

CY 2016 Intercity Bus Program

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Intercity Bus Program

15% of state's federal non-urbanized (5311) transit funding must be used for support of intercity bus services (unless the Governor certifies need has been met). Average yearly funds available is \$2 million.

Intercity bus services must include stops at non-urbanized locations and must make meaningful connections to nationwide network.

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Eligible participants in the program:

- Private intercity bus companies
- Companies wishing to start intercity bus service
- Public transit agencies either operating or proposing to operate intercity bus services
- Local communities wishing to support intercity bus connections to their community.

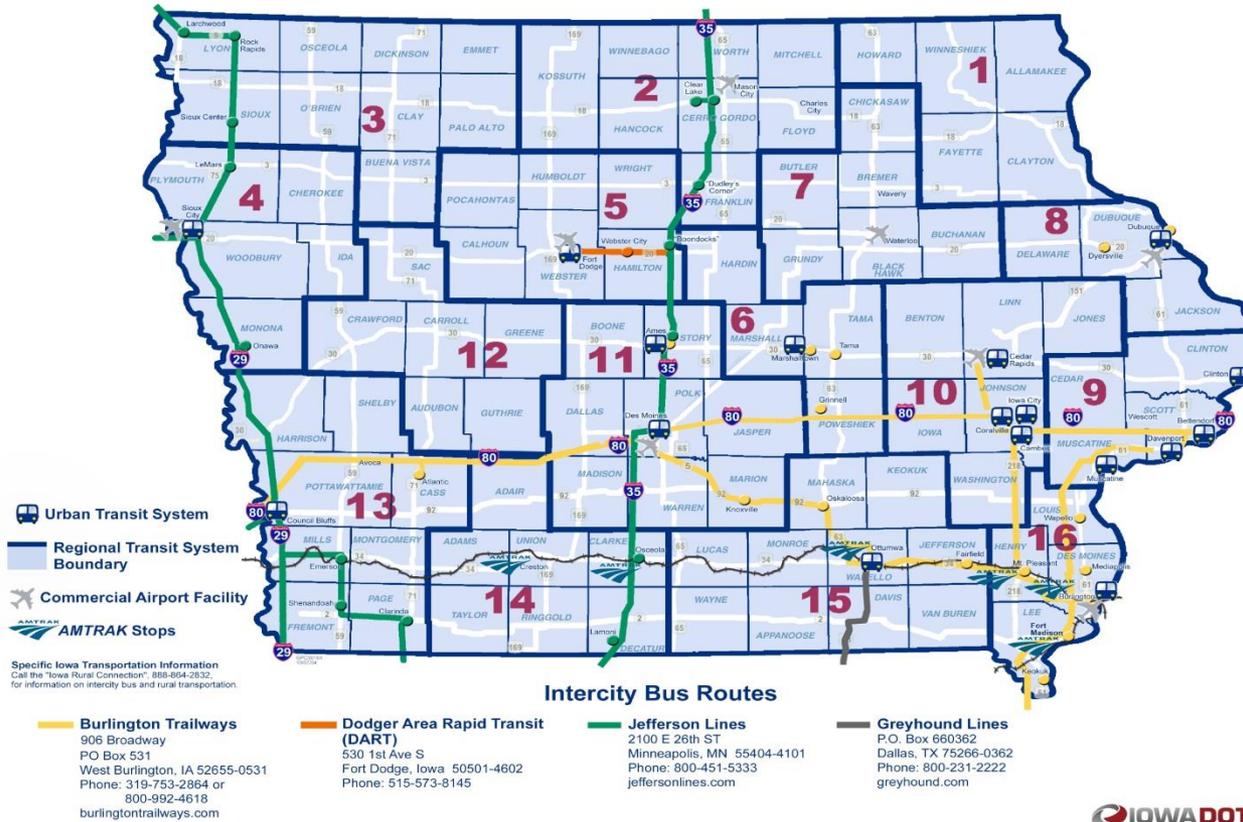
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Iowa's program has four components in priority order:

- Base level support of existing services (\$.20 per revenue mile)
- Start-up support for new services (three years at \$.50 per revenue mile)
- Support for marketing of intercity bus services and interlined services (maximum \$7,500 for existing routes per agency and \$12,000 per each new route with 20% local match required)
- Support for intercity bus capital improvements (over the road coaches, vertical infrastructure, vehicle renovations/improvements, ADA improvements to vehicles and facilities). Vehicles require a 15% local match while all other capital projects require 20% local match.

Intercity Bus Map

Iowa Passenger Transportation Services



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Total available funds for CY 16: \$1,929,804

10 applications received requesting \$1,929,804

- Burlington Trailways
- MIDAS (Region 5 Public Transit)
- City of Dubuque Public Transit
- Jefferson Lines
- Sioux City Public Transit

Recommending 10 projects for \$1,929,804

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Burlington Trailways

	<u>Project Cost</u>	<u>Recommendation</u>
• Existing Service Support	\$296,451	\$296,451
• Marketing-Existing Service	\$9,375	\$7,500

City of Dubuque Transit

• Marketing-Intermodal Facility	\$9,375	\$7,500
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Midas Council of Government

• Marketing-Existing Service	\$9,375	\$7,500
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Jefferson Lines

	<u>Project Cost</u>	<u>Recommendation</u>
• Existing Service Support	\$165,231	\$165,231
• Marketing-Existing Service	\$9,375	\$7,500
• Operating Iowa Travel Center	\$405,000	\$48,600
• Three Over-the-Road Coaches	\$1,866,600	\$1,380,932

Sioux City Transit

Transportation Center Upgrades	\$12,935	\$8,590
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Summary of Funding Recommended

Burlington Trailways	\$303,951
City of Dubuque Transit	\$7,500
MIDAS Council of Governments	\$7,500
Jefferson Lines	\$1,602,263
Sioux City Transit	\$8,590
Total	\$1,929,804

CY 14 Ridership/Cost per Ride

Jefferson Lines

Ridership – 58,799

Revenue Miles – 936,965

Funds for Operating Expenses - \$165,231

Operating Cost per Ride - \$2.81

Funds for Capital Expenses - \$1,380,932

Capital Cost per Ride - \$23.48

CY 14 Ridership/Cost per Ride

Burlington Trailways

Ridership – 219,896

Revenue Miles – 1,432,551

Funds for Operating Expenses - \$296,451

Operating Cost per Ride - \$1.34

Questions?

- For more information on Iowa's public transit programs, visit www.iatransit.com.

