

Questions	Answers
<p>In completing the CARES Act budget, do we subtract out all fares received (fixed route and from the contractor doing our ADA paratransit) as well as the SMAP and EDTAP funds received prior to January 20?</p>	<p>The budget should include your operating expenses less the farebox revenue (actual or estimated) related to the operating expenses you are reporting. SMAP and ROAP funds are not farebox revenues.</p>
<p>Joe usually works 8 hours per day. On Monday Joe worked 6 hours and took 2 hours off due to no more trips.</p> <p>We paid Joe 2 hours off as administrative leave which we can get reimbursed.</p> <p>Can we get reimbursed for all 8 hours we paid Joe? 6 hours he worked plus 2 hours administrative leave we paid him for?</p> <p>Sorry to be so case specific but need more clarification for several of us.</p>	<p>Within the Period of Performance, the answer would be yes. These are eligible expenses.</p>
<p>If we have spent all of our ROAP funds- can we just submit the ROAP report showing funds expended rather than having to get signatures twice</p>	<p>Yes. If all funds have been spent, you may just submit the ROAP report in July as scheduled with required signatures. Counties electing to retain unspent ROAP funds will need to complete and sign the policy document prior to May 29 and the ROAP report to be submitted in July as scheduled with required signatures.</p>
<p>Do the systems need to submit estimated Contract Service Revenue as well?</p>	<p>Yes. From the FTA FAQ webpage: CA5: Are operating costs incurred under operations or maintenance</p>

service contracts with third parties, and administrative leave for third-party contractors, including intercity bus providers, eligible for FTA reimbursement under the CARES Act?

A: It depends. Title XII of Division B of the CARES Act provides that administrative leave for public transportation operations personnel is an eligible expense. Expenses under third-party contracts for operations or maintenance services incurred on or after January 20, 2020, including third-party contract employees providing such service who are placed on administrative leave due to reduced service, are eligible for federal reimbursement. Whether an FTA recipient is responsible for such administrative leave will depend on the terms of its third-party contract.

CA6: Are FTA funds available for public transit agencies to reimburse third-party operations and maintenance contractors for the amounts provided in the contracts, even if the levels of service provided by the third-party contractors are reduced because of COVID-19? A: No. Federal funds can only be used to reimburse FTA recipients for actual operating or maintenance costs. However, an FTA recipient may use federal funds to reimburse a contracted operations or maintenance provider for employees placed on administrative leave if

	<p>service levels are reduced, if the FTA recipient is responsible for salaries and benefits under the terms of its contract. CA16: May a recipient modify a third-party contract to require the payment of administrative leave of operations or maintenance personnel or for other operations or maintenance expenses, including expenses to retain readiness for operations and maintenance activities, and fixed expenses such as rent? A: Yes. Administrative leave is an eligible expense for operations and maintenance personnel whether those personnel are in-house or employed by contractors. Recipients may also modify contracts to pay for eligible operating/maintenance expenses required to retain readiness or eligible fixed operations/maintenance expenses such as rent, even if service is reduced.</p> <p>https://www.transit.dot.gov/frequently-asked-questions-fta-grantees-regarding-coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19#CARES</p>
<p>What about contract service revenue section? Does that need to be included. -R400</p>	<p>The only guidance we have now is farebox revenue. We will provide updates as we learn more.</p> <p>Please put your farebox revenue on the application - we would like to see the contract revenue deducted at the time you submit your claim and show it on your claim summary.</p>

<p>How soon will we receive the funds submitted in the grant application</p>	<p>Funds will be available when the contracts have been signed and returned.</p>
<p>What dates are we looking at to estimate our fares and/or contract revenue on the budget summary? 1/20/20-6/30/21?</p>	<p>Period of Performance - The application for Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security funds a period of performance from January 20, 2020 to June 30, 2021.</p>
<p>Is my understanding correct in that the FY2020 ROAP/SMAP extension will not affect FY2021 allocations?</p>	<p>That is our assumption currently.</p>
<p>Do you have a timeframe on these next steps, and opportunity for new funding or additional funding? Next month - next couple months?</p>	<p>We anticipate three applications to FTA, doing everything possible to minimize losses and not delay funds getting to the subrecipients.</p>
<p>Can we use the CARES 5311 for cleaning supplies even if we have housekeeping in our current 5311 admin grant? Would this be double dipping?</p>	<p>You can only claim an expense on one grant. It would be a local decision on how to proceed.</p>
<p>My board does not meet again until May 18th, so I won't have their approval on the CARES grant until after the May 15th deadline. If I go ahead and submit the application can it be withdrawn later if for some reason the board does not approve?</p>	<p>"Please communicate these concerns with your MDS so that they are aware of your situation. This type of situation will not exclude you from receiving your grant.</p> <p>Additionally, NCDOT does not require a public hearing for CARES Act Funding. Please consult your own your By-Laws for any local requirements. Please note that no local match is</p>

	needed for these Federal Funds. (PC-4)"
The contract revenue portion on the application is somewhat confusing. The fare revenue is to be backed out from CARES, but the application suggests in one section that you also back out contract revenues. Then, in another section it suggests you do not. Can you give us clear direction on this?	Only farebox revenue should be included on application. Contract revenue will be factored in when submitting claims.
I was told my operating expenses I want to claim have to be something "extra" we are doing related to COVID and that we have to show how the regular operating expenses are related to COVID. Based on last weeks call, this seems incorrect. Can I get confirmation we can use the CARES 5311 for our regular operating expenses incurred after 1/20/20?	All expenses after 01/20/2020 are valid. They do not need to be 'tied' to COVID-19 in some way.
For future SMAP allocations will you consider holding systems harmless for the ridership and other impacts we've faced from COVID - for example: not using stats from Jan 2020-Some future date in 2020, to determine SMAP allocations?	This is still under discussion internally. For FY21, the allocations have already been determined.
Will we still be receiving the 5310/5311 funds for FY21?	No decision has been made.
As we think about our operations, funding and the disbursements of ROAP, SMAP and eventually CARES ACT ---any word from NCDOT on VW	VW - Application has closed. We are waiting on the Legislature to disburse funds.

settlement dollars as we reset to the new normal	
May we have more than two revisions on our current 5311 admin grant budget because of changes we may want to make due to CARES being available?	We will consider budget revisions as needed.
We can't submit both regular 5311 and CARES Act 5311 for different expenses? We planned to use the 5311 for the expenses budgeted. It does not cover all of our operating expenses. The difference we plan on submitting with the CARES Act funding.	You can submit claims under regular 5311 or CARES Act 5311 for different expenses incurred.
Does an initial Claim Summary Sheet need to be submitted with the application in addition to when we submit our claims?	Claim Summary Sheets must be submitted with every claim.
Do expected Medicaid reimbursement amounts affect the CARES application revenue amounts?	Only Farebox revenue at this time. If this changes you will be notified.
Is Preventive Maintenance going to be considered an operational cost?	With 5307, it is a Capital cost. Need to check for more info.
The confusion is not with fare revenue it is with the contract revenue-section. Should we leave that section blank and go ahead and submit the application	Only fare revenue should be listed on the application.
On Revenue lines (R400's), do we need to include anticipated ROAP funds? Medicaid and other contract funds?	No. These are not considered Farebox revenue.

<p>Does a waiver need to be submitted to FTA for the PPE plexiglass to be installed in the vehicles if they exceed procurement thresholds?</p>	<p>""From the FTA FAQ webpage:</p> <p>“Funds available under the CARES Act are available for all operating activities (net fare revenues) that occur on or after January 20, 2020 are eligible. In general, operating expenses are those costs necessary to operate, maintain, and manage a public transportation system. Operating expenses usually include such costs as driver salaries, fuel, and items having a useful life of less than one year, including personal protective equipment and cleaning supplies. See Chapter IV of the Urbanized Area Formula Program circular or Chapter III of the Formula Grants for Rural Areas circular for more information on eligible operating expenses.”</p> <p>“Pursuant to FTA’s Emergency Relief rule at 49 CFR part 602, eligible activities include emergency protective measures to eliminate or lessen threats to public health and safety, such as performing enhanced cleaning/sanitizing of rolling stock, stations, bus shelters, etc.; placing hand sanitizer dispensers in high-traffic areas; and providing personal protective equipment as appropriate.”</p> <p>https://www.transit.dot.gov/frequently-asked-questions-fta-grantees-</p>
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	<p>regarding-coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19#CARES</p> <p>Unless the plexiglass will increase the value of the vehicle/building etc. it can be purchased under Operating</p> <p>Operating expenses usually include such costs as driver salaries, fuel, and items having a useful life of less than one year, including personal protective equipment and cleaning supplies.""</p>
<p>Are the waivers that have been submitted by NCDOT on our behalf posted</p>	<p>These have not been posted anywhere yet, but do appear on the Emergency Docket here: https://www.regulations.gov/document?D=FTA-2020-0001-0123</p>