



TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE GRANT (TAG)

2026-2027 Guidelines and Application

What is the TAG Program? BASIN TRANSIT staff have developed a procurement program from vehicles that results in non-publicly funded income from fees paid by other organizations in order to access BASIN TRANSIT's vehicle purchasing contracts. The BASIN TRANSIT Board has authorized staff in the current budget to fund eligible transportation assistance projects within the Morongo Basin subarea of San Bernardino County.

Applicants are advised that funding availability from this source may be non-recurring as it is subject to the availability of current BASIN TRANSIT staff and market factors the agency may not be able to control.

Eligible Projects: Local government agencies and 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations whose primary program purpose being applied for is to assist in meeting unmet transportation needs, accessing or augmenting BASIN TRANSIT's public transit services.

Examples are:

- Trip reimbursement programs
- Providing matching local funds for federal and other transportation grants
- Operating assistance for services to be used solely for transportation needs of Morongo Basin elderly and disabled
- Match funding assistance for purchasing BASIN TRANSIT passes for eligible groups

Ineligible Projects include, but are not limited to, those undertaken by private firms or individuals, applications for funding wherein the intent is to defray transportation expenses for programs whose primary purpose is not transportation oriented, and programs deemed non-complementary or detrimental to BASIN TRANSIT services. Funding limitations generally preclude the program from fully supporting the acquisition of vehicles, but applicants may apply for matching funds towards gaining federal and other grants as stated above for vehicles and other support.

Submissions for passes are to provide detail on the number and type of bus passes being requested.

Please submit one signed (in blue ink) paper copy of each completed and signed project proposal to: Basin Transit, TAG Program, 62405 Verbena Road, Joshua Tree, CA 92252. For assistance or information regarding the completion of this proposal, call (760) 366-2986 or email joe@basin-transit.com

Verification: Organizations that are making repeat applications from the previous TAG grant cycle must submit a report by 8/10/2026, certifying the outcome of the project for which previous funding was received.

Project Proposal must be received by August 21, 2026 at 5:00 pm.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name of Applicant Organization:

Mailing Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Contact Person:

Title:

Phone: () - ext.

Fax: () -

E-mail Address:

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: USING 100 WORDS OR LESS, PROVIDE A CONCISE DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT BEING APPLIED FOR.**BENEFITS:** USING 50 WORDS OR LESS, EXPLAIN THE BENEFITS THAT WILL BE PROVIDED BY YOUR PROJECT AND HOW THEY FIT IN WITH THE TAG GUIDELINES.**TIMELINE:** IN 50 WORDS OR LESS, PROVIDE A TIMELINE FOR IMPLEMENTATION AND COMPLETION OF PROJECT.**OUTCOME AND VERIFICATION:** IN 75 WORDS OR LESS, DESCRIBE HOW YOUR AGENCY WILL CERTIFY TO BASIN TRANSIT THAT THE AWARDED FUNDS WERE USED AS INTENDED AND DOCUMENT THE OUTCOMES OF YOUR PROJECT. INCLUDE THE DATE(S) WHEN THIS REPORTING AND CERTIFICATION WILL BE COMPLETED.

PROJECT REQUEST FORM

AGENCY NAME: _____

PROJECT TITLE: _____

EXPENSE DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	Comment
PERSONNEL: <i>(Example: drivers, scheduler, trainer, etc)</i>		
A.	\$	
B.	\$	
C.	\$	
D.	\$	
NON-PERSONNEL: <i>(Example: fuel, rent, insurance, utilities, etc)</i>		
A.	\$	
B.	\$	
C.	\$	
D.	\$	
E.	\$	
F.	\$	
PASSES: (Provide detail on type and # of passes requested)		
A.	\$	
B.	\$	
C.	\$	
D.	\$	
TOTAL EXPENSES:		\$

BUS PASSES			
TYPE OF BUS PASS	COST OF PASS	QTY. OF PASSES	EXTENDED COST OF REQUESTED PASSES
STANDARD INDIVIDUAL DAY PASS	\$ 3.75		\$
BOOK OF 20 STANDARD INDIVIDUAL DAY PASSES	\$ 75.00		\$
STANDARD 31-DAY GO PASS	\$ 40.00		\$
SENIOR & DISABLED DISCOUNTED 31-DAY GO PASS	\$ 25.00		\$
PALM SPRINGS 10-RIDE PUNCH PASS (VALID ON ROUTE 12 ONLY)	\$ 42.00		\$
SENIOR & DISABLED 10-PUNCH READY RIDE PASS	\$ 12.50		\$
SENIOR & DISABLED 20-PUNCH READY RIDE PASS	\$ 25.00		\$
TOTAL AMOUNT IN BUS PASSES REQUESTED			\$

MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION COMMITMENT: The governing body of the below- named public, quasi-public, or non-profit entity has the financial capacity and is willing to assume the Maintenance and Operations (M&O) responsibility and costs associated with the indicated community development project. This body has reviewed the “Estimated Annual Maintenance and Operations Budget” part of this section. To the best of this body’s ability, it has determined this budget to be a true and accurate estimate of the annual M&O costs for the proposed project.

It is understood that without a commitment to maintenance and operations, the indicated project may not be considered for funding under the Transit Assistance Grant Program. Should this project be funded, a formal M&O contract between BASIN TRANSIT and the M&O entity shall be written and signed before any funds can be released.

INDEMNIFICATION: Recipient shall defend, indemnify and hold BASIN TRANSIT “Morongo Basin Transit Authority”, its directors, officials, officers, employees, agents and/or volunteers free and harmless from any and all liability from loss, damage, or injury to property or persons, including wrongful death, in any manner arising out of or incident to any acts, omissions or willful misconduct of Recipient or any of its agents, employees,

volunteers, or service providers arising out of or in connection with Recipient's performance of this Agreement, including without limitation the payment of consequential damages and attorneys' fees. Further, Recipient shall defend at its own expense, including the payment of attorneys' fees, BASIN TRANSIT, its officials, officers, employees, and agents in any legal action based upon such acts, omissions or willful misconduct. Recipient shall reimburse BASIN TRANSIT and its directors, officials, officers, employees, agents and/or volunteers, for any and all legal expenses and costs incurred by each of them in connection therewith or in enforcing the indemnity herein provided.

REPORTING: If awarded, Recipient agency agrees to satisfactorily report project outcomes by time and date specified in this proposal. Failure to satisfactorily submit this item may result in ineligibility for future projects or funding from the TAG program.

Signature: _____

Title: _____

Print Name: _____

Date: / / _____

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE: To the best of my knowledge, the information provided on this application is true and I am authorized to submit this application on behalf of the applicant organization.

Signature: _____

Title: _____

Print Name: _____

Date: / / _____