# Capital Projects and Grants

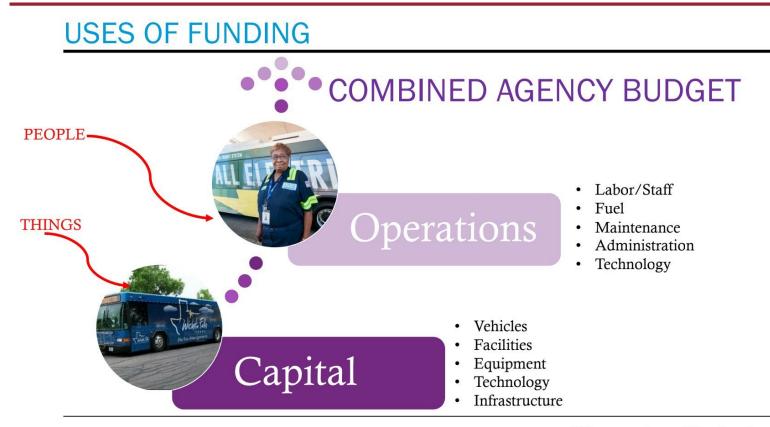
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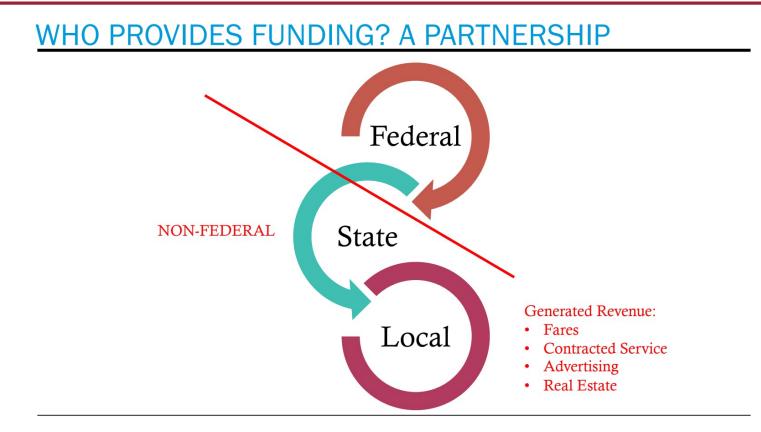


## Transit Program Funding



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### Grant Program Partners



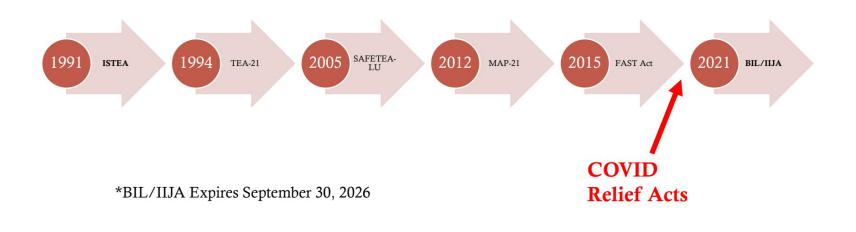
# Program Partners

- SCRTD Members
- State Legislature via DFA
- Dona Ana County MOA
- Sunland Park DMV Fees



### Federal Grant Evolution

### FEDERAL AUTHORIZATION TIMELINE



### Federal Grant Programs

### **KEY FEDERAL TRANSIT PROGRAMS (FTA)**

- Section 5303 Metropolitan Planning
- Section 5304 Statewide Planning
- Section 5307/5340 Urban Transit Formula + STIC set-aside
- Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility for Older Adults & People With Disabilities Formula
- Section 5311 Rural Transit Formula
- Section 5337 State of Good Repair Competitive
- Section 5339 Bus & Bus Facilities & Low/No-Emissions Vehicles Formula & Competitive

# Multiple Grants Different States



# **New Mexico**

5311 Rural Transit Formula (Rural and Intercity)
5310 Enhanced Mobility for Older Adults and People with Disabilities
5307 Urban Transit Formula
5339 Bus & Facilities and Low/No Emissions Vehicles Program



**Texas** 

5310 Enhanced Mobility for Older Adults and People with Disabilities 5307 Urban Transit Formula Congestion Mitigation Air Quality

# Grant Formulas



Operating grants require 50 percent federal and 50 percent local



Capital grants require 80 percent federal and 20 percent local



CMAQ grants require 85 percent federal and 15 percent local



Zero emission purchases are 90 percent federal and 10 percent local



# Grant Timelines

### **New Mexico**

- Grants must be spent within 12 months, or the fiscal year programmed
- Capital must be expended via an agreement and may carryover

### Texas

- Grants follow FTA formulas and are expended within six years
- El Paso MPO programs federal funds within two years

# Financial Challenge

- Tracking grants from multiple agencies
- Timelines vary
- The district pays first and then gets reimbursed
- Reimbursement six to seven weeks after expense
- NMDOT now requires full payment for capital upfront then reimbursed

- Federal Transit Administration
   Fort Worth, Texas
- New Mexico DOT
   Santa Fe, New Mexico
- El Paso MPO
   ➢ El Paso, Texas

- Federal funds increasing to provide capital projects for zeroemission bus fleets with reduced local match
- Local match programmed for operating and capital grants

Local Match

- State legislative funds offset capital funds requirements
- Dona Ana County Agreement supports both capital and operating



An accountant hired to support the Finance department

# Next Steps



Reviewing financial programs and procedures to improve financial business practices



Adding training inhouse including webinars and working with peer agencies to develop projects and programs

# Questions