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During November 1975, the U.S. Department of Transportation's Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA) announced awards of 29 grants totaling \$17,342,738.

A digest of the announced grants, their dollar amount, UMTA project number and date of announcement follows. For additional information contact the UMTA Office of Public Affairs at (202) 426-4043 or the grant recipient.

Grants were awarded to:

*Fairmont, West Virginia, Fairmont-Marion County Transit Authority -- \$186,060 -- to purchase two 41-passenger buses, two 23-passenger buses, one 19-passenger bus, and related equipment. (UMTA Project No. WV-03-0007, 11/3/75).

*Anderson, Indiana, Madison County Council of Governments -- \$20,000 -- to conduct transit planning activities in conjunction with the city's Unified Work Program for FY '76. (UMTA Project No. IN-09-0013, 11/3/75).

*South Bend, Indiana, Michiana Area Council of Governments -- \$48,000 -- to support continuing transportation and transit planning activities for the city's Overall Work Program for FY '76. (UMTA Project No. IT-09-0062, 11/3/75).

*Reno, Nevada, Washoe County Board of Commissioners -- \$50,000 -- to support preparation of a transit development program in the Reno area. (UMTA Project No. NV-09-0002, 11/3/75).

*Cincinnati, Ohio, City of Cincinnati -- \$46,392 -- a supplemental grant to meet the higher than anticipated cost of 295 two-way radios and two base stations not included in the original grant. (UMTA Project No. OH-03-0019-01, 11/7/75).

*Clarksburg, West Virginia, Central West Virginia Transit Authority -- \$161,592 -- a supplemental grant to meet higher than anticipated costs of purchasing six 17 to 24-passenger buses, four 40 to 45-passenger buses, a maintenance garage and equipment, and bus shelters. (UMTA Project No. WV-03-0005-01, 11/7/75).

*Santa Rosa, California, City of Santa Rosa -- \$90,568 -- a supplemental grant to meet higher than anticipated costs of purchasing six 26-passenger buses, fare boxes and radios, and related equipment. (UMTA Project No. CA-03-0079-01, 11/7/75).

*Tallahassee, Florida, Florida Department of Transportation -- \$156,500 -- a supplemental grant to continue the FY '76 work program, including preparation of short-range transit technical studies in Leesburg, Okaloosa and Palatka; development of a technical guideline to allow sketch transit planning in small cities; and development of an annual review procedure to update data files on existing systems. (UMTA Project No. FL-09-8001-01, 11/7/75).

*Jacksonville, Florida, Jacksonville Area Planning Board -- \$88,000 -- a supplemental technical studies grant to support continuation of a major transit review begun the previous fiscal year as part of the area's overall transit planning effort. (UMTA Project No. FL-09-0020-01, 11/7/75).

*Gastonia, North Carolina, Gaston County -- \$32,000 -- a technical studies grant to support continuing transportation planning in Gaston County, including preparation of a transit development program. (UMTA Project No. NC-09-0013, 11/7/75).

*Louisville, Kentucky, Kentuckiana Regional Planning and Development Agency -- \$122,056 -- a supplemental technical studies grant to continue assistance for the administration and management of the area's transportation planning process. (UMTA Project No. KY-09-0007-01, 11/7/75).

*Gulfport, Mississippi, Gulf Regional Planning Commission -- \$31,000 -- a technical studies grant to support continuing transportation planning in the Biloxi-Gulfport area, including an update of the short-range transit development program. (UMTA Project No. MS-09-0009, 11/11/75).

*Princeton, New Jersey, Princeton University -- \$7,394 -- to support testing and evaluation of the Station Simulation Program module of UMTA's Urban Transportation Planning system. (UMTA Project No. NJ-11-0006, 11/13/75).

*Wethersfield, Connecticut, Connecticut Department of Transportation -- \$65,000 -- to provide assistance for eligible operating expenses for the period November 26, 1974 - June 30, 1975. (UMTA Project No. CT-05-4003, 11/13/75).

*Portland, Maine, Greater Portland Transit District -- \$391,419 -- to provide assistance for eligible operating expenses for the period January 1, 1975 - December 31, 1975. (UMTA Project No. ME-05-4001, 11/13/75).

*Lansing, Michigan, Capital Area Transportation Authority -- \$718,229 -- to provide assistance for eligible operating expenses for the period July 1, 1975 - June 30, 1976. (UMTA Project No. MI-05-4011, 11/18/75).

*Boston, Massachusetts, Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority -- \$6,241,114 -- to provide assistance for eligible operating expenses for the period November 26, 1974 - December 31, 1974. (UMTA Project No. MA-05-4003, 11/18/75).

*Syracuse, New York, Central New York Regional Transportation Authority -- \$631,600 -- to provide assistance for eligible operating expenses for the period April 1, 1975 - March 31, 1976. (UMTA Project No. NY-05-4023, 11/18/75).

*New York, New York, Metropolitan Transportation Authority -- \$5,315,716 -- a supplemental grant to meet higher than anticipated costs of various rehabilitative improvements to the Long Island Rail Road. (UMTA Project No. NY-03-0024-01, 11/18/75).

*Reading, Pennsylvania, Berks Area Reading Transportation Authority -- \$227,014 -- to provide assistance for eligible operating expenses for the period December 1, 1974 - June 30, 1975. (UMTA Project No. PA-05-4001, 11/18/75).

*Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, Luzerne County Planning Commission -- \$36,000 -- a technical studies grant to support continuing transportation planning in the Wilkes-Barre area, including a short-range transit study for Hazelton, an update of the area's transit development program and long-range transportation planning. (UMTA Project N-. PA-09-0030, 11/18/75).

*Seattle, Washington, Puget Sound Council of Governments -- \$458,000 -- a technical studies grant to support continuing transportation planning in the Seattle-Tacoma-Everett metropolitan area. (UMTA Project No. WA-09-0013, 11/18/75).

*Lafayette, Indiana, Greater Lafayette Public Transportation Corporation -- \$170,000 -- to provide assistance for eligible operating expenses for the period January 1 - December 31, 1975. (UMTA Project No. IN-05-4006, 11/19/75).

*Scranton, Pennsylvania, County of Lackawanna Transit System -- \$163,556 -- to provide assistance for eligible operating expenses for the period November 26, 1974 - December 30, 1975. (UMTA Project No. PA-05-4002, 11/19/75).

*Los Angeles, California, Southern California Association of Governments -- \$1,300,000 -- a technical studies grant to support short and long-range planning in Los Angeles. (UMTA Project No. CA-09-0046, 11/19/75).

*Palm Springs, California, City of Palm Springs -- \$52,212 -- a supplemental grant to assist in meeting a higher than anticipated cost of seven new 25 to 30-passenger buses. (UMTA Project No. CA-03-0095-01, 11/19/75).

*Bakersfield, California, Kern County Council of Governments -- \$28,000 -- a technical studies grant to support short-range transit planning, update of a transit development plan and preparation of a marketing program. (UMTA Project No. CA-09-0049, 11/19/75).

*Buffalo, New York, Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority -- \$272,000 -- a supplemental grant to assist the continuation and further analysis of transit improvement alternatives for the Buffalo-Amherst corridor. (UMTA Project No. NY-09-0017-01, 11/25/75).

*Hilo, Hawaii, County of Hawaii -- \$233,316 -- a supplemental grant to assist in the higher than anticipated cost of larger buses than originally approved. Ten new 45-passenger and five new 21-passenger buses will be purchased instead of the originally approved 10 new 31 to 35-passenger and five new 15-passenger buses. (UMTA Project No. HI-03-0003-01, 11/26/75).