

## ARPA Application – Eligibility Requirements

STP has publicly posted the availability of FTA 5310 ARPA grant funds on the HDOT website at:

<https://hidot.hawaii.gov/administration/fta-grant-programs/>

Y/N	ARPA Eligibility Criteria Checklist	Validation Required for Consideration
	Financial Deficit Due to Covid-19 (Must Be Clearly Demonstrated)	Provide Proof of Financial Deficits Incurred Since March 27, 2020
	Eligible Funding Category (not allowed for purchase of transit buses)	Provide Proof of Operating Expenses Deficit and/or Proof of No Staff Reduction (No Lay-offs or Furloughs after March 27, 2020)
	Eligible Criteria for Consideration (no duplication of federal funding sources allowed)	Provide Proof that no prior FEMA funding or Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act funds have been previously awarded (CARES Act fund recipients are allowed to apply)
	Eligible Geographic Area for Consideration (no small urbanized areas are eligible)	Urban Areas and Rural Areas only

### For All ARPA Applicants\*:

#### Financial Deficit Due to Covid-19 Demonstrated

1. Required to submit proof that claimed financial deficiencies occurred on or after March 27, 2020.

#### Funding Category

2. Required to submit evidence that there is a financial deficiency in payroll or operations of public transit due to Covid-19. No staff reduction, lay-offs or furloughs after March 27, 2020.

#### Eligible Criteria for Consideration

3. Required to submit evidence that there is no overlap in FTA 5310 funding received for prior FEMA or Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act funds.

#### Eligible Geographic Area for Consideration

4. Required to be located in an Urban or Rural area.

### ARPA Eligible Costs and Expenses:

- Costs related to operations, personnel, cleaning, and sanitization combating the spread of pathogens on transit systems, and debt service payments incurred to maintain operations and avoid layoffs and furloughs.
- Payroll for public transit providers, including private providers of public transportation
- Operating costs of public transit during the public health emergency, including the purchase of personal protective equipment
- Administrative leave for operations or contractor personnel due to reductions in service

**Note:** For the purposes of certifying that the subrecipient has not furloughed employees, both direct employees and contractor staff involved in transit maintenance or operations are considered employees.

*\*All ARPA applicants are awarded subject to funding availability.*