## FY2008 New Grantee Workshop (Part 1)

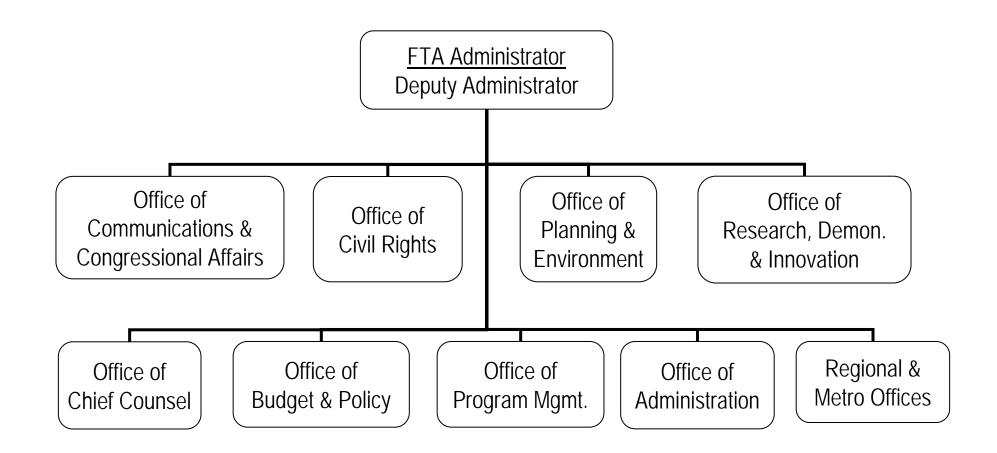
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## Overview

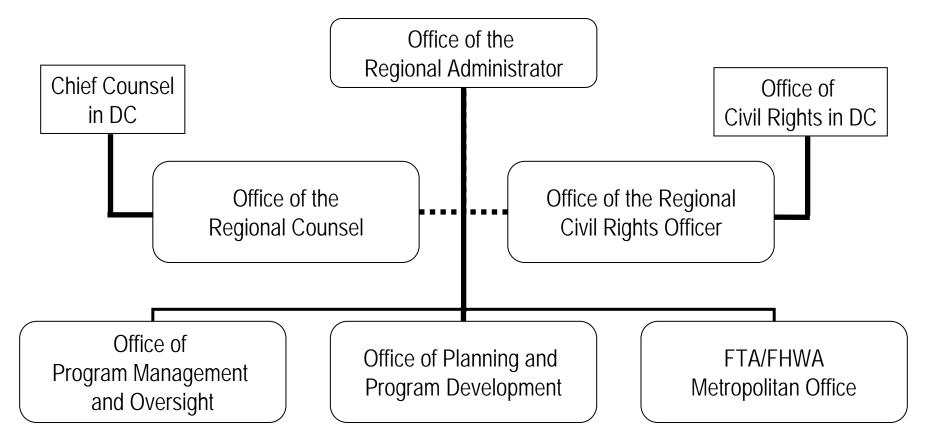
## **Workshop Objectives**

- Provide an overview
  - FTA and its programs
  - Grant application process
  - Grant management
  - FTA resources
  - Triennial Review process
- Answer your questions

## **FTA Organization**



## Regional Office Organization



## **FTA Grant Programs**

- Section 5307 Urbanized Area Formula Program
- Section 5309 Capital Program
- Section 5310 Elderly Individuals and Individuals with Disabilities Program
- Section 5311 Nonurbanized Area Formula Program
- Section 5316 Job Access and Reverse Commute Program
- Section 5317 New Freedom Program

## **FTA Grant Programs**

- Section 5320 Transit in the Parks Discretionary
- Section 5308 Clean Fuels Grant Program
- Section 5303 Metropolitan Planning
- Section 5304 Statewide Planning
- Section 5305 Planning Programs
- Section 5339 Alternative Analysis

- Apportioned to eligible public entities
  - Governors' apportionment
  - Large urban apportionment
- Are available the year apportioned plus 3
- Used for public transportation activities
  - Planning projects
  - Capital projects
  - Operating expenses (small urban areas only)

- Capital: 80/20
- CAA Amendments Compliance and ADA
  - Equipment only: 90/10
  - Rolling stock with equipment: 83/17
- Bicycle-to-Transit Access: 90/10
- Planning: 80/20
- Operating Assistance: 50/50

## Eligible Section 5307 Capital Projects

- Rolling stock
- Facilities
- Preventive maintenance
- ADA complementary paratransit operations
- Contracting
- Transit enhancement projects
- Security plans, drills, and training

## **Section 5307 Local Share**

- Cash (or in-kind contribution)
- Non-Federal funds
- Certain Federal funds (e.g., non-DOT funds)
- Contract revenue from state or local social service organizations
- Non-farebox revenues from transit operations (e.g., advertising and concession revenues)
- Real property integral to the project
- Toll credits

## **Flex Funds**

- Highway funds that can be used for transit
  - Surface Transportation Funds (STP)
  - Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ)
- Used for non-operating purposes
- Administered in accordance with 5307 requirements

- Awarded as earmarks to public entities
- Period of Availability
  - Year of apportionment plus 2 for bus/new starts
  - Year of apportionment plus 3 for fixed guideway modernization
- Eligible Projects
  - Bus and bus-related facilities
  - Rail modernization
  - New fixed-guideway systems and extensions

- Funding Ratios
  - New/small starts: capped at 80/20 but varies depending on project size and other factors
  - Bus and bus-related facilities: 80/20

- Local share can include:
  - Cash (or in-kind contribution)
  - Non-Federal funds
  - Certain Federal funds (e.g., non-DOT funds)
  - Non-farebox revenues from transit operations (e.g., advertising and concession revenues)
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## Annual Grantee Assessment

- Performed by the regional offices
- Determines level of oversight

## Assessment Areas

- Grant Administration
- Grantee Profile
- Property Management
- Financial Management
- Procurement Management

- Assessment Areas (continued)
  - Technology Deployment
  - Safety and Security
  - Planning
  - Civil Rights
- Results
  - Low, medium or high rating
  - Specialty reviews

## General Reviews

- Triennial Review
  - Conducted of recipients of 5307 funds
  - Mandated by law
- State Management Review
  - Conducted of states and territories
  - Addresses 5309, 5310, 5311, 5316 and 5317 requirements

## Program Specific Reviews

- Procurement System
- Financial Management

- Safety and Security
  - Drug and Alcohol Program
  - Security Readiness Assessment
  - State Safety
- Civil Rights
  - Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)
    - Key Station
    - Fixed Route
    - Complementary Paratransit
  - Disadvantaged Business Enterprise
  - Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO)
  - Title VI

- Project Level Reviews
  - Project Management Oversight
  - Financial Capacity

## Program Management Systems

- Transportation Electronic Award and Management System (TEAM-Web)
- Electronic Clearing House Operation (ECHO)
- National Transit Database (NTD)
- Drug and Alcohol Management Information System (DAMIS)
- Oversight Tracking System (OTrak)
- Accounting System (Adelphi)

# **Grant Planning**

## **Grant Program Prerequisites**

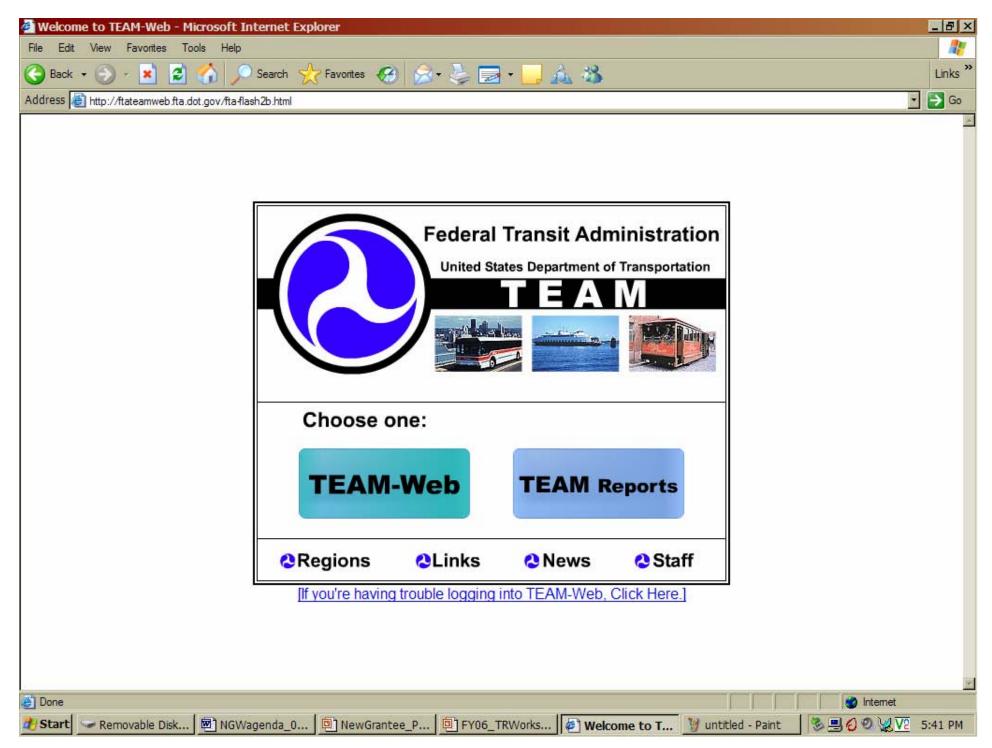
- Legal Authority
- Authorizing Resolution
- Certifications and Assurances
- Program of Projects
- Planning Processes
  - Local Transportation Improvement Plan
  - Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan
  - Unified Planning Work Program

## **Grant Program Prerequisites**

- Environmental Analysis
  - Categorical Exclusions
  - Environmental Assessment
  - Environmental Impact Statements
- Section 106 Historic Properties and Parklands
- Other Environmental Requirements

## **TEAM-Web**

- File annual certifications and assurances
- Apply for grants
- Report progress and expenditures
- Manage FTA funding



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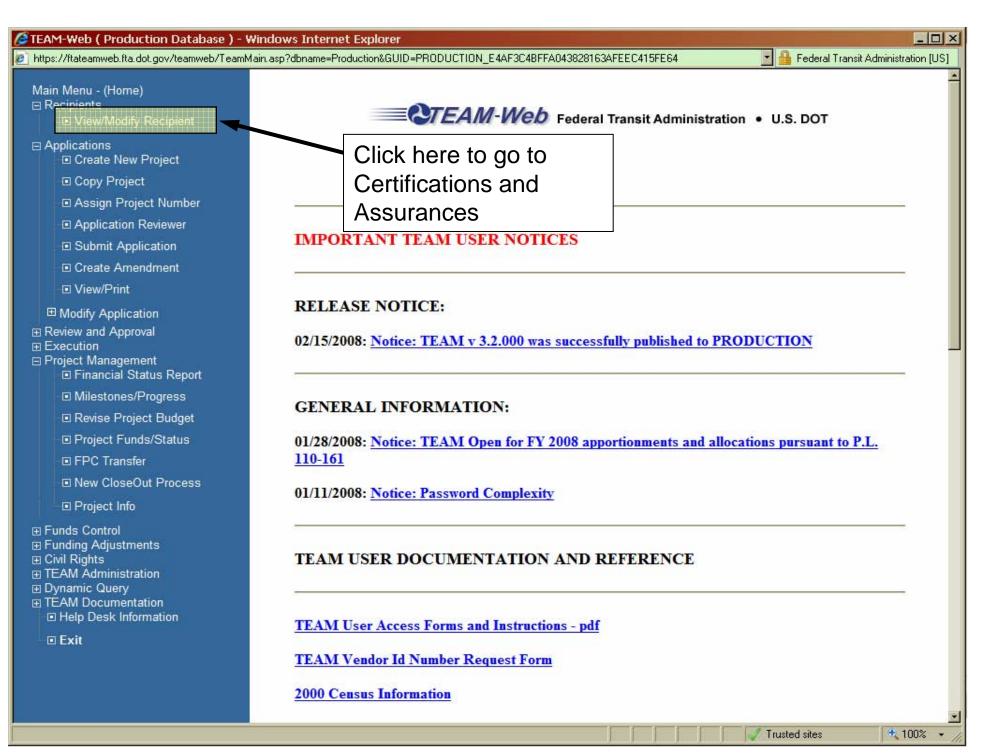
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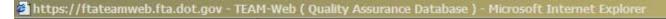
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# **Grant Application**

## **Sample Agency Description**

## ABC Transit

- Population: 85,000
- Number of vehicles: 50 total, 42 peak
- Type of agency: transit authority
- Agency Needs
  - Rolling stock (bus) purchase
  - Preventive maintenance
  - Planning

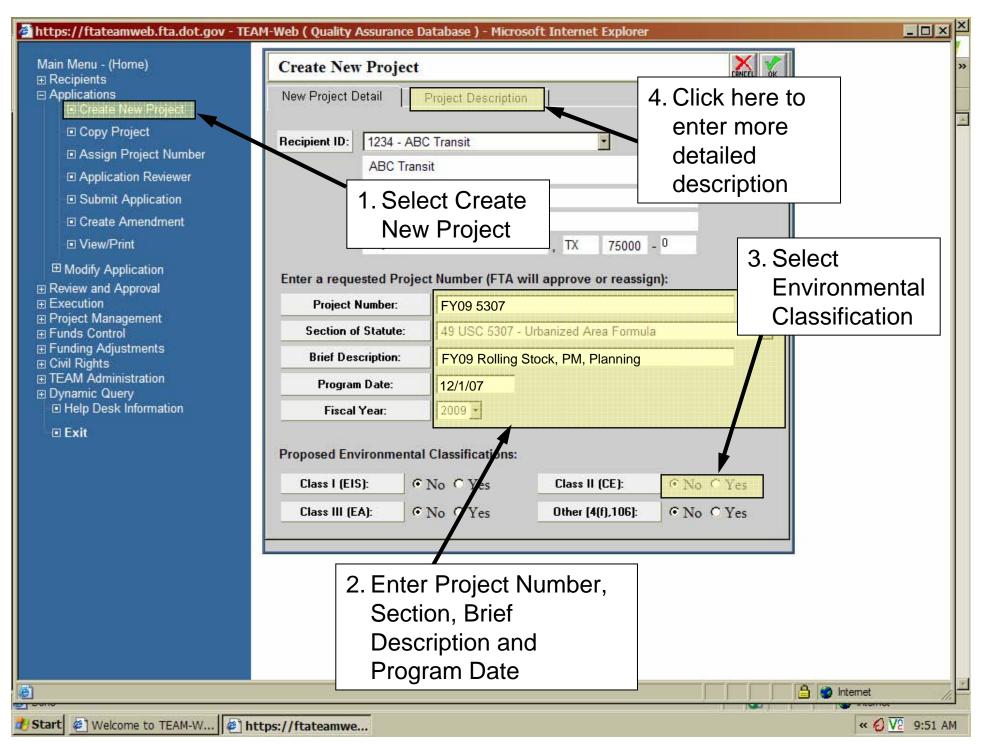
# ABC's Grant Projects & Budgets

- Available 5307 funds: \$858,750
- Rolling stock (bus) purchase
  - Expansion: two 40-foot buses
  - Total Cost \$625,000; FTA Amount \$518,750
- Preventive maintenance
  - Total Cost \$375,000; FTA Amount \$300,000
- Planning
  - Total Cost \$50,000; FTA Amount \$40,000

## **Grant Application**

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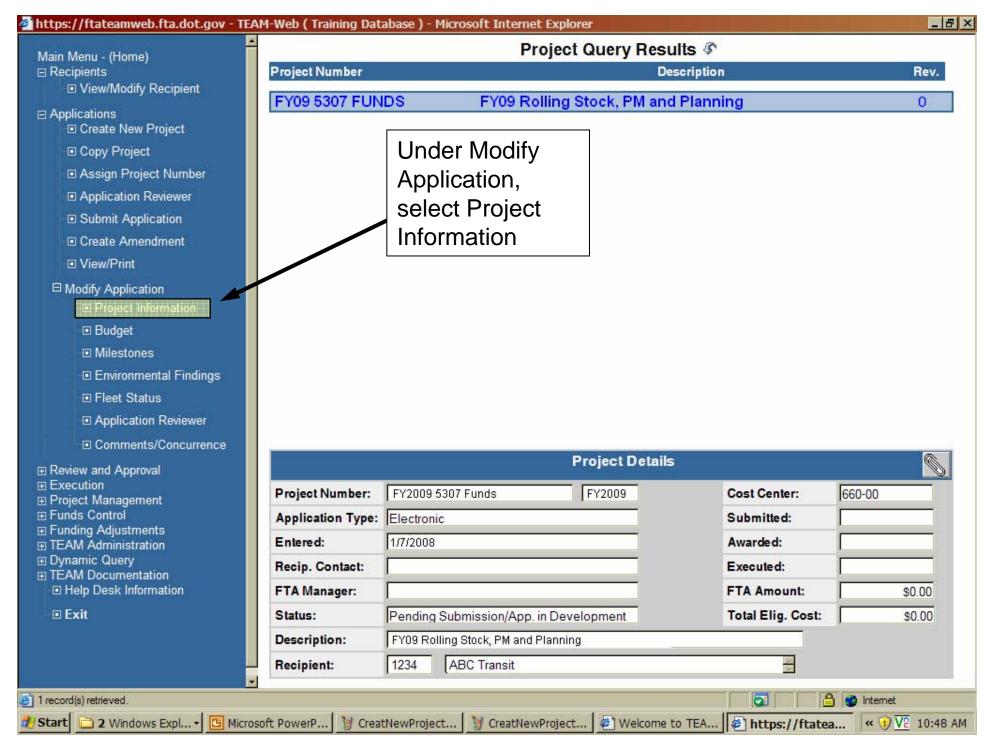
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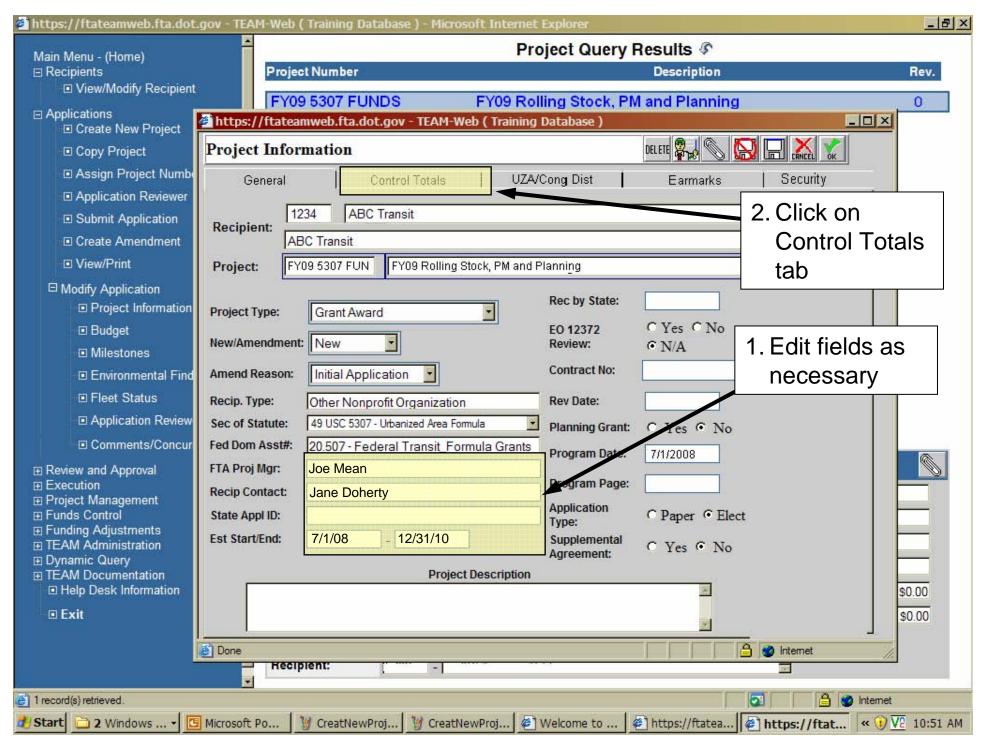


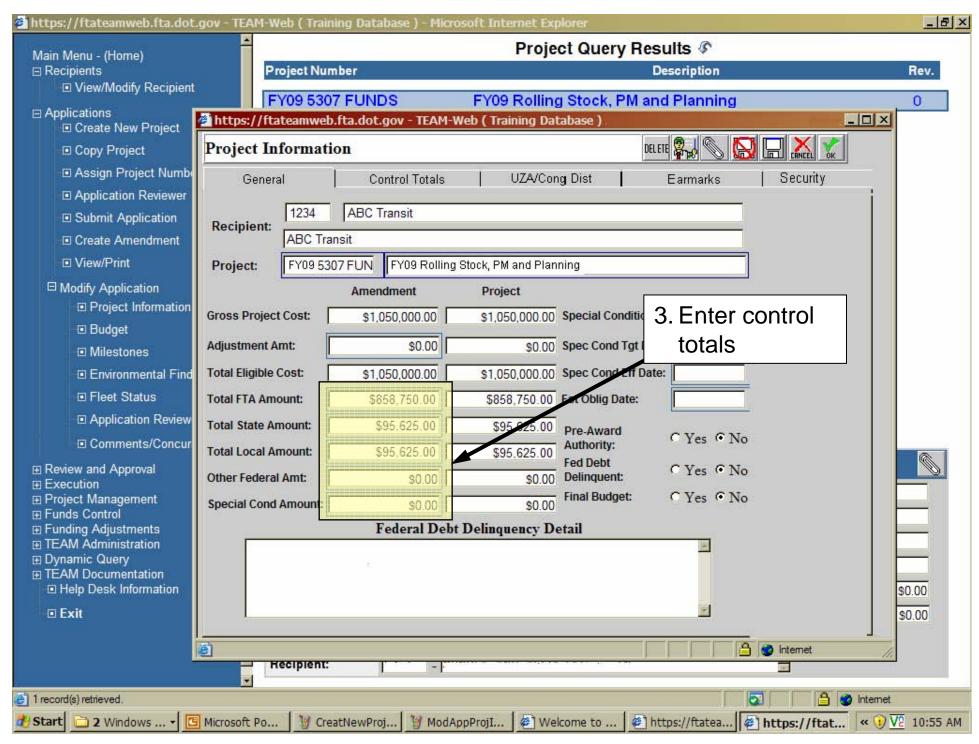
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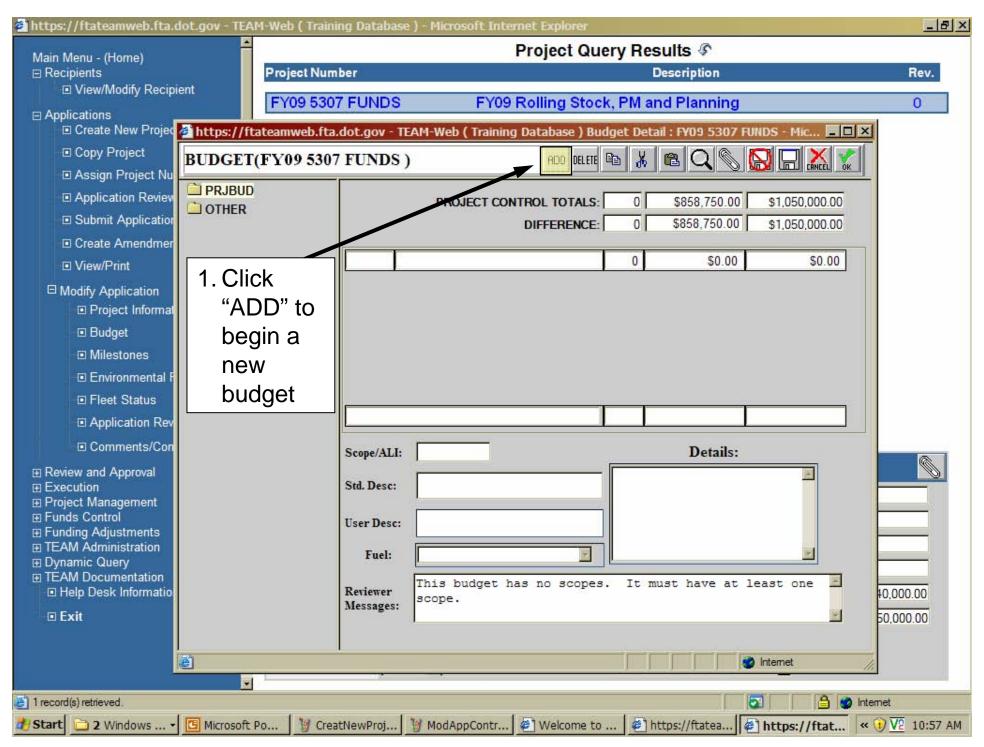


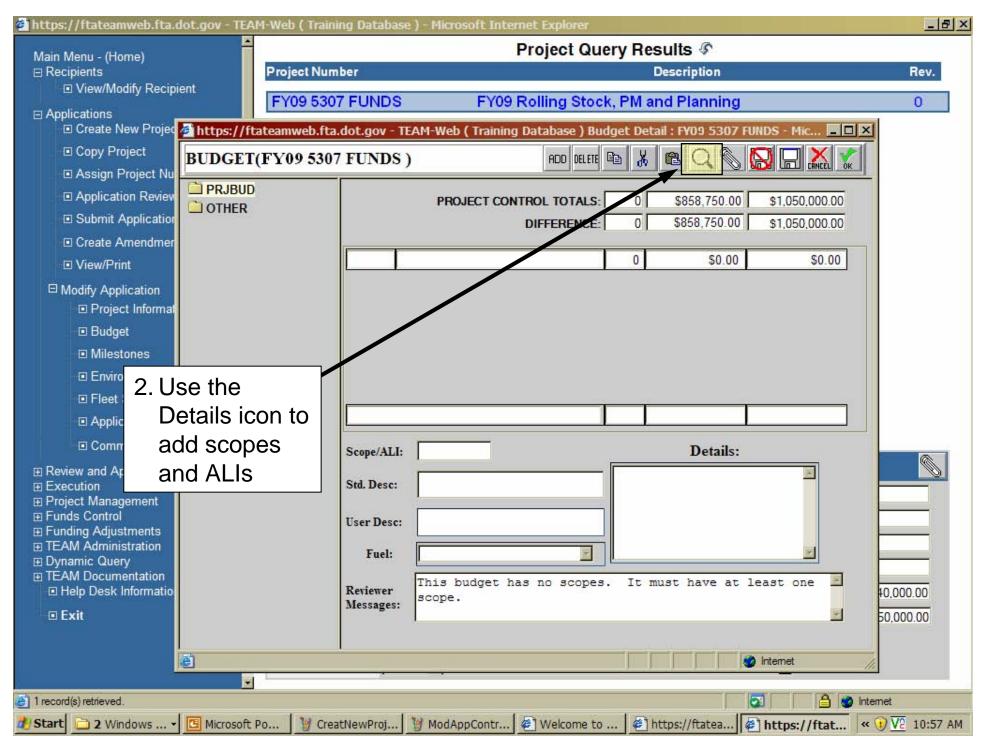
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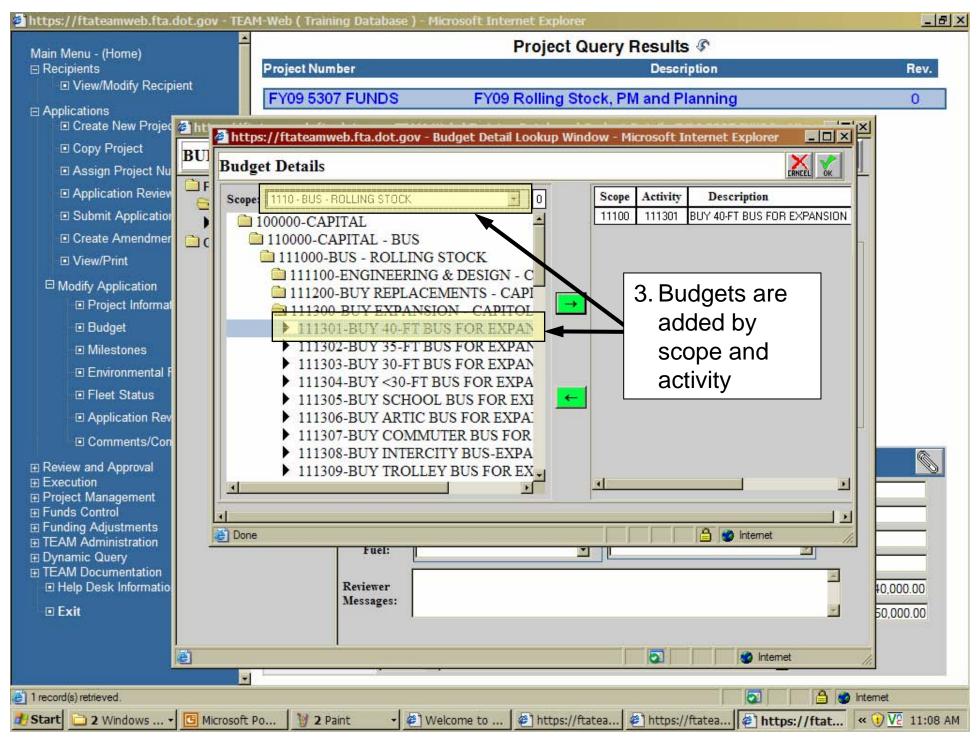
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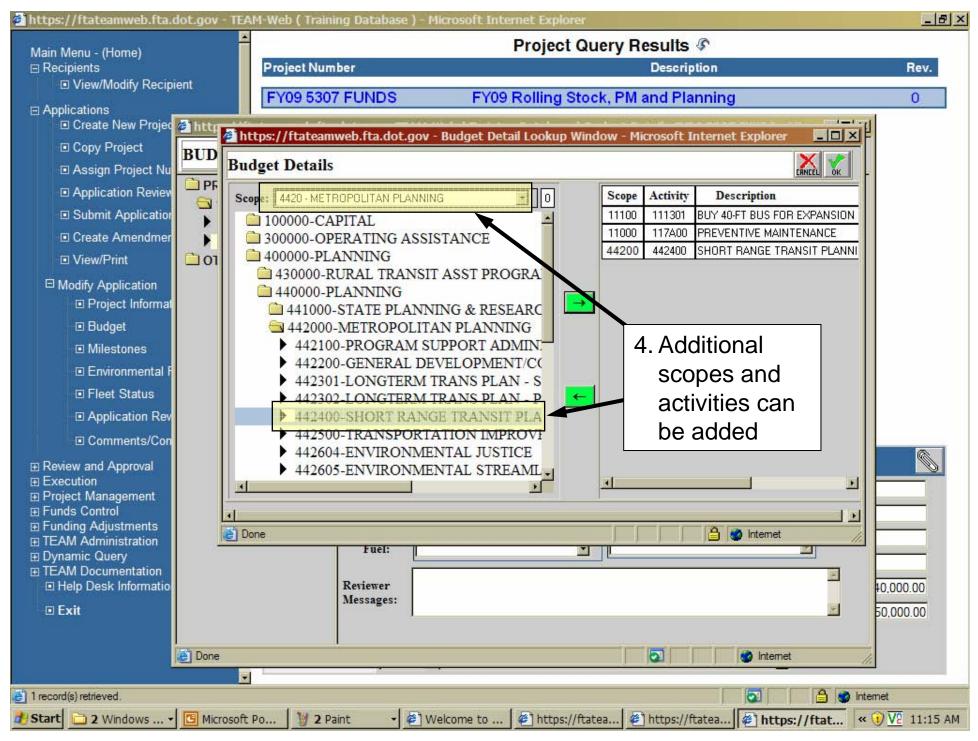
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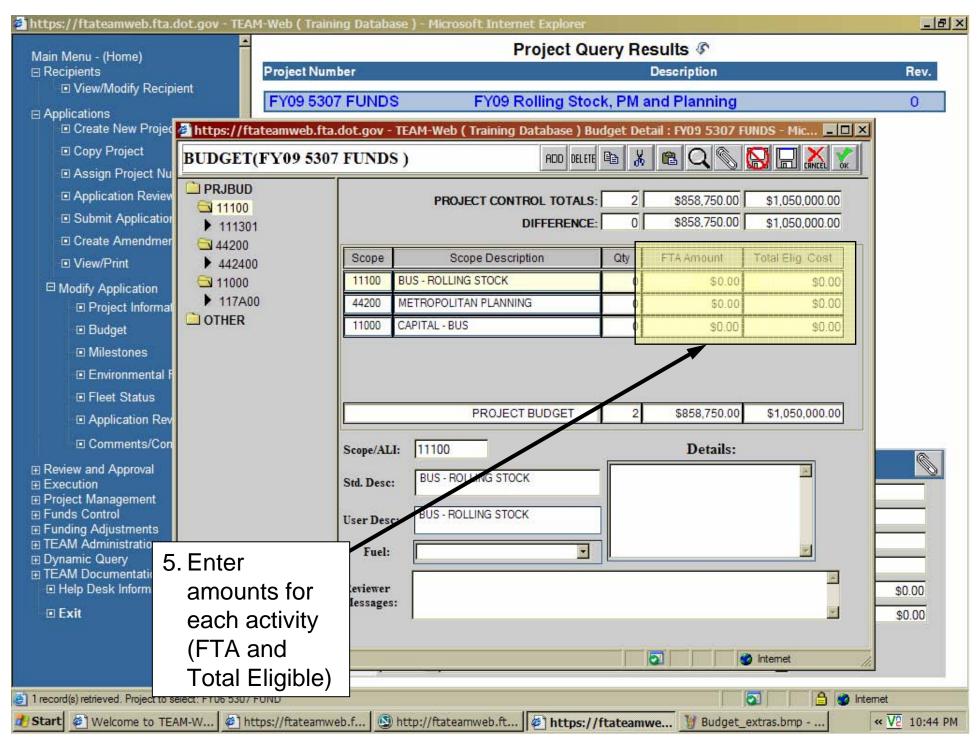
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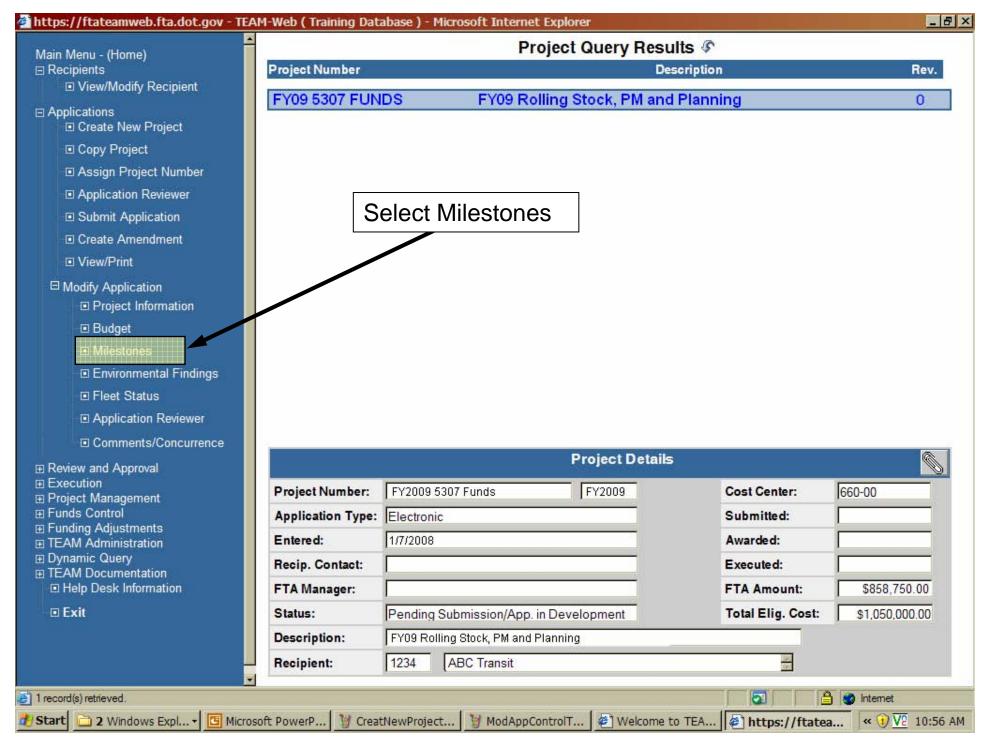


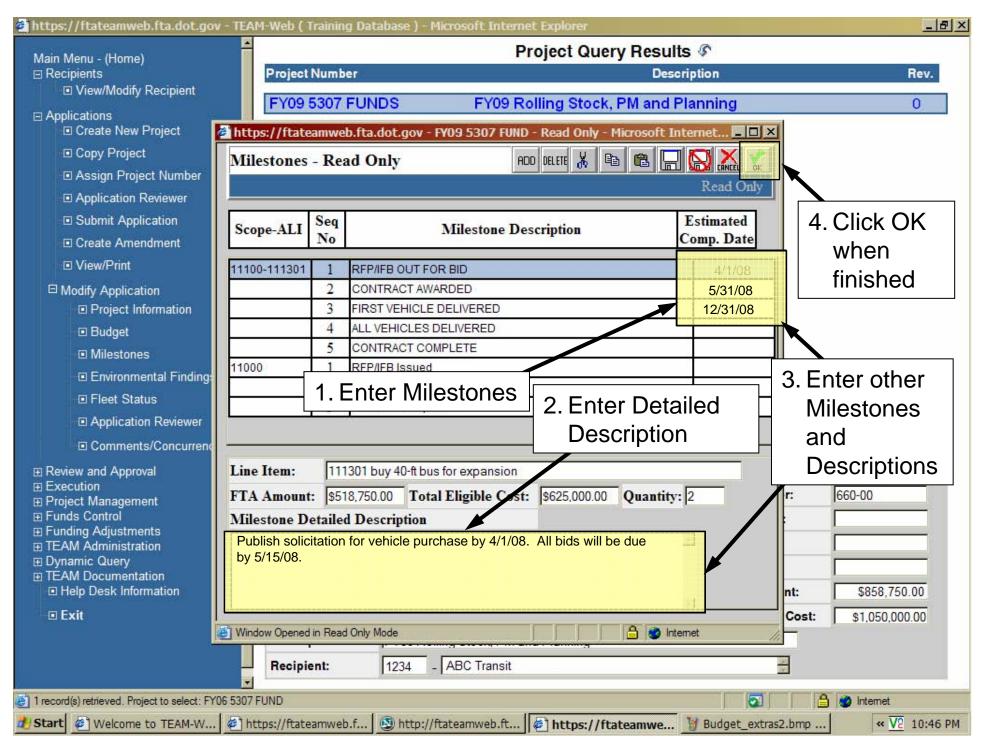




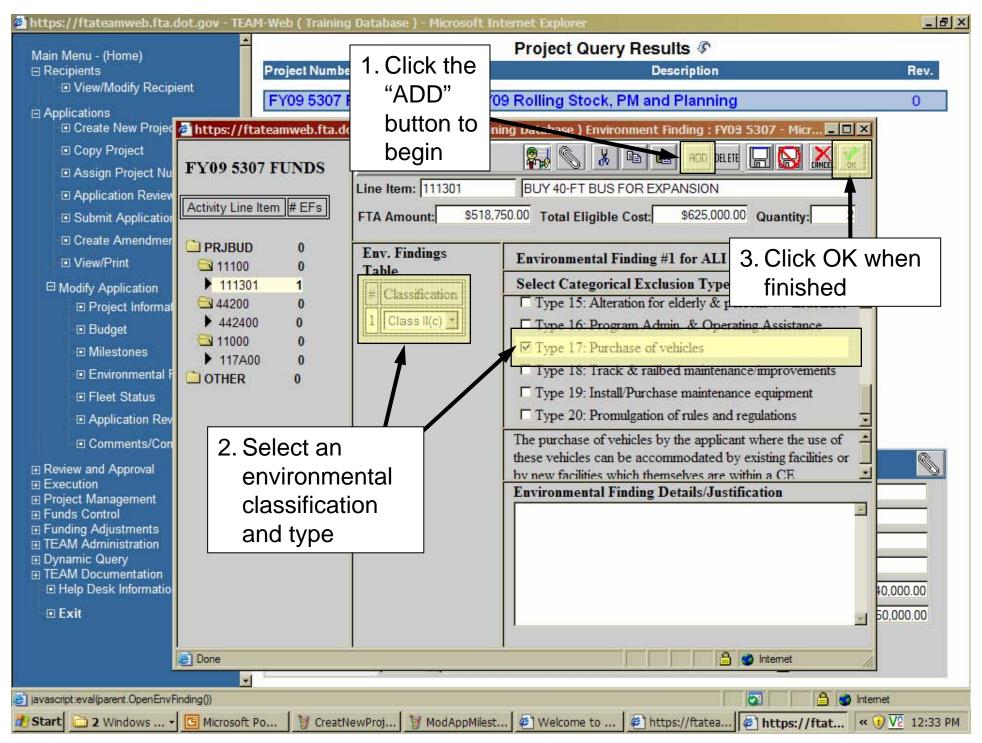


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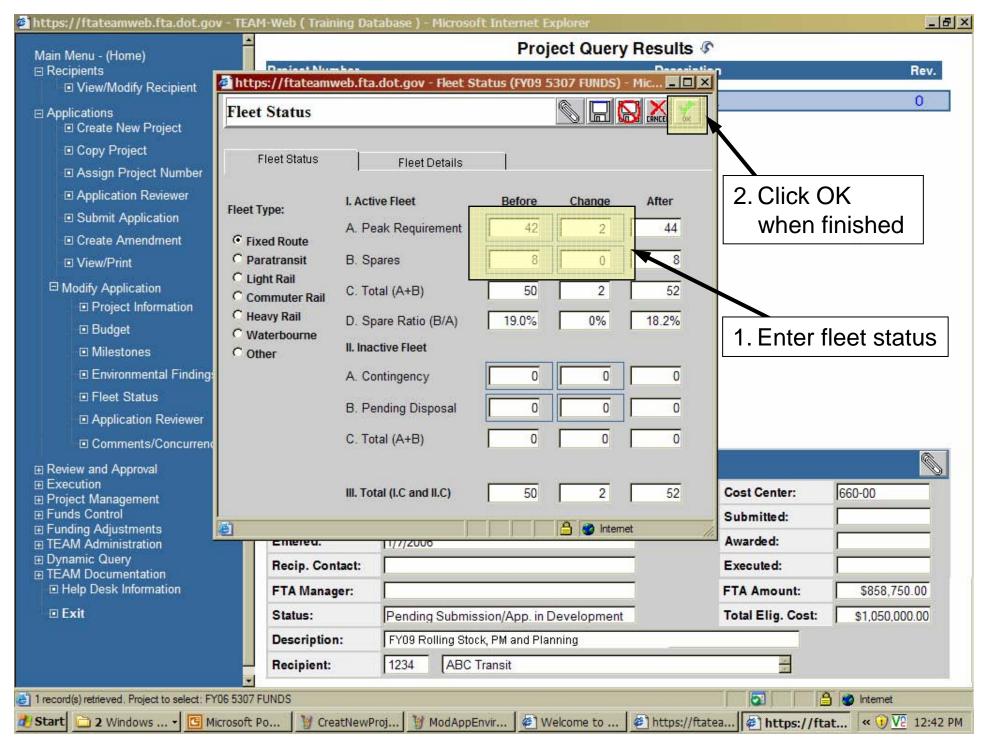




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# **Grant Management**

## **Grant Management**

- FTA Circular 5010.1C
  - Financial Status Reports (FSRs)
  - Milestone Progress Reports (MPRs)
  - ECHO draws
  - Budget Revisions
  - Grant Amendments
  - Grant Closeout
- Activities performed using TEAM-Web

# **Financial Status Reports**

- Due quarterly for grantees in urbanized areas with 200,000 or more in population
- Due annually for grantees in urbanized areas under 200,000 in population
- Due 30 days after end of quarter or fiscal year

# **Financial Status Reports**

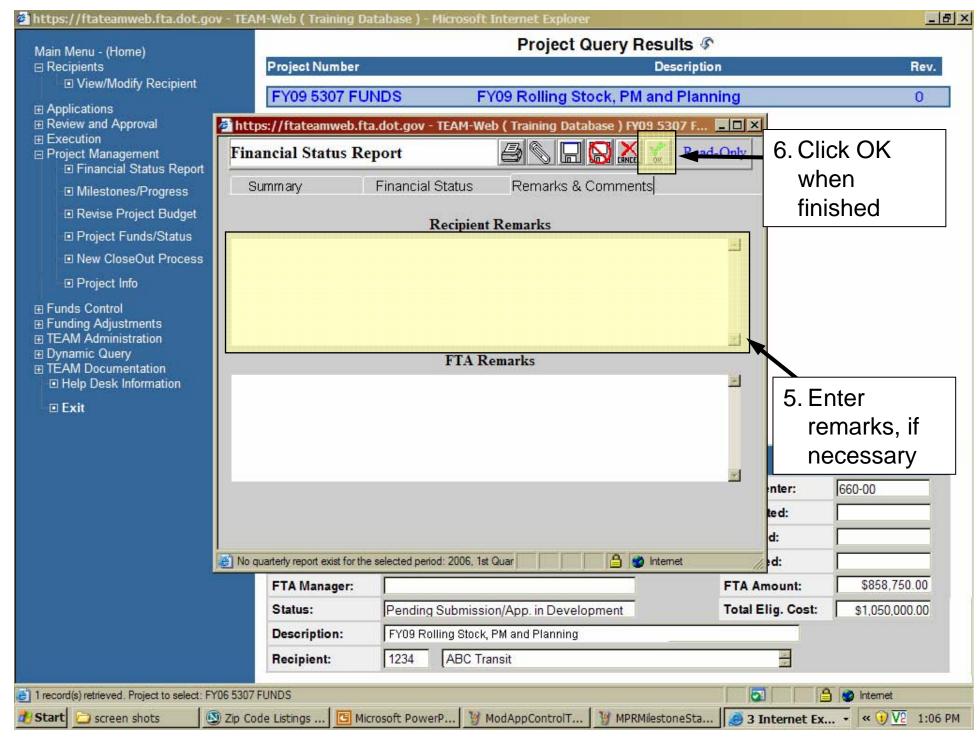
- Report on accrual basis
- Report funds expended and unliquidated obligations
- Report actual, not budgeted, costs

# **Unliquidated Obligations**

- Encumbrance against the grant for which no cash outlay has been recorded (value of goods and services under contract but not yet received)
- Examples:
  - Contract for buses on order
  - Contract for construction services not yet rendered
  - Open purchase orders
  - Contract retentions

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## **Milestone Progress Reports**

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- Due annually for grantees in urbanized areas under 200,000 in population
- Due 30 days after end of quarter or fiscal year

#### **Milestone Progress Reports**

- Check milestones and revise as necessary
- Discuss changes in milestone dates
- Discuss budget or schedule changes
- Discuss problems with projects--delays, cost variances, and other unforeseen events

## **Milestone Progress Reports**

- List outstanding claims over \$100,000 and claims settled
- List change orders exceeding \$100,000, pending or settled
- Report on transit enhancements (4<sup>th</sup> quarter only for designated recipients in urbanized areas of 200,000 or more)
- Submit even when no activity or changes

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# **ECHO Draws**

- Draw funds periodically to ensure timely grant closeout
- For 5307 grants, code draws using proper financial purpose code
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  - 4 operating
  - 8 capital costs of ADA complementary paratransit

# **ECHO** Draws

- Have supervisor review and sign to ensure segregation of duties
- Maintain on file documentation supporting amounts drawn
  - Project expenditure reports
  - Vendor invoices
  - Check/payment issuance
- Disburse funds within three business days

## **Reconcile Grant Balances**

- Frequently reconcile internal grant balances with TEAM and FSR balances
- Reconcile to the financial purpose code level
- Use Project/Funds Status screen in TEAM

## **Revisions vs Amendments**

#### Budget Revision

- Make a change within the scope of the grant
- Do any time
- Grant Amendment
  - Change the scope of the grant or Federal participation
  - Do within the period of availability of funds

#### Budget Revisions Not Requiring FTA Approval

- Transfer funds within scope and between scopes of same matching ratio if under 20 percent
- Add activities within scope

#### Budget Revisions Requiring Prior FTA Approval

- Add, delete or modify work tasks
- Transfer funds exceeding 20 percent of budget
- Increase or reduce number of units where the change does not exceed the greater of 2 units or 20 percent
- Transfer funds between operating scopes
   with different matching ratios

#### **Grant Amendment**

- Increase or reduce number of units where the change exceeds the greater of 2 units or 20 percent
- Add a project scope
- Delete a project scope which changes the grant scope

#### Good Grant Management Practices

- Assign responsibility for grant reporting and ensuring projects are on schedule
- Wait to apply for funds until the project is ready to go
- Sweep grants annually for unexpended project balances
- Spend the oldest funds first

#### Good Grant Management Practices

- Tie contracts to projects, not grants
- Develop a grant drawdown plan
- Report retentions in newest grant
- Complete projects and close grants within period of availability of funds

## **Grant Closeouts**

- Refer to FTA Circular 5010.1C for closeout procedures
- Enter final FSR in TEAM-Web
  - Balance MUST match project funds/status screen
- Enter final MPR in TEAM-Web
  - Should include a discussion of each activity line item (ALI)
  - Must include a list of equipment purchased with grant funds (over \$5K)

## **Grant Closeouts**

- Enter final budget revision in TEAM-Web
  - Reflect actual project costs
  - Request to deobligate remaining funds
- Notify grant manager

