

Application for Transportation Operating Assistance

FY2019 Rural Operating Assistance Program Funds

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Application Completed by: _____ Date: _____
Signature

I certify that the content of this application is complete and accurately describes the county's administration of the ROAP Program, and the use of the ROAP funds in accordance with applicable state guidelines. I certify and understand that if the quarterly milestone reports are not submitted on or before the due dates that ½ of 1 percent per business day, beginning the day after the due date until the date the report is received, will be deducted from the following quarter's disbursement. I certify and understand that any quarterly unspent funds will be deducted from the following quarter's allocation and the total amount of unspent funds at the end of the period of performance will be deducted from the following year's allocation.

County Manager: _____ Date: _____
Signature

County Finance Officer: _____ Date: _____
Signature

Application Instructions

County officials should read the **ROAP Program Administration Guide** which contains guidance on the administration of the ROAP Program and information about the preparation of grant applications.

- The application must be completed by an official of the county or his/her designee.
- Click on the **gray rectangle** and type each answer. If necessary, the text will automatically wrap to the next row. The answer may wrap to the next page if necessary.
- If the county wishes to explain their response to any questions or provide more information, the county may include additional pages with this application form. All the pages of the application and any pages added by the applicant should be scanned into the same file.
- If there are questions regarding this application, contact the NCDOT-PTD Mobility Development Specialist assigned to the area served by the transit system.

FY2019 ROAP Program Schedule

Application Deadline	August 27, 2018
Disbursement #1	September 15, 2018
Disbursement #2	January 15, 2019
Milestone Reports	
Quarter 1 Milestone Report due	October 31, 2018
Quarter 2 Milestone Report due	January 31, 2019
Quarter 3 Milestone Report due	April 30, 2019
Quarter 4 Milestone Report due	August 31, 2019* (Annual)

County's Management of ROAP Funds

County governments or regional public transportation authorities created pursuant to Article 25 or Article 26 of Chapter 160A of the General Statutes (upon written agreement with municipalities or counties served) are the only eligible applicants for ROAP funds. As a recipient of ROAP funds, the county must implement administrative processes that will ensure the following:

- ROAP funds are expended on needs identified through a public involvement and/or planning process
- **ROAP funds are expended on only eligible activities as described in Appendix A of the ROAP Guidance. A county that uses any ROAP funds for non-public transportation trips will have a penalty of 10% assessed on all amounts of ROAP funds misspent.**
- Supporting documentation of expenditures is maintained
- Service recipients meet eligibility requirements and their eligibility is documented
- Trips funded with ROAP funding are monitored and evaluated throughout the period of performance
- An accounting of trips and expenditures is provided in quarterly reports to NCDOT
- ROAP funds received and expended are included in the local annual audit

Transportation Needs and Public Involvement in Funding Decisions	Yes	No
A. Did the county ask the Community Transportation Advisory Board (TAB), which is affiliated with the Community Transportation System, to recommend how the ROAP funds should be sub-allocated?		X
B. Were outreach efforts conducted to inform agencies about the availability of ROAP funds and to discuss transportation needs BEFORE the county decided how to sub-allocate the ROAP funds?	X	

C. Is the method used to sub-allocate the ROAP funds fair and equitable? Open and transparent?	X	
Financial Management of ROAP Funds	Yes	No
D. Does the county pass through any ROAP funds to agencies or organizations that are not county governmental departments or agencies?		X
E. If yes, does the county have a written agreement with these agencies that addresses the proper use, return and accountability of these funds? <i>(Include a sample agreement with application)</i>		
F. Do any of the organizations or departments receiving ROAP funds plan to use private transit contractors to provide the ROAP funded trips? <i>(Their procurement practices will need to meet all federal and state requirements for procurement of professional services.)</i>	X	
G. Are ROAP funds being deposited in an interest bearing account?	X	
H. Does the county provide any local funds for transportation operating assistance to any of the ROAP sub-recipients in addition to the state ROAP funds?	X	
I. Is supporting documentation maintained for all ROAP grant financial transactions for five years? IMPORTANT: Yes is the only correct answer.	X	
Monitoring and Oversight Responsibilities	Yes	No
J. Does the county require the subrecipients of ROAP funds to provide progress reports and statistical data about the trips provided with ROAP funds?	X	
K. If progress reports and/or operating statistical reports are required by the county, how frequently are these provided to the county for evaluation?		
L. Does the county require the subrecipients of ROAP funds to use the coordinated transportation services of the federally funded Community Transportation System operating in the county?	X	
Accountability to North Carolina Taxpayers	Yes	No
M. Is the county prepared to provide documentation that an eligible citizen was provided an eligible service or trip on the billed date, by whatever conveyance, at the specified cost?	X	

Elderly and Disabled Transportation Assistance Program

The Elderly and Disabled Transportation Assistance Program (EDTAP), originally enacted by legislation in the 1989 Session of the North Carolina General Assembly (Article 2B, 136-44.27), provides operating assistance funds for the transportation of the state's elderly and disabled citizens. This transportation assistance allows the elderly and disabled to reside for a longer period in their homes, thereby enhancing their quality of life.

Organizations or Departments Receiving EDTAP Funds	How will the transportation services be provided	Name of Transportation Provider	EDTAP Suballocation	Estimated One Way	Avg. Cost of
DSS/SFA/MTS			\$292,720	19,023	\$
	Agency Staff Drivers	MTS	\$15,081	1,912	\$ 27.42
	Taxi/Private Providers	Royal, Prestige, A1, City, Crown	\$ 277,631	17111	\$16.30
			\$		\$
			\$		\$
			\$		\$
			\$		\$
			\$		\$
			\$		\$
			\$		\$
			\$		\$
TOTAL			\$ 292,720	19,023	
Elderly and Disabled Transportation Assistance Program Questions					
N. What will be the purposes of the trips provided with EDTAP funds? (Check all that apply) <input type="checkbox"/> Personal care activities, medical appointments, pharmacy pick-up, shopping, bill paying, meetings, classes, banking <input type="checkbox"/> Job interviews, job fair attendance, job readiness activities or training, GED classes <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation to workplace <input type="checkbox"/> Group field trips/tours to community special events (Federal charter regulations apply to transit.) <input type="checkbox"/> Overnight trips to out-of-county destinations (Federal charter regulations apply to transit) <input type="checkbox"/> Human service agency appointments					
Elderly and Disabled Transportation Assistance Program Questions (con't)			Yes	No	
O. Does the federally funded Community Transportation System operating in your county receive a sub-allocation of EDTAP funds?			X		
P. Will any of the subrecipients use their EDTAP sub-allocation as matching funds for any of the following programs? (Matching funds for operating assistance or purchase of service only.) 5310 – Elderly Individuals and Individuals with Disabilities Program 5311 - Non-urbanized Area Formula Program 5316 – Job Access and Reverse Commute Program (JARC) 5317 – New Freedom Program				X	
Q. Will any of the subrecipients of EDTAP funds charge a fare for an EDTAP funded trip?			X		
R. EDTAP funded trips are expected to be provided throughout the entire year. If the EDTAP funds are expended in less than a year, will the county provide county funds to prevent the discontinuation of transportation trips?			X		

Employment Transportation Assistance Program

The Employment Transportation Assistance Program (EMPL) is intended to help DSS clients that transitioned from Work First or TANF in the last 12 months, Workforce Development Program participants and/or the general public to travel to work, employment training and/or other employment related destinations.

Organizations or Departments Receiving EMPL Funds	How will the transportation services be provided	Name of Transportation Provider	EMPL Suballocation	Estimated One Way Trips	Avg. Cost of Trip
DSS Community Resources	Public Transportation	CATS	\$ 228,730	94,602	\$ 2.42
			\$		\$
			\$		\$
			\$		\$
			\$		\$
			\$		\$
			\$		\$
			\$		\$
			\$		\$
			\$		\$
			\$		\$
TOTAL			\$ 228,730	94,602	
Employment Transportation Program Questions					
<p>S. What will be the purposes of the transportation services provided with EMPL funds? <i>(Check all that apply)</i></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Job interviews, job fair attendance, job readiness activities or training</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation to workplace (Scheduled by the individual only. No agency scheduled trips.)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Child(ren) of working parent transported to Child Care</p>					
<p>T. Describe the eligibility criteria to be used in this county to determine who will be provided EMPL funded trips.</p> <p>Clients who are participating in employment related activities and not currently receiving TANF (unless payee only) are eligible to apply for EMPL funds. Those participating in this program will have to provide verification of employment and/or employment training enrollment in a local training program.</p>					

Employment Transportation Assistance Program Questions (con't)	Yes	No
U. Does the federally funded Community Transit System operating in your county receive a sub-allocation of EMPL funds?		X
V. Will any of the subrecipients of EMPL funds charge a fare for an EMPL funded trip?		X
W. Has the county transferred any EMPL funds to EDTAP or RGP in the last two years?		X
<p>X. Will any of the subrecipients use their EMPL sub-allocation as matching funds for any of the following programs? <i>(Matching funds for operating assistance or purchase of service only.)</i></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">5310 – Elderly Individuals and Individuals with Disabilities Program</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">5311 - Non-urbanized Area Formula Program</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">5316 – Job Access and Reverse Commute Program (JARC)</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">5317 – New Freedom Program</p>		X
Y. EMPL funded trips are expected to be provided throughout the entire year. If the EDTAP funds are expended in less than a year, will the county provide county funds to prevent the discontinuation of transportation trips?		X

Rural General Public Program

The Rural General Public Program assistance funds are intended to provide transportation services for individuals from the county who do not have a human service agency or organization to pay for the trip. The county, in consultation with the Community Transportation System, must determine the RGP services to be provided with the RGP funds. RGP funds are only available to Coordinated Transportation Systems offering general public transportation in the non-urbanized area of the county.

Organizations or Departments Receiving RGP Funds	How will the transportation services be provided	Name of Transportation Provider	RGP Suballocation	Estimated One Way Trips	Avg. Cost of Trip
DSS/SFA/MTS	Public Transportation, Taxi	MTS, Royal, A1, Crown, City, Prestige	\$ 46,272	1,200	\$ 39.56
			\$		\$
			\$		\$
			\$		\$
			\$		\$
			\$		\$
			\$		\$
			\$		\$
			\$		\$
			\$		\$
TOTAL			\$ 46,272	1,200	

Rural General Public Transportation Program Questions			
Z. What will be the trip purposes of the transportation services provided with RGP funds? <i>(Check all that apply)</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Personal care activities, medical appointments, pharmacy pick-up, shopping, bill paying, meetings, classes, banking <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Job interviews, job fair attendance, job readiness activities or training, GED classes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation to workplace (Scheduled by the individual only. No agency scheduled trips.) <input type="checkbox"/> Child(ren) of working parent transported to child care <input type="checkbox"/> Group field trips/tours to community special events (Federal charter regulations apply to transit.) <input type="checkbox"/> Overnight trips to out-of-county destinations (Federal charter regulations apply to transit.) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Human service agency appointments			
Rural General Public Program Questions (con't)		Yes	No
AA. Will RGP trips be provided for citizens who need transportation but don't have a human service agency or organization to pay for the trip?		X	
AB. Since the subrecipient can only use RGP funds to pay for 90% of the cost of a trip, will the Community Transportation System use fare revenue to generate the local 10% match requirement for RGP funds?		X	
AC. Will RGP funded trips be coordinated on vehicles with human service agency trips?		X	
AD. Will the Community Transportation System use any of their RGP sub-allocation as matching funds for any of the following programs? <i>(Matching funds for operating assistance or purchase of service only)</i> 5310 – Elderly Individuals and Individuals with Disabilities Program 5311 - Non-urbanized Area Formula Program 5316 – Job Access and Reverse Commute Program (JARC) 5317 – New Freedom Program			X
AE. Is any part of the county in an urbanized area according to the 2010 census?		X	

AF. RGP funded trips are expected to be provided throughout the entire year. If the RGP funds are expended in less than a year, will the county provide county funds to prevent the discontinuation of transportation trips?		X
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