

8835.0270 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.

Subpart 1. **Allocation priorities.** The department shall allocate financial assistance to recipients for purposes of the public transit participation program according to the following order of priority:

- A. first priority: operating costs for existing public transit systems;
- B. second priority: capital costs for existing public transit systems; and
- C. third priority: operating and capital costs for the provision of public transit services in a community or area not currently served by public transit.

Subp. 2. **Determination of financial assistance.** To determine financial assistance, the department shall review an applicant's management plan and evaluate the proposed public transit system by considering:

- A. the degree to which the proposed system meets the objectives of the public transit participation program;
- B. the accessibility of the proposed system to the general public, including persons with disabilities;
- C. the amount of local government and community support for the proposed system;
- D. the plan for continuation of the proposed system after the first year; and
- E. the plan for coordination of transit services in the geographical area.

The department shall evaluate the budget, service delivery and design, and administration of a public transit system. The department shall compare the past performance of a transit system to its current performance and to the performance of other similar transit systems. To measure the performance of a public transit system, the department shall consider cost efficiency, cost-effectiveness, service effectiveness, and quality.

Subp. 3. **Approval of management plan.** The department shall approve a management plan for incorporation into a financial assistance contract after determining the reasonable costs of the proposed public transit system.

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