

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Date: September 8, 2009

Subject: Public Hearing for NCDOT 2010 Rural Operating Assistance Funds (ROAP)

Attachments: 1. Application
2. Certified Statement

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

The Henderson County Board of Commissioners has scheduled for September 8, 2009 a public hearing on an application for a North Carolina Department of Transportation Rural Operating Assistance Grant (ROAP) in the amount of \$267,294. If awarded, the funds will provide assistance for Apple Country Transit Operations in the rural areas of the County.

These grant funds are received by Henderson County annually and are passed through to WCCA (designated transit provider in Henderson County). WCCA provides the services according to certain performance standards and pays the required match to the grant funds. The purpose of the project is to provide for senior and disabled transportation programs, transportation for a WorkFirst educational program, and to continue the Edneyville transit service.

A notice of Public Hearing was published in the Hendersonville Times-News on August 18, 2009 which fulfills the NCDOT requirements for this grant application.

The Board of Commissioners must hold a public hearing on the application, receive public comment, approve the Certified Statement (attached as Appendix A) and authorize staff to file the application with the North Carolina Department of Transportation subject to any comments at the hearing.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

Staff requests that the Board of Commissioners hold the scheduled public hearing, approve the Certified Statement, and authorize staff to file the ROAP application with NCDOT.


Suggested Motion:

I move the Board approve the application and Certified Statement and authorize the Chairman and staff to execute all required documents for the 2010 ROAP application.

Application for Operating Assistance FY2010 Rural Operating Assistance Program Funds

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Supplemental ROAP Funding Request Included:	Yes X No <input type="checkbox"/>

Application Completed by:


Hope Bleecker, Transportation Planner
 Signature

Date:

August 7, 2009
August 7, 2009

Application Instructions

- Read each question carefully. Be sure to answer all the questions.
- Answer questions with complete sentences, providing enough detail to completely answer the question.
- Click on the **gray rectangle** and type each answer. If needed, the text will automatically wrap to the next row. The answer may wrap to the next page if necessary.
- If there are questions regarding this application, contact the NCDOT-PTD Mobility Development Specialist assigned to the area served by the transit system.
- Outreach and public involvement in the use of the ROAP funds is key to providing service that meets the needs of individuals within the community. County managers and finance officers are encouraged to discuss the Limited English Proficiency (LEP) requirements with the local system transportation directors.

I. PROJECT DESCRIPTION FOR FORMULA FUNDS – EDTAP

These funds may be sub-allocated to the transit system or human service agencies in the county. EDTAP funds will be used to provide transportation services for elderly and disabled individuals when other funding sources are not available. If an individual meets the eligibility criteria of both EDTAP and an agency transportation program, the agency’s program funds will be used as long as they are available before using EDTAP funds.

EDTAP-1 Describe the process for determining which organizations will receive a sub-allocation of EDTAP funds. The response should address:

- (1) assessment of needs in the service area
- (2) equity in requesting and disbursement of funds
- (3) criteria for determining amount of funds sub-allocated to each organization and

Henderson County does not sub-allocate funding for its ROAP program. The program is entirely administered by WCCA, the designated provider of transportation services in this region. WCCA conducts meetings on a regular basis for its transit program board, made up of social service professionals, who review the ROAP program and its ridership on an annual basis. We do not disburse funds to anyone other than WCCA. We meet with WCCA to review their recommended budget based on the previous year’s performance and allocate the funds to line items based largely on past performance balanced with anticipated expenses of each program.

EDTAP-2 Describe the transportation or other services that will be provided by the transit system or human service agencies with EDTAP funds (i.e. trips by transit system or private providers, agency staff transportation, volunteers, mileage reimbursement, etc.)

Henderson County will provide services this year either through demand response or subscription service to disabled and elderly clients to various destinations in and out of Henderson County. Destinations include Dialysis, Adult Day Care, medical and dental appointments, physical therapy, mental health facilities, sheltered workshop, and trips to pharmacies. We take referrals from the area council on aging, Vocational Rehabilitation, and calls from the various other agencies in Henderson County which have clients who may need this type of transportation service. Last year we provided 8,386 passenger trips and we expect to exceed that number this fiscal year. We provide service with both van and wheelchair vans in our fleet.

EDTAP-3 Not all elderly and disabled citizens in the service area are human service agency clients. Describe efforts to reach out to these citizens who may need transportation to medical appointments, grocery stores or other destinations. (Public Outreach)

We use the local newspaper and local radio station to advertise our services. We also place flyers in areas of high patient and care-giver traffic, including doctor’s offices, Pardee and Park Ridge Hospitals, and physical rehabilitation centers. We distribute the flyers to these facilities and speak to local civic groups about services. Our agency also has a website with information on the ROAP program.

EDTAP-4 Describe the process for monitoring the EDTAP Program throughout the year to assure that (1) EDTAP funded services are provided to elderly and disabled individuals not receiving transportation assistance from another funding source and (2) that all expenditures are allowable. (See Eligible Transportation Expenses Matrix)

(1) The WCCA dispatcher asks various questions of each caller, including age, address, and whether they are on Medicaid to determine if there is any other funding source that could sponsor transportation service for the individual (such as Medicaid, HCCBG, ADA paratransit, etc). Depending on the answers to eligibility questions, the riders may be offered general public transportation, depending on where they live (e.g. within City limits vs. rural areas.)

(2) Trip logs are checked by the Henderson County staff weekly to ensure that all expenses are allowable.

EDTAP-5 Does the transit system or any human service agency prioritize or restrict EDTAP funded services based on the purpose, origin or destination of the trip? If yes, describe the prioritization process or restrictions.

Henderson County does not restrict EDTAP services based on purpose origin or destination of the trip. It is open equally to all persons over 60 years old or anyone who is disabled.

EDTAP-6 What is done by the transit system and/or agencies to assure that EDTAP funded services are provided for as long as possible during FY2009-FY2010?

We project our demand each year based on the previous years experience and the amount of funding available. We have been successful in balancing resources and the demand for services through effective scheduling and utilization of drivers and equipment. Monthly expense and revenue reports contain the amount of available funding left to cover a specified period. This information is balanced against performance measures to ensure the service is being operated appropriately. WCCA provides necessary matches to the transit grants in order to cover shortfalls. Program estimates are for the twelve month period July1, 2009 through June 30, 2010.

EDTAP-7 Describe how and when the performance of this project will be reviewed and evaluated by the county?

Each month we provide Henderson County operating statistics for each ROAP program.

II. PROJECT DESCRIPTION FOR FORMULA FUNDS –Employment Transportation Assistance Funds

These funds can only be sub-allocated to the Department of Social Services, Workforce Development Programs and/or the Community Transportation System in the county. Funds can only be transferred to EDTAP and RGP following certification by the county manager that the employment transportation needs of the county have substantially been met.

EMP-1 Describe the transportation or other services that will be provided by the transit system, DSS or the Workforce Development Program with EMPL funds. (i.e. trips by transit system or private providers, agency staff transportation, volunteers, mileage reimbursement, automobile repairs, etc.)

WCCA will provide demand responsive employment trips for WorkFirst participants as requested through Department of Social Services (DSS) throughout all areas of Henderson County. We work very closely with to provide employment transportation and manage all needs that arise.

EMP-2 Describe the process for monitoring the EMPL Program throughout the year to assure that expenses by the transit system, DSS or Workforce Development Program are allowable. (See Eligible Transportation Expenses Matrix)

The WCCA dispatcher asks various questions of each caller, including age, address, and trip purpose to make sure that the trip corresponds to the WF/EMPL goals. If there is any other funding source that could sponsor transportation service for the individual such as Medicaid, HCCBG, ADA paratransit, etc., the trip is not served. Depending on the answers to eligibility questions, the person may be offered another type of transportation depending on where they live (e.g. within City limits vs. rural areas.)

EMP-3 What is done by the transit system, DSS or Workforce Development Program to assure that EMPL funded services are provided for as long as possible during FY2009-FY2010?

We project our demand for services and try to balance those resources evenly throughout the year.

EMP-3a What will the county do to keep the services operating if the EMPL allocations are expended in less than twelve months?

We generally base the service level on what was previously used based on the demand rendered to us by Social Services Agencies and seldom run out of funding for these programs. We would continue to operate through the year using other funds in the event we ran out of money.

EMP-4 Describe the process for determining when it is appropriate or necessary to transfer EMPL funds to EDTAP or RGP funds as allowed in the program guidelines?

During the third quarter of the fiscal year we meet to ensure that the expenses are tracking the proper way and if we need changes, we submit a budget request form that is signed by the County Manager.

EMP-5 Describe how and when the performance of EMPL funded services will be reviewed and evaluated by the county?

Monthly operating statistics are sent to Henderson County monthly. The transportation planner with the County reviews the budget and the operating performance measures.

EMP-6 Describe the public outreach efforts for this program.

We have various ways to involve ourselves in the community. The operator, WCCA is a department of a Community Action Agency and have other programs such as HeadStart, self-sufficiency programs, and section eight housing. We advertise in both English and Spanish in our brochures use local newspaper and local radio for advertising our services. Please note public outreach list of various efforts.

III. PROJECT DESCRIPTION FOR FORMULA FUNDS –Rural General Public Funds

These funds are intended to provide transportation services for individuals who are not human service agency clients. These funds can only be sub-allocated to the community transportation system.

RGP-1 Describe the process for (1) assessing transportation needs in the service area and (2) determining the projected units of service.

Last year and WCCA provided 3,064 passenger trips which is a 29% increase. The service is growing because of increased demand for public transit, lack of fixed route services in the county, as well as some new potential links into the urban system. As a non-profit provider, WCCA only charges what we know are allowable operating costs to the program.

RGP- 2 Describe the transportation services that will be provided with RGP funds and the geographic area in which the services will be provided.

Most of these trips originate in the rural areas of the county and can be either demand response or subscription trips to various destinations which usually are in the urban areas of the county. The trips are medical and non-medical, and for shopping or errands. WCCA supplies services throughout all areas of the County for the RGP services.

RGP- 3 Will a passenger pay a fare for RGP service? What is the fare for an RGP trip?

Yes, we do charge a fare. Each fare is \$1.50 per trip.

RGP- 4 Describe the process for monitoring the RGP Program throughout the year to insure that all expenses by the transit system are allowable? (See Eligible Transportation Expenses Matrix)

The WCCA Finance Department monitors all expenses and submits reports on a regular basis to Henderson County. The director has over 18 years experience dealing with NCDOT finance dept. and ensuring all expenses are allowable.

RGP- 5 Describe how the local match requirement for RGP funds will be met.

Local match will be met through fares collected. In the event that an additional match is necessary WCCA will cover these expenses.

RGP-6 Does the transit system prioritize or restrict RGP funded services based on the purpose, origin or destination of the trip? If yes, describe the prioritization process or restrictions.

We do not prioritize or restrict RGP funded services based on the purpose origin or destination of the trip.

RGP-7 What does the transit system do to assure that RGP funded services are provided throughout FY2010 with these funds?

We know based on last years experience and funding how we need to schedule our trips on a monthly basis to ensure that we provide continued service throughout the year

RGP-8 What will the county do to keep the services operating if the RGP funds are expended in less than twelve months?

In the event that the funds are expended early, WCCA continues to operate services and pays for the effort out of their general budget.

RGP-9 Describe how and when the performance of RGP funded services will be reviewed and evaluated by the county?

WCCA (the provider) sends reports to Henderson County which summarize ridership, miles, trips, and days of operation, service hours and other statistics. We monitor productivity to ensure that no significant deviations occur.

RGP-10 Describe the transit systems efforts to advertise this program to the general public.

Newspaper and radio advertising is used, as well as, the electronic billboard at the local radio station on the central boulevard in Hendersonville, NC. WCCA also issues informational flyers about our services to several agencies and includes information to public libraries, doctor's offices, churches, and local county offices such as the Health and Human Services Department of Henderson County and also Blue Ridge Community College.

IV. PROJECT DESCRIPTION –SUPPLEMENTAL ROAP Funds

Complete responses to the following questions are necessary to make an assessment of the eligibility of the proposed service. Incomplete responses will delay PTD review of the application.

Describe the proposed new or expanded service? (Demand response/subscription/fixed route; within or outside normal service area, i.e. out of county employment route; days and hours of operation; service area; fare structure; provision of gas vouchers, volunteer reimbursement, etc.) Describe each program separately.

SuppEDTAP - This service would be subscription and demand response to provide the extremely disabled clients to Vocational Solutions for work. We expect to transport over 1522 passengers this coming FY 2010 year.

SuppEMP - This service would provide clients with transportation to work in the private sector; Normally clients qualify based on a disability and they are not able to drive or have other transportation options available to them. The clients are working at Wendy's, Atlanta Bread Co., Ingles, Markets, and Outback. We expect to provide about 1206 trips passenger trips a year on various schedules.

SuppRGP - We would provide transportation to Sammy Williams senior center twice a week on Tuesday and Friday. Also we would like to continue to serve the Edneyville area through a deviated fixed route that runs 5 times a day M-F We anticipate supplying this service to roughly 2551 people.

How were the projected units of additional service with supplemental EDTAP, Employment and RGP funds determined? What will be done to assure that the service continues to be provided throughout the twelve months of FY09-10. (CT System requirement). Describe each program separately. (See the Supplemental ROAP Sub-allocation Worksheet.)

Basically, we interview service agencies to identify needs that may arise throughout the community. We identify the costs of supplying service for supplemental programs and estimate hours and project ridership with fairly non-inflated cost values. WCCA guarantees continued operation of each service throughout the year.

SuppEDTAP – subscription service to 1522 disabled passengers this coming FY 2010 year at the cost of approximately \$26 per passenger. These will be used for work trips for Vocational Solutions Clients.

SuppEMP – subscription service to 1206 passenger trips at a cost of \$19,095.00 to various job sites as mentioned above. The average cost to provide the service will be about \$15 per passenger.

SuppRGP - We expect to provide 731 passenger trips to Sammy Williams Senior Center at a cost of \$14,092.00 at a cost of about \$19. Also we expect to provide 1820 passenger trips at a cost of \$42,337.00 for the Edneyville bus service. Costs are averaging \$7 per passenger.

The supplemental EDTAP, Employment and RGP funds must be used to provide an increased level of service, including serving eligible individuals not currently served by the regular ROAP program. Describe how the agencies that receive the supplemental funds will notify eligible users about the new Supplemental EDTAP funded service. Be specific. Describe each program separately.

SuppEDTAP – WCCA will work directly with Vocational Solutions by supplying flyers and proactively use word of mouth to supply the service. Vocational Solutions maintains client logs and is the best agency to put the provider in contact directly with WCCA for getting the word out about the potential for trips.

SuppEMP – This will be a service advertised in the paper, on the radio and in the buses. We have had excellent response in the past for this service using those mediums.

SuppRGP – This will be a service advertised in the paper and through flyers for supplemental services to Edneyville and for the Sammy Williams center. Flyers are generally the preferred medium to generate additional interest as well as on-site visits to the center and to the neighborhoods.

Describe in detail efforts made to reach out to the community to make them aware of the additional funding and to identify service needs beyond those currently provided with the formula allocation.

Local representatives of Council on Aging, DSS Work First, Vocational Solutions (Sheltered Workshop), Interfaith Assistance ministries were contacted about supplemental funds. All supported the projects that were in place and with some modifications they elected to continue supplying the services. Some of the schedules and the client databases have changed.

Describe how the Supplemental ROAP funded services will be monitored throughout the year to assure that services are provided to eligible individuals and expenses and service statistics are tracked separately from the regular ROAP program.

As with the formula ROAP funds, Henderson County receives monthly revenue and expense reports from the WCCA Finance Department and monitors those on an ongoing basis.

Describe how the performance of Supplemental ROAP funded services will be reviewed and evaluated by the county?

WCCA provides Henderson County with monthly operating statistics on all ROAP programs for both formula and supplemental services. The county reviews these monthly and comments on any issues with the database.

FY10 ROAP Sub-Allocation Worksheet

Agencies Receiving Sub-Allocations	Elderly and Disabled Transportation Assistance Program				Employment Transportation Assistance Program				Rural General Public Transportation Program			
	Proposed		Proposed		Proposed		Proposed		Proposed		Proposed	
	Amount of request to be suballocated	Passenger Trips	Number of Other Services	Amount of request to be suballocated	Passenger Trips	Number of Other Services	Amount of request to be suballocated	Passenger Trips	Number of Other Services	Amount of request to be suballocated	Passenger Trips	Number of Other Services
WCCA/Apple Country Trans.	\$71,308	7236		\$15,390	1050		\$64,212	3098				
TOTAL AMOUNT	\$71,308	7236	0	\$15,390	1050	0	\$64,212	3098	0	\$64,212	3098	0

FOOTNOTES:

Elderly is defined as a person who has reached the age of 60 or more years.
 Disabled is defined as a person who has physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more life activities, an individual who has record of such impairment, or who is regarded as having such an impairment.
 Employment - Eligible passengers are defined as individuals with employment transportation needs that are not eligible to receive benefits from the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program.
 Rural General Public is defined as person whose transportation is not subsidised by a human service agency and requests a trip that begins and/or ends at a rural location.
 Allocation of funds should be based on the decision of the Board of Commissioners. The total allocation should be equal to or less than the amount available in each program.
 Passenger Trips are defined as each time a passenger boards a vehicle at a location and alights at another location.

FY10 ROAP Sub-Allocation Worksheet for Supplemental Funds

Agencies Receiving Sub-Allocations	Elderly and Disabled Transportation Assistance Program				Employment Transportation Assistance Program				Rural General Public Transportation Program	
	Proposed		Proposed		Proposed		Proposed		Proposed	
	Amount of request to be suballocated	Passenger Trips	Number of Other Services	Amount of request to be suballocated	Passenger Trips	Number of Other Services	Amount of request to be sub-allocated	Passenger Trips	Amount of request to be sub-allocated	Passenger Trips
WCCAN/Voc Sol. (3850)	\$40,820	1522								
WCCA/COA (3851)							\$14,092	731		
WCCA/Emp. (3852)				\$19,095	1206					
WCCA/Edneyville (3853)							\$42,377	1820		
TOTAL AMOUNT	\$40,820	1522	0	\$19,095	1206	0	\$56,469	2551		

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Documentation of ROAP Application Outreach Efforts

Provide a *detailed description* of outreach meetings and other efforts (including date, time, and location) held within the transportation service to be served with FY 09-10 ROAP funds. Outreach efforts must be conducted and documented by the applicant as to how the public and populations being served (including minority, women, elderly, disabled, Limited English Proficiency (LEP), low income, and non human service individuals) were informed about the availability of funds and the public hearing on the ROAP grant.

	Organizations / Events	Date	Time	Location	Number of Attendees	Primary* Audience	Check only one	
							System Initiated Meeting	Response to an invitation
1	Walk Wise Drive Smart	5/20/2008	2:00pm	COA	15	Elderly	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2	COA Aging Coalition	6/5/2008	10:00am	WCCA	9	General Pu	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3	Open Line Radio show	7/10/2008	9:00am	Station	n/a	General Pu	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4	El Centro	7/31/2008	10:00am	El Centro	8	Minority	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5	Homeowners of Wolfpen	8/19/2008	6:00pm	Wolfpen	40-45	General Pu	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
6	Residents of Sugar Hill Apts.	9/18/2008	3:00pm	Sugar Hill	9	Elderly	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7	Kiwanis Club of Hendersonville	11/20/2008	1:00pm	Chariott Carriage Park	50-60	General Pu	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
8	Homeowners of Carriage Park	4/22/2008	1:00pm	Carriage Park	70-80	General Pu	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
9	Lions Club	5/29/2009	1:00pm	Chariott	35-45	General Pu	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
10						None	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11						None	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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PUBLIC HEARING

Henderson County Application for Rural Operating Transportation Assistance Funding

This is to inform the public of an opportunity to attend a public hearing on the draft Rural Operating Assistance Program (ROAP) application to be submitted to the North Carolina Department of Transportation which has been submitted in draft form as of August 7, 2009 by Henderson County. The public hearing will be held on **September 8, 2009 at 7:00 P.M. at the Henderson County Commissioners meeting in the Historic Courthouse located at 1 Historic Courthouse Square in Downtown Hendersonville, NC.** Henderson County will provide auxiliary aids and services under the ADA for disabled persons who wish to participate in the hearing. Anyone requiring special services should contact Hope Blecker, Transportation Planner

at (828) 697-4819 x 1059 or by e-mail hbleecker@hendersoncountync.org as soon as possible so that arrangements can be made.

The programs included in the Rural Operating Assistance Program application are:

1. Elderly & Disabled Transportation Assistance (EDTAP) Program provides operating assistance for the transportation of elderly and disabled citizens. This program allows for individuals to reside for longer periods in their homes, thereby enhancing their quality of life. For the purpose of EDTAP, an elderly person is defined as one who reaches the age of 60 or more years. A disabled person is defined as one who has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activity; an individual who has a record of such impairment; or an individual who is regarded as having such impairment.

2. Employment Transportation Assistance Program (EMPL) is intended to provide operating assistance for transitional Work First, Workforce Development Programs and general public employment transportation needs.

3. Rural General Public (RGP) Program funds are intended to provide transportation service to individuals who are not human service agency clients and live outside of the urbanized area.

The period of performance for Rural Operating Assistance Program (ROAP) funds is July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010. The FY2010 ROAP individual program totals are:

PROGRAM:
EDTAP
TOTAL:
\$71,308

PROGRAM:
EMPL
TOTAL:
\$15,390

PROGRAM:
RGP
TOTAL:
\$64,212

PROGRAM:
Supplemental EDTAP
TOTAL:
\$40,820

PROGRAM:
Supplemental EMPL
TOTAL:
\$19,095

PROGRAM:
Supplemental RGP
TOTAL:
\$56,469

TOTAL:
\$267,294

This application may be inspected at the Henderson County Planning Department Office which is located on the third floor at 100 King Street Hendersonville, NC from 8:30AM-4:00PM Monday through Friday. Written comments should be directed to Hope Blecker, Transportation Planner, 213 East First Street, Hendersonville, NC 28792, e-mail hbleecker@hendersoncountync.org before September 8, 2009.

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Aviso de muestra de la audiencia pública

Esto aviso es para informar al público de la oportunidad de asistir una audiencia pública sobre la solicitud propuesta para el programa de Asistencia de Operaciones Rurales (Rural Operating Assistance Program o ROAP) que se someterá al Departamento de Transporte de Carolina del Norte por el condado de Henderson no mas tarde del 8 de septiembre. Se llevará a cabo la audiencia pública el martes el 8 de septiembre, a las 7:00 PM a la reunión de los comisarios del condado Henderson a Historic Courthouse ubicado a 1 Courthouse Square en Hendersonville, NC. El condado de Henderson les proporcionará ayuda y servicios auxiliares bajo el ADA a las personas discapacitadas las que quieran participar en la audiencia. Alguien que requiera servicios especiales deba ponerse en contacto con Hope Bleecker (hbleecker@hendersoncountync.org) (828) 697-4819 x 1059 cuanto antes para que se puedan hacer los preparativos.

Los programas incluidos en la solicitud del programa de asistencia de operaciones rurales son:

1. El programa de Asistencia para el Transporte de los Ancianos y los Discapacitados (EDTAP) proporciona asistencia de operaciones para el transporte de los ciudadanos ancianos y discapacitados. Esta ayuda de transporte permite que el individuo resida por periodos más largos en su casa, y así realza la calidad de su vida. Para el fin de EDTAP, una persona anciana es definida como una que haya cumplido 60 o más años. Una persona discapacitada es definida como una que tenga una debilitación física o mental que limite sustancialmente una o más actividades importantes de la vida, un individuo que tenga un historial de tal debilitación, o un individuo que sea considerado tener tal debilitación
2. El programa de Asistencia de Transporte para Empleo proporciona la ayuda de operaciones para los programas de transición como Trabajo Primero y Desarrollo de la Fuerza Laboral, además de las necesidades de transporte para empleo del público en general. Se usan estos fondos para cubrir las necesidades de transporte para el empleo de los individuos que no sean elegibles recibir los beneficios del programa de Asistencia Temporal para las Familias Necesitadas (TANF).
3. Los fondos del programa del Público General Rural (RGP) les proporcionan los servicios del transporte a los individuos que no sean clientes de la agencia de los servicios humanos.
4. Los fondos suplementarios del ROAP son usados para iniciar un servicio nuevo o ampliado o para continuar un servicio que fuera financiado anteriormente por los fondos suplementarios del ROAP.

El periodo del uso de los fondos del programa de Asistencia de Operaciones Rurales es el 1 de julio, 2009 hasta el 30 de junio, 2010. Los totales de cada programa del año fiscal 2008-2009 son:

PROGRAMA	TOTAL
EDTAP	\$71,308
EMP	\$15,390
RGP	\$64,212
Supplemental EDTAP	\$40,820
Supplemental EMPL	\$19,095
Supplemental RGP	\$56,469
TOTAL	\$267,294

Se puede examinar esta solicitud a Henderson County Planning Department ubicado a 100 King Street en Hendersonville NC entre 8:00 AM-4:30 PM lunes hasta viernes. Comentarios escritos deben ser dirigidos a Hope Bleecker, Transportation Planner, hbleecker@hendersoncountync.org 100 King Street, Hendersonville, NC, 28792 antes del 8 de septiembre, 2009.

Public Hearing Record

Attach the Public Hearing Minutes to this Record

Date Public Hearing Notice was Published: _____

DATE: _____

TIME: _____

PLACE: _____

NUMBER OF BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: _____

MEMBERS OF PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE: _____

Include copy of public hearing minutes with your application.

Were the Voluntary Title VI Participation Forms offered to the public? _____

Did the public make any comments? _____

PUBLIC COMMENTS: _____

FY 2009-2010 ROAP Application Submission Checklist

Applicant Name Here →

Henderson County NC

ITEM	Mail Hard Copy to Address Below	Send Electronic Copy to PTD	Due Date (not later than)
<u>Certifications</u>			
<input type="checkbox"/> Certification Statement	Yes, with original signatures and copy	No	8/7/2009
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Documentation of Application Outreach Efforts	Yes	Yes	8/7/2009
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Copy(ies) of Public Hearing notice published in newspaper	Yes	No	8/7/2009
<input type="checkbox"/> Affidavit(s) of Public Hearing Publication (original)	Yes, with original signature and copy	No	8/7/2009
<input type="checkbox"/> Public Hearing Record	Yes	Yes	8/7/2009
<input type="checkbox"/> Public Hearing Minutes	Yes	Yes	8/7/2009
<u>Program Documents</u>			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FY2010 ROAP Program Questionnaire	Yes	Yes	8/7/2009
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FY2010 Formula ROAP Suballocation Worksheet	Yes	Yes	8/7/2009
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FY2010 Supplemental ROAP Suballocation Worksheet	Yes	Yes	8/7/2009
<input type="checkbox"/> Description of Suballocation Methodology	Yes	Yes	8/7/2009

Other Documents

ROAP Application Submission Checklist

Yes

Yes

8/7/2009

Title VI Voluntary Survey Form(s) - if completed

Yes

Yes

8/7/2009

Certification of met employment needs - as needed

Prepared prior to transfer of EMPL or Supplemental EMPL funds

No

as needed

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**APPENDIX A
CERTIFIED STATEMENT
FY 2010**

RURAL OPERATING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

WHEREAS, Article 2B of Chapter 136 of the North Carolina General Statutes and the Governor of North Carolina have designated the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) as the agency responsible for administering all federal and/or state programs related to public transportation, and grants NCDOT authority to do all things required in applicable federal and/or state legislation to properly administer the public transportation programs within the State of North Carolina;

WHEREAS, G.S. 136-44.27 established the Elderly and Disabled Transportation Assistance Program;

WHEREAS, funds will be used for transportation related expenditures as specified in the FY 2010 Rural Operating Assistance Program (ROAP) application;

WHEREAS, information regarding use of the funds will be provided at such time and in such a manner as NCDOT may require;

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the North Carolina Department of Transportation that Disadvantaged Business Enterprises, Minority Owned Business Enterprises and Women Owned Business Enterprises shall have the opportunity to participate in the performance of contracts financed in whole or part by Federal and State funds in order to create a level playing field, and the county shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, or sex in the performance of this contract.

WHEREAS, ROAP funds will be used to provide eligible services during the period July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010;

WHEREAS, any interest earned on ROAP funds will be expended for eligible program uses as specified in the ROAP application; and

WHEREAS, the County will include ROAP funds received and expended in its annual independent audit on the schedule of federal and state financial assistance. Funds passed through to other agencies will be identified as such.

This is to certify that the undersigned is duly elected, qualified and acting chairperson of the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Henderson, State of North Carolina, and that the following statements are true and accurate:

Elderly and Disabled Transportation Assistance Program

1. The funds received from G.S. 136-44.27 will be used to provide transportation services for the elderly and disabled allowing individuals to reside for a longer period in their homes, thereby enhancing their quality of life.
2. The funds will not be used to supplant or replace existing federal, state or local funds designated to provide elderly and disabled transportation services in the county.

Employment Transportation Assistance Program

1. The purpose of these transportation funds is to support transitional transportation needs of Work First participants after eligibility for cash assistance has concluded and/other specified general public employment transportation needs.
2. The funds are limited to use by the local Department of Social Services, Work Force Development Program or the community transportation system.
3. The funds may be transferred to the Elderly and Disabled Transportation Assistance Program or the Rural General Public Program after an assessment of employment transportation needs in the service area indicates that employment transportation needs are substantially being met. This assessment will occur prior to any transfer of funds and following submission of a statement to that effect from the County Manager to the Public Transportation Division.

Rural General Public Program

1. The funds are limited to use by the community transportation system.
2. The funds will not be used to provide human service agency trips.

WITNESS my hand and official seal this 8th day of September, 2009

Attest:

Theresa Wilson
Certifying Official
Clerk to the Henderson County Board of Commissioners

William Moyer, Chairman
Henderson County Board of Commissioners

Steve Wyatt, County Manager
Henderson County