



February 26, 2019

Mr. William E. Nichols, General Manager
Williamsport Bureau of Transportation
1500 West Third Street
Pottsville, Pennsylvania 17701

Re: FY 2019-20 Section 1513 Funding

Dear Mr. Nichols:

As you prepare your proposed budget for the next fiscal year, the allocation of State Act 89 Section 1513 funds for each transportation system and the minimum required local match are necessary for budget development. In addition, this information is critical to secure the appropriate local matching funds. The purpose of this letter is to advise you of these amounts so that you can proceed with budgeting and securing local match for the upcoming fiscal year.

State Section 1513 Operating funding for FY 2019-20 is funded from a variety of sources including a portion of state sales tax, the Public Transportation Assistance Fund, some unrestricted motor license fund fees and a transfer from the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission (PTC). Since 2014, the PTC has annually provided \$450 million per year for transit and multi-modal purposes including \$25 Million to the Section 1513 program. As you may be aware, the PTC suspended its quarterly payments to PennDOT pending the outcome of a lawsuit filed by the trucking industry. The lawsuit has not been settled so we must be conservative in projecting operating funds.

Because of the uncertainty of revenues coming from the Turnpike, we have decided to distribute the same amount of operating funding that was distributed in FY 2018-19 to each transit agency. Therefore, your allocation will be \$4,348,063 in FY 2019-20. As required in Act 44 of 2007, you will be expected to provide local funding of \$405,909, an increase of 5% since you are not at the full 15% match.

We expect to open the Consolidated Operating Assistance (COA) application for FY 2019-20 on April 1, 2019. At that time, staff at public transportation agencies will be able to enter required data in dotGrants to complete the application. Please feel free to contact me or your program manager if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jennie A. Granger". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jennie A. Granger, AICP, Deputy Secretary
Multimodal Transportation