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I disagree with the distribution of the State Match Funds outlined by the DOT office. In my understanding the intention of these funds all along has been match for Operating funds. Not equipment, start-ups or mobility management. I think the suggested distribution sets a precedence that dilutes the original intention of the funds requested and creates expectations for funds that may come available in future years. In addition purchase of service grants are able to use the client's fares to leverage their grant funds, while 5311 (I am not sure about 5309) grant funds cannot be leveraged with fares.

In my opinion the state match funds should be awarded to transit systems only.

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