

ASAP will finance capital projects to upgrade the accessibility of legacy rail fixed guideway public transportation systems for people with disabilities

NON-EXHAUSTIVE



Goals and merit criteria for ASAP grants:

Each of the following merit criterion will be considered by the Federal Transit Administration for both **station or passenger facility accessibility improvement** (capital) projects and **planning** projects:

- Demonstration of need
- Demonstration of benefits
- Planning alignment with local or regional prioritization
- Local financial commitment
- Project implementation strategy
- Technical, legal, and financial capacity

FTA will **rate projects higher** if they propose to **exceed the construction standards** by providing:

- multiple paths of travel for people with physical disabilities (including those who use wheelchairs)
- technologies to improve accessibility for people with sensory or cognitive disabilities

All Stations Accessibility Program details

Match funding
requirement: 20%

Direct Pay
applicability:
Unlikely

Eligible grant uses

- i) **Capital Projects:** Repairing, improving, modifying, retrofitting, or relocating infrastructure of stations or facilities for passenger use, including load-bearing members that are an essential part of the structural frame
- ii) **Planning Projects:** Developing or modifying a plan for pursuing public transportation accessibility projects, assessments of accessibility, or assessments of planned modifications to stations or facilities for passenger use or programs of projects in an eligible area

Ineligible grant uses

Neither a capital grant nor a planning grant may be used to upgrade a station or facility for passenger use that is already accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities

Award amounts

Minimum award	No minimum award (smallest award in 2024 was \$1.4M)
Maximum award	No maximum award (largest award in 2024 was \$156M)
Period of performance	1 year

Previous awards (national)

2024 awards	8 awards (\$343M)
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Previous awards (MI)

2024 awards	0 awards (\$0)
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High level requirements to apply for an ASAP grant

Applicants are encouraged to explain how the proposed project scope will make all passenger-use areas fully accessible in accordance with title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.



Eligible Entities

- Designated recipients that operate or allocate funds to inaccessible pre-ADA (legacy) rail fixed guideway public transportation systems
- States (including territories and Washington, DC)
- Local governmental entities that operate or financially support legacy rail fixed guideway public transportation systems and corresponding legacy stations/facilities



Key Grant Application Components

- Application for Federal Assistance (Standard Form 424)
- ASAP supplemental form
 - Project information (type, summary)
 - Congressional districts
 - Description of need and objectives
 - Project budget and timeline
 - Scalability
 - System map

Examples of past winners



Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (2024)

Impacted locality: Massachusetts

Funding: \$67,609,672

Project Description: The Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority will receive funding to upgrade station platforms at 14 stops along the Green Line's light rail B and C branches that are not accessible to riders with disabilities: Chestnut Hill, Chiswick Road, Packard's Corner, South Street, and Sutherland Road stations on the B line, and Brandon Hall, Dean Road, Englewood Avenue, Fairbanks Street, Hawes Street, Kent Street, Saint Paul Street, Summit Avenue, and Tappan Street stations on the C line. Improvements will focus on improving safety, including installing accessible platforms for level boarding.

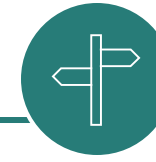


Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority (2024)

Impacted Locality: Ohio

Funding: \$16,000,000

Project Description: The Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority will receive funding to rehabilitate eight stations to make the entire Blue Line accessible for people with disabilities. Station upgrades will include replacing the 40-year-old platforms with new concrete platforms with tactile warning panels, installing redesigned ramps, elevating a platform section to access trains, and improving parking stalls with curb ramps to access the stations.



San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (2024)

Impacted locality: California

Funding: \$4,687,612

Project Description: The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency will receive funding to construct platforms, wheelchair ramps, and make other accessibility improvements at five Muni light rail stops on the J- Church line and three Muni stops on the M-Ocean View line. These improvements will reduce gaps between the platform and railcar, improving accessibility for the thousands of mobility-impaired residents who are currently unable to use the system.