



ROWAN TRANSIT SYSTEM

2726 Old Concord Road, Salisbury North Carolina 28146

MEMORANDUM

To: Rowan County Board of Commissioners
CC: Aaron Church, County Manager
From: Valerie Steele, Airport & Transit Director
Date: September 9, 2022
Re: FY23 ROAP Grant

The NC Department of Transportation released the application for the FY23 Rural Operating Assistance Program (ROAP) on August 30, 2022, which is funded by the NC General Assembly. This program consolidates three different state transportation programs into a single application making Rowan County eligible to apply for **\$229,579** in transit operating funds. The Board of Commissioners is the only eligible applicant with the decision-making authority on how ROAP funding will be used in Rowan County. The deadline to apply for the grant is September 30, 2022.

The RTS Advisory Committee is making the following recommendations:

1. **To apply for \$107,337 in Elderly & Disabled Transportation Program (EDTAP).** No local match.
The purpose of EDTAP funding is to provide additional transportation for Elderly & Disabled.
The funds cannot replace existing funding for transportation.
The RTS Advisory Committee recommends the following sub-allocations:

Rowan Transit- \$80,484 Trinity Living Center- \$16,112 Therapeutic Recreation- \$10,741

2. **To apply for \$88,613 [90%] in Rural General Public (RGP):** \$9,846 [10% match]; Total \$98,459
These funds must be used to provide general public transportation for rural county residents who travel to any public destination. RGP is used for our RITA service. Passengers are picked up at their home for life sustaining trips to doctors, pharmacies, grocery shopping, public agency appointments, and dialysis. Public passengers under 60 years of age pay a \$2.00 fare that helps pay the program match. The balance of matching funds from the county is in the approved RTS Operating Budget.
3. **To apply for \$33,629 in Employment Transportation.** 100% grant funding
These funds are used for the general public to travel to work and/or other employment related destinations. Under new program guidelines only trip-based services are considered an eligible expense.

**Board
Action**

☐ **Authorize the County Manager to execute the NCDOT Grant Certification Statement and MOA assuring that Rowan County will use the ROAP funding in a manner consistent with the State Management Plan.**