RURAL AND SMALL URBAN AREA PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM - SECTION 5311

- Statutory Reference: s.85.23 Administrative Rule: TRANS 6

- Federally funded program which began in 1979. This program was formerly known as the Section 18 program, however the federal section code was changed to 5311.

- Allocations to the State of Wisconsin are set at the federal level. Funding levels include:
  - For Operating Assistance: up to 50 % of the net operating cost (project deficit).
  - For Capital Assistance : 80% of the cost of project equipment (up to 90% of the cost of equipment or modifications required by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) or by the Federal Clean Air Act).

- Recent Funding Levels:
  - 2006 - $ 11,327,041
  - 2005 - $ 7,021,440
  - 2004 - $ 6,708,274
  - 2003 - $ 6,187,140

- Eligible Applicants: Local public bodies, or federally recognized Indian tribal governing bodies.

- Eligible Public Transportation Service: Public transportation service operating or designed to operate in non-urbanized areas (less than 50,000 population).

- Annual Application Cycle - Applications due to WisDOT by October 15th for projects scheduled in the following calendar year.

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