

Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities

DIVISION OF PROGRAM MANAGEMENT & ADMINISTRATION

In response to a request from the Legislative Finance Division the following information is provided on 2/24/2025 (Revised).

Section 71103 of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) allocates \$1 billion over five years to the Ferry Service for Rural Communities Program, providing \$200 million annually.

The precise amount available for program awards annually under Section 71103 of the IIJA is \$195,980,000 annually after the following set-asides:

- \$3,980,000 (1.99%) for Federal Transit Administration (FTA) oversight.
- \$20,000 (0.01%) for the Department of Transportation's Office of Inspector General.

Award Year	State	Entity	Description	Amount	Grant Established
2022	AK	Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities (DOT&PF)	The Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities will receive funding to build a new ferry to replace a nearly 60-year-old vessel. The new vessel, which will feature a diesel-electric propulsion system, will serve rural southwest Alaska.	\$68,488,384	AK-2024-025 Start date 9/20/2024 End date 3/23/2031
2022	AK	Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities (DOT&PF)	The Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities will receive funding to plan for the replacement of aging ferry vessels with diesel-electric hybrid vessels and develop the functional design of a new vessel.	\$8,591,616	AK-2024-027 Application with FTA for review
2022	AK	Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities (DOT&PF)	The Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities will receive funding for the operation of the Alaska Marine Highway System, which runs 3,500 miles and serves 35 communities that face low transportation access and high transportation costs. The funding will strengthen the ferry system and help improve the quality and reliability of ferry service.	\$44,823,800	AK-2024-005 Start date 1/12/2024 End date 12/30/2026
2022	AK	Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities (DOT&PF)	The Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities will receive funding to modernize four Alaska Marine Highway System (AMHS) vessels, ensuring reliable service, improving state of good repair, and continuing quality transit services. AMHS provides year-round, scheduled ferry service throughout Southeast and Southwest Alaska, extending south to Prince Rupert, British Columbia and Bellingham, Washington.	\$72,065,545	Application started by not complete.
2022	AK	Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities (DOT&PF)	The Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities will receive funding to upgrade the dock infrastructure in five rural Alaskan communities. The upgrades will allow ferries to continue service to three small, disadvantaged, rural communities and two rural hub communities, including replacing 40-year-old infrastructure at the Auke Bay Ferry Terminal. The upgrades will also allow the facilities to accommodate additional ferries, allowing for expanded and uninterrupted service.	\$45,483,214	Application started by not complete.
2023	AK	Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities (DOT&PF)	The Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities will receive funding to improve operations on the Alaska Marine Highway System, which runs 3,500 miles and serves more than 30 communities with limited transportation options and high costs. The funding will improve the condition and quality of passenger ferry service -- including vessels and workforce -- as well as add service to remote communities.	\$38,511,041	Request in to amend AK-2024-005 to add this funding

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2023	AK	Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities (DOT&PF)	The Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities will receive funding to build a new ferry to replace a nearly 60-year-old vessel. The new vessel, which will feature a diesel-electric propulsion system, will serve rural southwest Alaska.	\$92,786,400	AK-2024-025 Start date 9/20/2024 End date 3/23/2031
2023	AS	American Samoa Government Department of Public Works	The American Samoa Department of Public Works will receive funding to build two new ferries that will operate from Tutuila to the islands of Manu'a.	\$21,250,000	Not received by the state
2024	AK	Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities (DOT&PF)	The Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities will receive funding to install system-wide wireless connectivity to its ferry vessels to allow access to the internet between ports. The project will enhance the travel experience for customers and improve operational efficiency for the entire ferry system.	\$5,000,000	Need inclusion in STIP
2024	AK	Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities (DOT&PF)	The Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities will receive funding to build a new ferry to replace a 60-year-old vessel. The new ferry, which will feature a diesel-electric propulsion system, will serve rural southwest Alaska.	\$106,418,096	Need inclusion in STIP
2024	AK	Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities (DOT&PF)	The Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities will receive funding to improve operations on the Alaska Marine Highway System, which runs 3,500 miles and serves more than 30 communities with limited transportation options. The federal support will add service to remote communities and improve the condition and quality of passenger ferry service.	\$66,050,400	Need inclusion in STIP

Awarded Total \$569,468,496

IIJA Rural Ferry Funding (\$195,980,000 * 5) \$979,900,000

Remaining to be Awarded \$410,431,504

Over half of the amounts in Alaska project selections that have been awarded do not have a grant agreement established due to needing to add to STIP or delays in processing grant agreements at the FTA, some grant applications have been pending at FTA Region 10 since November.