

## **NOTICE OF PROPOSED GUIDANCE DOCUMENT**

### **DTIM BTLRRH 55**

Pursuant to Wis. Stat. s. 227.112, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation is hereby seeking comment on DTIM BTLRRH 55, Wisconsin state statute 85.215, a proposed guidance document.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS AND DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION**

Comments may be submitted to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation for 21 days by:

1. Department's website: <https://appengine.egov.com/apps/wi/dot/guidance-docs?guidDocId=DTIMBTLRRH55>

2. Mailing written comments to:

Division of Transportation Investment Management  
Wisconsin Department of Transportation  
4822 Madison Yards Way  
PO Box 7913  
Madison, WI 53707- 7913

### **WEBSITE LOCATION OF FINAL GUIDANCE DOCUMENT**

The final version of this guidance document will be posted at [wisconsindot.gov](http://wisconsindot.gov) to allow for ongoing comment.

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# Tribal Transportation for Elders

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The Tribal Elderly Transportation Assistance Program provides the eleven federally recognized Tribes of Wisconsin with financial assistance to provide transportation services to tribal elders both on and off the reservations.

## Annual allocation

The Governor's biennial budget includes an appropriation under §85.215 Wis. Stats in the amount of \$396,000 annually. Wisconsin's Federally-recognized Tribes determine the distribution of these grant funds. At present, all eleven Tribes that submit an application by the deadline will receive an equal share of annual appropriation.

Eligible expenditures include:

- Directly provide service to tribal elders
- Purchase transportation service from a public or private organization
- Directly reimburse elder passengers for their use of transportation service
- Volunteer driver escort reimbursement
- Reimburse elderly persons for use of their personal means of transportation under certain conditions
- Perform or purchase planning or management studies on transportation
- Coordinate transportation services

- Perform or Purchase in-service training relating to transportation service
- Co-payments (fares or donations)

## Annual application

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT), in collaboration with the Tribal Aging Units, developed an 85.215 Grant Application. WisDOT administers this grant application on-line through WisDOT's [BlackCat® Grant Management System](#).

**The application was released September 5, 2018, for submission in December.**

The BlackCat® website requires a user name and password. If you are new user to BlackCat® and/or need your password reset, please contact WisDOT 85.215 Program Manager, [John Swissler](#), for assistance.

If you have questions regarding the 85.215 program, please contact the WisDOT Specialized Transit Program Manager:

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