

Federal Discretionary Capital Assistance Program

Section 5309

Statutory Reference: 49 U.S.C. 53

- Federally funded grant program. Funds are discretionary, awarded by Congress through the earmark process.
- Eligible applicants are local public bodies, including federally recognized Indian tribes.
- Wisconsin funds are earmarked for WisDOT. A portion is allocated to Milwaukee County, and the remainder is distributed by need and availability.
- Funds may be used for capital assistance at 80% of project costs, except for ADA or Clean Air Act projects, which are funded at 90%.
- Recent funding levels:
 - 2008: \$12.2 million
 - 2007: \$5.9 million
 - 2006: \$8.8 million
- Annual application cycle: Transit systems provide a list of approved capital projects with matching local funding in January. In March or April, WisDOT sponsors a statewide earmark request to Wisconsin's delegation in Congress.

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