

**AMES TRANSIT AGENCY (CYRIDE)
FFY2026 PROGRAM OF PROJECTS**

Under 49 U.S. C 5307(b) and as a direct recipient of FTA Section 5307 funding, the Ames Transit Agency (CyRide) shall annually develop Program of Projects (POP) and make it available for public review detailing the project purpose and the funding requested. The proposed program of projects has been developed in consultation with interested parties, including private transportation providers and human service organizations.

This POP below details the sub-allocation of Iowa’s FFY2025 Statewide Apportionment of 5307 funds to Ames which may be used for operating support or for capital projects at CyRide’s discretion. In addition to Section 5307, CyRide will be requesting federal funding from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for FY2026 Surface Development Block Grant (STBG) flexible funding which will be used to cover the following projects listed in CyRide’s FFY 2026 POP:

FY2025 Section 5307 Urbanized Apportionment Formula Funding	Percent Federal	Federal	Local	Total
General Operating Assistance	50%	\$4,271,813	\$4,271,813	\$8,543,626
Section 5307 Formula Total		\$4,271,813	\$4,271,813	\$8,543,626

FFY2026 STBG Flex Funding	Percent Federal	Federal	Local	Total
Battery Electric Bus 40 Heavy duty Upgrade (additional funding for battery electric bus)	80%	\$377,050	\$94,263	\$471,313
STBG Flex Total		\$377,050	\$94,263	\$471,313

The descriptions to these above projects are listed on the following page in detail.

Project(s) Description

General Operating Assistance (Section 5307 Funding): General Operating Assistance funding supports the day-to-day transit operations to be applied to reimburse CyRide's employee payroll (driver, maintenance, training/safety & admin wages). Operating expenses can be reimbursed at 50% with the local funding covering the other 50% of the expense. This \$4,271,813 in 5307 funding is approximately 28% of CyRide's annual operating budget. CyRide plans to utilize this funding beginning in October 1, 2025 for the federal fiscal year 2026 budget year.

Battery Electric 40' Heavy Duty Bus Replacement (STBG Funding): A FFY2026 STBG flex funding grant of \$471,313 total (\$377,050) will help upgrade a diesel bus replacement funded by the Iowa DOT to an ADA battery electric bus purchase. CyRide is estimating that the battery-electric bus will cost \$1.2 million. One large forty-foot diesel bus has well exceeded the FTA guidelines for useful life of 12 years when replaced. The bus being replaced will be a 2006 Gillig, unit #504, that is currently 19 years old but will be approximately 21 years when the new bus is finally delivered.

This zero-emission replacement will further CyRide's efforts throughout the Ames community making it even more sustainable.