

with disabilities that exceed those services required by the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 differently than States not in the pilot program;

“(C) whether States participating in this pilot program use the funds to provide services to individuals with disabilities that exceed those services required by the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 to the detriment of other eligible projects;

“(D) the percentage of funds used to assist elderly individuals;

“(E) the percentage of funds used to assist individuals with disabilities;

“(F) the extent to which States participating in this pilot program serve a wider range of elderly, low income, and persons with disabilities populations;

“(G) whether the pilot program improves services to elderly individuals and individuals with disabilities;

“(H) the extent to which States participating in the pilot program were able to expand the range of transportation alternatives available to elderly individuals and individuals with disabilities; and

“(I) whether the pilot program facilitates or discourages coordination with or integration of other funding sources.

“(8) SUNSET.—This subsection shall cease to be effective on March 31, 2012.”

OVER-THE-ROAD BUS ACCESSIBILITY PROGRAM

Pub. L. 105-178, title III, §3038, June 9, 1998, 112 Stat. 392, as amended by Pub. L. 105-206, title IX, §9009(x), July 22, 1998, 112 Stat. 862; Pub. L. 106-346, §101(a) [title III, §336], Oct. 23, 2000, 114 Stat. 1356, 1356A-31; Pub. L. 108-88, §8(m), Sept. 30, 2003, 117 Stat. 1125; Pub. L. 108-202, §9(m), Feb. 29, 2004, 118 Stat. 488; Pub. L. 108-224, §7(m), Apr. 30, 2004, 118 Stat. 636; Pub. L. 108-263, §7(m), June 30, 2004, 118 Stat. 707; Pub. L. 108-280, §7(m), July 30, 2004, 118 Stat. 885; Pub. L. 108-310, §8(m), Sept. 30, 2004, 118 Stat. 1158; Pub. L. 109-14, §7(l), May 31, 2005, 119 Stat. 333; Pub. L. 109-20, §7(l), July 1, 2005, 119 Stat. 355; Pub. L. 109-35, §7(l), July 20, 2005, 119 Stat. 388; Pub. L. 109-37, §7(l), July 22, 2005, 119 Stat. 403; Pub. L. 109-40, §7(l), July 28, 2005, 119 Stat. 420; Pub. L. 109-59, title III, §3039(a), Aug. 10, 2005, 119 Stat. 1638, provided that:

“(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the following definitions apply:

“(1) INTERCITY, FIXED-ROUTE OVER-THE-ROAD BUS SERVICE.—The term ‘intercity, fixed-route over-the-road bus service’ means regularly scheduled bus service for the general public, using an over-the-road bus, that—

“(A) operates with limited stops over fixed routes connecting 2 or more urban areas not in close proximity or connecting 1 or more rural communities with an urban area not in close proximity;

“(B) has the capacity for transporting baggage carried by passengers; and

“(C) makes meaningful connections with scheduled intercity bus service to more distant points.

“(2) OTHER OVER-THE-ROAD BUS SERVICE.—The term ‘other over-the-road bus service’ means any other transportation using over-the-road buses including local fixed-route service, commuter service, and charter or tour service (including tour or excursion service that includes features in addition to bus transportation such as meals, lodging, admission to points of interest or special attractions or the services of a tour guide).

“(3) OVER-THE-ROAD BUS.—The term ‘over-the-road bus’ means a bus characterized by an elevated passenger deck located over a baggage compartment.

“(b) GENERAL AUTHORITY.—The Secretary [of Transportation] shall make grants under this section to operators of over-the-road buses to finance the incremental capital and training costs of complying with the Department of Transportation’s final rule regarding accessibility of over-the-road buses required by section 306(a)(2)(B) of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12186(a)(2)(B)).

“(c) GRANT CRITERIA.—In selecting applicants for grants under this section, the Secretary shall consider—

“(1) the identified need for over-the-road bus accessibility for persons with disabilities in the areas served by the applicant;

“(2) the extent to which the applicant demonstrates innovative strategies and financial commitment to providing access to over-the-road buses to persons with disabilities;

“(3) the extent to which the over-the-road bus operator acquires equipment required by the final rule prior to any required timeframe in the final rule;

“(4) the extent to which financing the costs of complying with the Department of Transportation’s final rule regarding accessibility of over-the-road buses presents a financial hardship for the applicant; and

“(5) the impact of accessibility requirements on the continuation of over-the-road bus service, with particular consideration of the impact of the requirements on service to rural areas and for low-income individuals.

“(d) COMPETITIVE GRANT SELECTION.—The Secretary shall conduct a national solicitation for applications for grants under this section. Grantees shall be selected on a competitive basis.

“(e) FEDERAL SHARE OF COSTS.—The Federal share of costs under this section shall be provided from funds made available to carry out this section and shall be determined in accordance with section 5323(i) of title 49, United States Code.

“(f) GRANT REQUIREMENTS.—A grant under this section shall be subject to all of the terms and conditions applicable to subrecipients who provide intercity bus transportation under section 5311(f) of title 49, United States Code, and such other terms and conditions as the Secretary may prescribe.

“(g) FUNDING.—

“(1) INTERCITY, FIXED ROUTE OVER-THE-ROAD BUS SERVICE.—Of the amounts made available to carry out this section in each fiscal year, 75 percent shall be available for operators of over-the-road buses used substantially or exclusively in intercity, fixed-route over-the-road bus service to finance the incremental capital and training costs of the Department of Transportation’s final rule regarding accessibility of over-the-road buses. Such amounts shall remain available until expended.

“(2) OTHER OVER-THE-ROAD BUS SERVICE.—Of the amounts made available to carry out this section in each fiscal year, 25 percent shall be available for operators of other over-the-road bus service to finance the incremental capital and training costs of the Department of Transportation’s final rule regarding accessibility of over-the-road buses. Such amounts shall remain available until expended.”

§ 5311. Formula grants for other than urbanized areas

(a) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this section, the following definitions shall apply:

(1) RECIPIENT.—The term ‘recipient’ means a State or Indian tribe that receives a Federal transit program grant directly from the Federal Government.

(2) SUBRECIPIENT.—The term ‘subrecipient’ means a State or local governmental authority, a nonprofit organization, or an operator of public transportation or intercity bus service that receives Federal transit program grant funds indirectly through a recipient.

(b) GENERAL AUTHORITY.—

(1) GRANTS AUTHORIZED.—Except as provided by paragraph (2), the Secretary may award grants under this section to recipients located in areas other than urbanized areas for—

- (A) public transportation capital projects;
- (B) operating costs of equipment and facilities for use in public transportation; and
- (C) the acquisition of public transportation services, including service agreements with private providers of public transportation services.

(2) STATE PROGRAM.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—A project eligible for a grant under this section shall be included in a State program for public transportation service projects, including agreements with private providers of public transportation service.

(B) SUBMISSION TO SECRETARY.—Each State shall submit to the Secretary annually the program described in subparagraph (A).

(C) APPROVAL.—The Secretary may not approve the program unless the Secretary determines that—

(i) the program provides a fair distribution of amounts in the State, including Indian reservations; and

(ii) the program provides the maximum feasible coordination of public transportation service assisted under this section with transportation service assisted by other Federal sources.

(3) RURAL TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall carry out a rural transportation assistance program in other than urbanized areas.

(B) GRANTS AND CONTRACTS.—In carrying out this paragraph, the Secretary may use not more than 2 percent of the amount made available to carry out this section to make grants and contracts for transportation research, technical assistance, training, and related support services in other than urbanized areas.

(C) PROJECTS OF A NATIONAL SCOPE.—Not more than 15 percent of the amounts available under subparagraph (B) may be used by the Secretary to carry out projects of a national scope, with the remaining balance provided to the States.

(4) DATA COLLECTION.—Each recipient under this section shall submit an annual report to the Secretary containing information on capital investment, operations, and service provided with funds received under this section, including—

- (A) total annual revenue;
- (B) sources of revenue;
- (C) total annual operating costs;
- (D) total annual capital costs;
- (E) fleet size and type, and related facilities;
- (F) revenue vehicle miles; and
- (G) ridership.

(c) APPORTIONMENTS.—

(1) PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION ON INDIAN RESERVATIONS.—Of the amounts made available or appropriated for each fiscal year pursuant to subsections (a)(1)(C)(v) and (b)(2)(G) of section 5338, the following amounts shall be apportioned for grants to Indian tribes for any purpose eligible under this section, under such

terms and conditions as may be established by the Secretary:

- (A) \$8,000,000 for fiscal year 2006.
- (B) \$10,000,000 for fiscal year 2007.
- (C) \$12,000,000 for fiscal year 2008.
- (D) \$15,000,000 for fiscal year 2009.
- (E) \$15,000,000 for fiscal year 2010.
- (F) \$15,000,000 for fiscal year 2011.
- (G) \$7,500,000 for the period beginning on October 1, 2011, and ending on March 31, 2012.

(2) REMAINING AMOUNTS.—Of the amounts made available or appropriated for each fiscal year pursuant to subsections (a)(1)(C)(v) and (b)(2)(G) of section 5338 that are not apportioned under paragraph (1)—

- (A) 20 percent shall be apportioned to the States in accordance with paragraph (3); and
- (B) 80 percent shall be apportioned to the States in accordance with paragraph (4).

(3) APPORTIONMENTS BASED ON LAND AREA IN NONURBANIZED AREAS.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subparagraph (B), each State shall receive an amount that is equal to the amount apportioned under paragraph (2)(A) multiplied by the ratio of the land area in areas other than urbanized areas in that State and divided by the land area in all areas other than urbanized areas in the United States, as shown by the most recent decennial census of population.

(B) MAXIMUM APPORTIONMENT.—No State shall receive more than 5 percent of the amount apportioned under this paragraph.

(4) APPORTIONMENTS BASED ON POPULATION IN NONURBANIZED AREAS.—Each State shall receive an amount equal to the amount apportioned under paragraph (2)(B) multiplied by the ratio of the population of areas other than urbanized areas in that State divided by the population of all areas other than urbanized areas in the United States, as shown by the most recent decennial census of population.

(d) USE FOR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION SERVICE.—A State may use an amount apportioned under this section for a project included in a program under subsection (b) of this section and eligible for assistance under this chapter if the project will provide local transportation service, as defined by the Secretary of Transportation, in an area other than an urbanized area.

(e) USE FOR ADMINISTRATION, PLANNING, AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary of Transportation may allow a State to use not more than 15 percent of the amount apportioned under this section to administer this section and provide technical assistance to a subrecipient, including project planning, program and management development, coordination of public transportation programs, and research the State considers appropriate to promote effective delivery of public transportation to an area other than an urbanized area.

(f) INTERCITY BUS TRANSPORTATION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—A State shall expend at least 15 percent of the amount made available in each fiscal year to carry out a program to develop and support intercity bus transportation. Eligible activities under the program include—

- (A) planning and marketing for intercity bus transportation;
- (B) capital grants for intercity bus shelters;
- (C) joint-use stops and depots;
- (D) operating grants through purchase-of-service agreements, user-side subsidies, and demonstration projects; and
- (E) coordinating rural connections between small public transportation operations and intercity bus carriers.

(2) CERTIFICATION.—A State does not have to comply with paragraph (1) of this subsection in a fiscal year in which the chief executive officer of the State certifies to the Secretary, after consultation with affected intercity bus service providers, that the intercity bus service needs of the State are being met adequately.

(g) GOVERNMENT SHARE OF COSTS.—

(1) CAPITAL PROJECTS.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided by subparagraph (B), a grant awarded under this section for a capital project or project administrative expenses shall be for 80 percent of the net costs of the project, as determined by the Secretary.

(B) EXCEPTION.—A State described in section 120(b) of title 23 shall receive a Government share of the net costs in accordance with the formula under that section.

(2) OPERATING ASSISTANCE.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided by subparagraph (B), a grant made under this section for operating assistance may not exceed 50 percent of the net operating costs of the project, as determined by the Secretary.

(B) EXCEPTION.—A State described in section 120(b) of title 23 shall receive a Government share of the net operating costs equal to 62.5 percent of the Government share provided for under paragraph (1)(B).

(3) REMAINDER.—The remainder of net project costs—

(A) may be provided from an undistributed cash surplus, a replacement or depreciation cash fund or reserve, a service agreement with a State or local social service agency or a private social service organization, or new capital;

(B) may be derived from amounts appropriated or otherwise made available to a department or agency of the Government (other than the Department of Transportation) that are eligible to be expended for transportation; and

(C) notwithstanding subparagraph (B), may be derived from amounts made available to carry out the Federal lands highway program established by section 204 of title 23.

(4) USE OF CERTAIN FUNDS.—For purposes of paragraph (3)(B), the prohibitions on the use of funds for matching requirements under section 403(a)(5)(C)(vii) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 603(a)(5)(C)(vii)) shall not apply to Federal or State funds to be used for transportation purposes.

(5) LIMITATION ON OPERATING ASSISTANCE.—A State carrying out a program of operating as-

sistance under this section may not limit the level or extent of use of the Government grant for the payment of operating expenses.

(h) TRANSFER OF FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT.—With the consent of the recipient currently having a facility or equipment acquired with assistance under this section, a State may transfer the facility or equipment to any recipient eligible to receive assistance under this chapter if the facility or equipment will continue to be used as required under this section.

(i) RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER LAWS.—(1) Section 5333(b) applies to this section if the Secretary of Labor utilizes a special warranty that provides a fair and equitable arrangement to protect the interests of employees.

(2) This subsection does not affect or discharge a responsibility of the Secretary of Transportation under a law of the United States.

(Pub. L. 103-272, §1(d), July 5, 1994, 108 Stat. 809; Pub. L. 105-178, title III, §3014(a), June 9, 1998, 112 Stat. 359; Pub. L. 109-59, title III, §§3002(b)(4), 3013(a)–(h), Aug. 10, 2005, 119 Stat. 1545, 1593–1596; Pub. L. 110-244, title II, §201(e), June 6, 2008, 122 Stat. 1610; Pub. L. 111-147, title IV, §434, Mar. 18, 2010, 124 Stat. 89; Pub. L. 111-322, title II, §2304, Dec. 22, 2010, 124 Stat. 3527; Pub. L. 112-5, title III, §304, Mar. 4, 2011, 125 Stat. 19; Pub. L. 112-30, title I, §134, Sept. 16, 2011, 125 Stat. 351.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
5311(a)	49 App.1614(c) (3d sentence).	July 9, 1964, Pub. L. 88-365, 78 Stat. 302, §18(b), (c) (2d, 3d sentences), (d), (e) (1st–4th sentences), (f); added Nov. 6, 1978, Pub. L. 95-599, §313, 92 Stat. 2749, 2750.
5311(b)(1)	49 App.1614(b) (1st sentence 18th–last words, 2d, last sentences), (c) (2d sentence words between 1st and 2d commas).	
5311(b)(2)	49 App.1614(h).	July 9, 1964, Pub. L. 88-365, 78 Stat. 302, §18(h); added Apr. 2, 1987, Pub. L. 100-17, §323, 101 Stat. 235.
5311(c)	49 App.1614(a) (1st sentence).	July 9, 1964, Pub. L. 88-365, 78 Stat. 302, §18(a) (1st sentence); added Nov. 6, 1978, Pub. L. 95-599, §313, 92 Stat. 2748; Jan. 6, 1983, Pub. L. 97-424, §316(a), 96 Stat. 2153.
	49 App.1614(a) (2d sentence).	July 9, 1964, Pub. L. 88-365, 78 Stat. 302, §18(a) (2d sentence); added Nov. 6, 1978, Pub. L. 95-599, §313, 92 Stat. 2748; Dec. 18, 1991, Pub. L. 102-240, §3024, 105 Stat. 2112.
	49 App.1614(c) (1st sentence).	July 9, 1964, Pub. L. 88-365, 78 Stat. 302, §18(c) (1st sentence); added Nov. 6, 1978, Pub. L. 95-599, §313, 92 Stat. 2749; Jan. 6, 1983, Pub. L. 97-424, §316(b), 96 Stat. 2153.
5311(d)	49 App.1614(b) (1st sentence 1st–17th words), (c) (2d sentence words before 1st and after 2d commas).	
5311(e)(1)	49 App.1614(d).	
5311(e)(2)	49 App.1614(c) (4th sentence).	July 9, 1964, Pub. L. 88-365, 78 Stat. 302, §18(c) (4th sentence); added Apr. 2, 1987, Pub. L. 100-17, §322, 101 Stat. 235.

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES—CONTINUED

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
5311(f)	49 App.:1614(i).	July 9, 1964, Pub. L. 88-365, 78 Stat. 302, §18(i); added Dec. 18, 1991, Pub. L. 102-240, § 3023, 105 Stat. 2111.
5311(g)(1)	49 App.:1614(e) (last sentence).	July 9, 1964, Pub. L. 88-365, 78 Stat. 302, §18(e) (last sentence); added Dec. 19, 1985, Pub. L. 99-190, §326, 99 Stat. 1289.
5311(g)(2)	49 App.:1614(e) (1st-4th sentences).	July 9, 1964, Pub. L. 88-365, 78 Stat. 302, §18(c) (last sentence); added Oct. 6, 1992, Pub. L. 102-388, §502(l), 106 Stat. 1567.
5311(h)	49 App.:1614(c) (last sentence).	July 9, 1964, Pub. L. 88-365, 78 Stat. 302, §18(c) (last sentence); added Oct. 6, 1992, Pub. L. 102-388, §502(l), 106 Stat. 1567.
5311(i)	49 App.:1614(g) (related to this section).	July 9, 1964, Pub. L. 88-365, 78 Stat. 302, §18(g) (related to this section); added Nov. 6, 1978, Pub. L. 95-599, §313(a), 92 Stat. 2750; re-stated Dec. 18, 1991, Pub. L. 102-240, §3022, 105 Stat. 2111.
5311(j)	49 App.:1614(f).	

In subsection (a), the words “Eligible” and “and agencies thereof” are omitted as surplus.

In subsection (b)(1), the words “The Secretary of Transportation may make grants” are added for clarity and consistency in this chapter. The word “equitable” is omitted as being included in “fair”.

In subsection (b)(2), the words “establish and” are omitted as executed. The word “direct” is omitted as surplus.

In subsection (c), the words “for expenditure in each fiscal year” are omitted as surplus. The words “so that” are substituted for “Such sums shall be made available for expenditure for public transportation projects in areas other than urbanized areas on the basis of a formula under which” to eliminate unnecessary words. The words “will be entitled to” and “as designated by the Bureau of the Census” are omitted as surplus. The words “United States” are substituted for “all the States” for consistency in the revised title and with other titles of the Code. The words “available”, “a period of”, and “the close of” are omitted as surplus.

In subsection (d), the words “included in a program under subsection (b) of this section” are substituted for 49 App.:1614(b) (1st-17th words) and “which are appropriate for areas other than urbanized areas” to eliminate unnecessary words. The words “for assistance” are added for clarity.

In subsection (e)(1), the words “of funds under this section. Such technical assistance” and “(public and private)” are omitted as surplus.

In subsections (e)(2) and (g)(2), the word “grant” is substituted for “share” for consistency in this chapter.

In subsection (f), the text of 49 App.:1614(i)(3) is omitted as obsolete.

In subsection (f)(1), before clause (A), the words “Subject to paragraph (2)” are omitted as surplus. The reference to fiscal year 1992 is omitted as obsolete.

In subsection (g)(2), the words “under this chapter”, “as defined by the Secretary”, “Any public or private”, “solely”, and “available in” are omitted as surplus.

Subsection (h) is substituted for 49 App.:1614(c) (last sentence) for clarity and consistency in this chapter and to eliminate unnecessary words.

In subsection (j)(1), the text of 49 App.:1614(f) (1st sentence) is omitted as unnecessary because of section 5334(a) of the revised title and 49:322(a). The words “in carrying out projects” are omitted as surplus.

AMENDMENTS

2011—Subsec. (c)(1)(F). Pub. L. 112-5 amended subpar. (F) generally. Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “\$6,369,000 for the period beginning October 1, 2010 and ending March 4, 2011.”

Subsec. (c)(1)(G). Pub. L. 112-30 added subpar. (G).

2010—Subsec. (c)(1)(E). Pub. L. 111-147 added subpar. (E).

Subsec. (c)(1)(F). Pub. L. 111-322 amended subpar. (F) generally. Prior to amendment, subpar. (F) read as follows: “\$3,750,000 for the period beginning October 1, 2010, and ending December 31, 2010.”

Pub. L. 111-147 added subpar. (F).

2008—Subsec. (g)(1)(A). Pub. L. 110-244, §201(e)(1), (2), substituted “for a capital project or project administrative expenses” for “for any purpose other than operating assistance” and struck out “capital” after “net”.

Subsec. (g)(1)(B). Pub. L. 110-244, §201(e)(2), struck out “capital” after “net”.

Subsec. (i)(1). Pub. L. 110-244, §201(e)(3), substituted “Section 5333(b) applies” for “Sections 5323(a)(1)(D) and 5333(b) of this title apply”.

2005—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 109-59, §3013(a), amended heading and text of subsec. (a) generally. Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “In this section, ‘recipient’ includes a State authority, a local governmental authority, a nonprofit organization, and an operator of mass transportation service.”

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 109-59, §3013(b), reenacted heading without change and amended text of subsec. (b) generally. Prior to amendment, text read as follows:

“(1) The Secretary of Transportation may make grants for transportation projects that are included in a State program of mass transportation service projects (including service agreements with private providers of mass transportation service) for areas other than urbanized areas. The program shall be submitted annually to the Secretary. The Secretary may approve the program only if the Secretary finds that the program provides a fair distribution of amounts in the State, including Indian reservations, and the maximum feasible coordination of mass transportation service assisted under this section with transportation service assisted by other United States Government sources.

“(2) The Secretary of Transportation shall carry out a rural transportation assistance program in nonurbanized areas. In carrying out this paragraph, the Secretary may make grants and contracts for transportation research, technical assistance, training, and related support services in nonurbanized areas.”

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 109-59, §3013(c), amended heading and text of subsec. (c) generally. Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “The Secretary of Transportation shall apportion amounts made available under section 5338(a) of this title so that the chief executive officer of each State receives an amount equal to the total amount apportioned multiplied by a ratio equal to the population of areas other than urbanized areas in a State divided by the population of all areas other than urbanized areas in the United States, as shown by the most recent of the following: the latest Government census, the population estimate the Secretary of Commerce prepares after the 4th year after the date the latest census is published, or the population estimate the Secretary of Commerce prepares after the 8th year after the date the latest census is published. The amount may be obligated by the chief executive officer for 2 years after the fiscal year in which the amount is apportioned. An amount that is not obligated at the end of that period shall be reapportioned among the States for the next fiscal year.”

Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 109-59, §3013(d), inserted “, Planning,” after “Administration” in heading and in text struck out “(1)” before “The Secretary”, substituted “subrecipient” for “recipient”, and struck out par. (2) which read as follows: “Except as provided in this section, a State carrying out a program of operating assistance under this section may not limit the level or extent of use of the Government grant for the payment of operating expenses.”

Subsec. (e)(1). Pub. L. 109-59, §3002(b)(4), substituted “public transportation” for “mass transportation” in two places.

Subsec. (f)(1). Pub. L. 109-59, §3013(e)(1), inserted heading, struck out “after September 30, 1993,” after

“in each fiscal year” in introductory provisions and realigned margins of subpars. (A) to (D).

Subsec. (f)(1)(E). Pub. L. 109-59, §3002(b)(4), substituted “public transportation” for “mass transportation”.

Subsec. (f)(2). Pub. L. 109-59, §3013(e)(2), inserted heading and substituted “Secretary, after consultation with affected intercity bus service providers,” for “Secretary of Transportation”.

Subsec. (g). Pub. L. 109-59, §3013(f), substituted “Government” for “Government’s” in heading and amended text generally. Prior to amendment, text read as follows:

“(1) In this subsection, ‘amounts of the Government or revenues’ do not include amounts received under a service agreement with a State or local social service agency or a private social service organization.

“(2) A grant of the Government for a capital project under this section may not be more than 80 percent of the net cost of the project, as determined by the Secretary of Transportation. A grant to pay a subsidy for operating expenses may not be more than 50 percent of the net cost of the operating expense project. At least 50 percent of the remainder shall be provided in cash from sources other than amounts of the Government or revenues from providing mass transportation. Transit system amounts that make up the remainder shall be from an undistributed cash surplus, a replacement or depreciation cash fund or reserve, or new capital.”

Subsec. (h). Pub. L. 109-59, §3013(g), redesignated subsec. (i) as (h) and struck out heading and text of former subsec. (h). Text read as follows: “An amount made available under this section may be used for operating assistance.”

Subsec. (i). Pub. L. 109-59, §3013(g)(2), redesignated subsec. (j) as (i). Former subsec. (i) redesignated (h).

Subsec. (i)(1). Pub. L. 109-59, §3013(h), which directed amendment of subsec. (j)(1) by substituting “if the Secretary of Labor utilizes a special warranty that provides a fair and equitable arrangement to protect the interests of employees” for “but the Secretary of Labor may waive the application of section 5333(b)”, was executed by making the substitution in subsec. (i)(1) to reflect the probable intent of Congress and the redesignation of subsec. (j) as (i) by Pub. L. 109-59, §3013(g)(2). See above.

Subsec. (j). Pub. L. 109-59, §3013(g)(2), redesignated subsec. (j) as (i).

1998—Pub. L. 105-178, §3014(a)(1), substituted “Formula grants” for “Financial assistance” in section catchline.

Subsec. (f)(1). Pub. L. 105-178, §3014(a)(2), struck out “10 percent of the amount made available in the fiscal year ending September 30, 1993, and” before “15 percent of the amount” in introductory provisions.

§ 5312. Research, development, demonstration, and deployment projects

(a) RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, DEMONSTRATION, AND DEPLOYMENT PROJECTS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may make grants, contracts, cooperative agreements, and other agreements (including agreements with departments, agencies, and instrumentalities of the United States Government) for research, development, demonstration, and deployment projects, and evaluation of technology of national significance to public transportation, that the Secretary determines will improve public transportation service or help public transportation service meet the total transportation needs at a minimum cost.

(2) INFORMATION.—The Secretary may request and receive appropriate information from any source.

(3) SAVINGS PROVISION.—This subsection does not limit the authority of the Secretary under any other law.

(b) JOINT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM FOR DEPLOYMENT OF INNOVATION.—

(1) DEFINITION OF CONSORTIUM.—In this subsection, the term “consortium”—

(A) means 1 or more public or private organizations located in the United States that provide public transportation service to the public and 1 or more businesses, including small- and medium-sized businesses, incorporated in a State, offering goods or services or willing to offer goods and services to public transportation operators; and

(B) may include, as additional members, public or private research organizations located in the United States, or State or local governmental authorities.

(2) GENERAL AUTHORITY.—The Secretary may, under terms and conditions that the Secretary prescribes, enter into grants, contracts, cooperative agreements, and other agreements with consortia selected in accordance with paragraph (4), to promote the early deployment of innovation in public transportation services, management, operational practices, or technology that has broad applicability. This paragraph shall be carried out in consultation with the transit industry by competitively selected consortia that will share costs, risks, and rewards of early deployment of innovation.

(3) CONSORTIUM CONTRIBUTION.—A consortium assisted under this subsection shall provide not less than 50 percent of the costs of any joint partnership project. Any business, organization, person, or governmental body may contribute funds to a joint partnership project.

(4) NOTICE REQUIREMENT.—The Secretary shall periodically give public notice of the technical areas for which joint partnerships are solicited, required qualifications of consortia desiring to participate, the method of selection and evaluation criteria to be used in selecting participating consortia and projects, and the process by which innovation projects described in paragraph (1) will be awarded.

(5) USE OF REVENUES.—The Secretary shall accept, to the maximum extent practicable, a portion of the revenues resulting from sales of an innovation project funded under this section. Such revenues shall be accounted for separately within the Mass Transit Account of the Highway Trust Fund and shall be available to the Secretary for activities under this subsection. Annual revenues that are less than \$1,000,000 shall be available for obligation without further appropriation and shall not be subject to any obligation limitation.

(c) INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM.—

(1) ACTIVITIES.—The Secretary is authorized to engage in activities to inform the United States domestic public transportation community about technological innovations available in the international marketplace and activities that may afford domestic businesses the opportunity to become globally competitive in the export of public transportation products and services. Such activities may include—

(A) development, monitoring, assessment, and dissemination domestically of informa-