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Creative Uses of Workforce Development Funding

Scalable Options for Agencies of All Sizes

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Workforce Investment – Various Sources of Funding for Transit Agencies

- FTA Formula Funds
- Low-No Emission Bus Grants
- Workforce Development Boards
- USDOL Grants
- Veterans Benefits

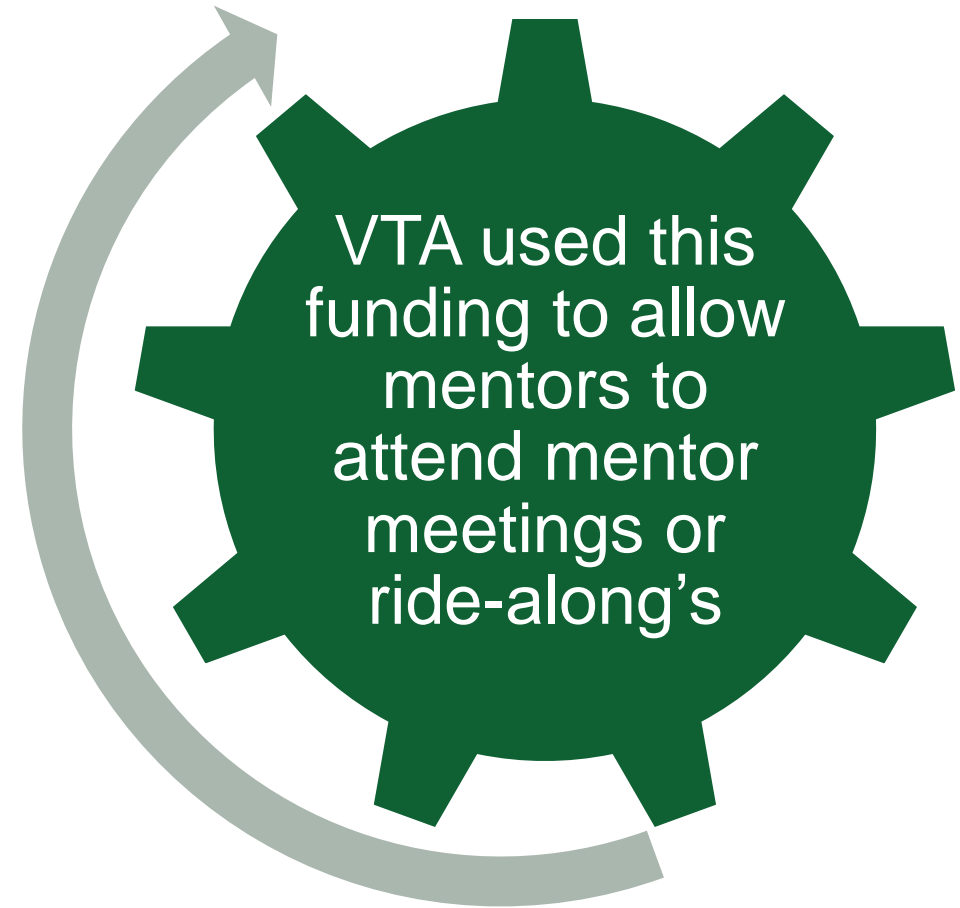
Funding Opportunities Page: <https://www.transitworkforce.org/funding-opportunities/>



FTA Formula Funds

Recipients of FTA **Urbanized Area Formula Program Grants** may use up to 0.5% of their allocation on Workforce Development activities.

- For example, an agency receiving \$43 million, could use \$215,000 for workforce development activities





Workforce Development Funds Available Through the Low and No Emission Bus Grant Program

- # Zero-emission projects receive an additional 5% of the bus procurement cost to use towards workforce development
- # That means an agency awarded a \$15 million grant to purchase ZEBs, receives an additional **\$750,000** to spend on workforce development activities



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Workforce Development Dollars

Funding for Workforce Development Training		
Grant	Project Name	Workforce Development funding
FY21 5339(b)	Construction of H2 Fueling Stations	\$ 109,848.00
FY22 5339(b)	Solar Panel Installation	\$ 99,648.00
FY22 5339(c)	Purchase 5 FCEBs	\$ 322,099.00
ARCHES	FCEB Workforce Development Training	\$ 1,000,000.00
Total Workforce Dollars		\$ 1,531,595.00

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Thank You!!!



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