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<https://www.transit.dot.gov/funding/grants/grant-programs>

Grant Programs

FTA provides grants to local public transit systems, including buses, subways, light rail, commuter rail, trolleys and ferries. Since 1964, FTA has partnered with state and local governments to create and enhance public transportation systems, investing more than \$11 billion annually to support and expand public transit services. FTA provides annual formula grants to transit agencies nationwide as well as discretionary funding in competitive processes.

See a table of current FTA grant opportunities
FTA's Transit Award Management System (TrAMS)
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Dear Senator's Vance and Sands,

How did we decide that there was not federal funding when we did not have any presentations from anyone that knows anything about the topic of federal funding. There is federal funding becoming available as part of revitalization of rural America and we had proposed speakers to talk about it. But before we could even explain a potential agenda, you made a motion to do nothing. To represent that we studied it and couldn't afford it is untrue. We are not going to be ready for federal funding because we have cut off any study and coordinated government action to make a plan. The committee made a decision not to study what is currently happening and what is possible. To say in your letter that we did such a study is false.

I will make a formal request of our committee to address in our committee how to make Montana ready to receive federal funding, at the minimum. Transportation in Montana is becoming more difficult not less, and our study of traffic safety without recognizing that public transportation alternatives is part of the solution is

irresponsible.

Thank you for your reconsideration of our past decision to "do nothing".

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Transportation Interim Committee members,

Attached are the documents requested during your September meeting related to your work on HJ 34. If you have questions, let me know.

Thanks,

Sonja

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