

Questions	Answers
Regarding the NCDOT budget shortfall, will that affect and possibly delay reimbursements to public transit agencies?	After consulting with FTA, NCDOT has amended their process for reimbursements. Rather than reimbursing transit systems and then drawing down from FTA, the process will be reversed. This will minimize any impacts of the cash flow on disbursements to the transit systems.
Have we received the FY 21 Certs and Assurances?	We are using the 2020 Certs and Assurances - sent out in March.
Where do we find the application & allocation- on EBS or the NCDOT website? Where is the FY2021 5307 Applications posted?	At the following link, there is a CARES application for 5311 and an application for 5307. They are open now. Initial funding amounts have been calculated and will be posted on the website. https://connect.ncdot.gov/business/Transit/Pages/Transit-Grants.aspx
Will the amount included in the SPLIT letters be the full amount distributed / available to draw down, or, will we only be able to draw down a portion of the funds initially? Is the split letter required just for those who have both 5307 and 5311 funding?	5307 Only
What is the status of the split letters for 5307?	CARES Act Split Letters have already been sent out. Additionally, systems will continue to apply for CARES Act funding through the same funding setup they normally apply through.
Will we be penalized if we do not use all of our ROAP funds due to COVID-19 which has caused a decrease in ridership	NCDOT will not penalize systems for not using all of their ROAP payments. In FY 20, unspent ROAP payments will not need to be returned. A policy memo is forthcoming.
Has there been any guidance regarding FTA requirements for 6' separation inside of vehicles? Do we physically have to keep 6' separation between drivers and passengers? What about between passengers and other passengers? Or, will addition of shields/plexiglass or use of masks be sufficient to follow safety guidelines?	According to the FTA FAQ Page: "Transit agencies should make decision about health precautions and how to best implement them in collaboration with local health officials. These are local decisions." https://www.transit.dot.gov/frequently-asked-questions-fta-grantees-regarding-coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19 Some local agencies and their local health officials are contacting emergency management for transportation of COVID positive or suspected passengers. Additional Information can be found here: https://www.transit.dot.gov/regulations-and-programs/safety/fta-safety-advisory-20-01-recommended-actions-reduce-risk

	<p>Additionally, APTA has produced a guide that can be located here: https://www.apta.com/wp-content/uploads/COVID-19_Transit_Guide_FINAL_04132020.pdf</p>
Are there instructions with the application?	Yes
Will the applications include a written list of allowable expenses?	Yes
If we do not receive 5307 funds, do we have to complete the PTASP? And have the deadline for this been extended?	PTASP is only for those systems that receive 5307 funds. Deadline have not been extended yet.
Will this application require a public hearing?	NCDOT does not require a public hearing. Please consult your on your By-Laws for requirements. Please note that no local match is needed for these Federal Funds.
Where on the website are the applications? I am on Connect NCDOT and I don't see them.	https://connect.ncdot.gov/business/Transit/Pages/Transit-Grants.aspx
When is the deadline for the application?	NCDOT has not set an application deadline. However, agreements cannot be entered into and funds disbursed without an application.
Will split letters be sent to individual 5307 recipient agencies?	Yes
What will the Period of Performance be?	2 Years
What are the dates for the 2 year POP when is the official start and end dates	That is yet to be determined.
What type of supporting documentation will be needed to seek reimbursement on CARES Act claims?	The CARES Act Claim Summary (in Application package) and any other normal claim documentation would apply.
What is the beginning date of the period of performance?	Expenses incurred as of January 20, 2020 are eligible for reimbursement
It was mentioned previously that the CARES funding may help cover "lost" revenue due to trips not being provided. How do we should this in terms of submitting a claim?	The CARES ACT Funding will only cover operating expenses and Administrative Costs incurred after January 20,2020. 'Lost Revenue' is not eligible.
When you say Operational expenses- do we count this by mileage or actual driver salary cost, etc?	Detailed response forthcoming

<p>If a transit system is considering purchasing a fogging system, could this be covered under a capital reimbursement?</p>	<p>Purchase of a fogging system like other cleaning supplies and PPE is an eligible expense.</p>
<p>How does this relate to purchased transportation contracts and those capital costs of third party contracting?</p>	<p>Detailed response forthcoming</p>
<p>Does that include driver shortfall of pay from reduced trips?</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>Would driver pay be eligible for hazard pay rates?</p>	<p>This would most likely be a local decision, but there is no consideration under the CARE Act for Hazard Pay. Congress is considering this in another bill currently.</p>
<p>So just to verify, we will be submitting 4 applications - 2 for 5307 CARES, and, 2 for regular FY21 5307 - operating and capital?</p>	<p>That is correct</p>
<p>Please let us know how to account for unemployment costs. Thanks!</p>	<p>Unemployment is not an eligible expense under the CARES Act.</p>