



# ROWAN TRANSIT SYSTEM

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## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Rowan County Board of Commissioners  
**CC:** Aaron Church, County Manager  
**From:** Valerie Steele, Airport & Transit Director  
**Date:** October 27, 2022  
**Re:** FY23 ROAP Grant Increased Allocation

The NC Department of Transportation has released the updated FY23 Rural Operating Assistance Program (ROAP) allocations which increased Rowan County's overall transit operating funding. On September 19, 2022, the Board of Commissioners approved for Rowan County to make application for the original \$229,579. The overall Rowan County allocation has been increased to \$273,787.

The RTS Advisory Committee is making the following recommendations:

1. Allocation of **\$128,006 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- \$95,906 Trinity Living Center- \$19,300 Therapeutic Recreation- \$12,800**

2. Allocation of **\$105,767 in Rural General Public (RGP)**. No longer requires 10% Local Match *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. Allocation of **\$40,014 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 updated NCDOT Grant Certification Statement.