

Questions	Answers
Have the safety compliance reviews for June been postponed into FY 2021?	All currently schedule Safety Reviews have been rescheduled. Your Safety Rep will be in touch accordingly.
If we have used our contract revenue as the 50% match for other grants- such as 5310 do we include that with the CARES reporting?	You can claim it in one only.
If ALL of our revenue (farebox and contract) reduce the amount of reimbursement, what are we supposed to use to pay the match on other grants we have and are using?	CARES Act Funds are intended to pay for operational expenses and Administrative expenses.
Is there any guidance on supplanting as it relates to the CARE funding from a budget standpoint for those agencies that have revenues other than fares that pay for operations?	<p>CARES Act Funding is a supplement to funding eligible expenses. Revenues would need to be part of the equation when completing an application for funds.</p> <p>"the primary goal of the CARES Act is to supplement the operating costs of transit systems right now, CARES Act's funds are also eligible for capital projects, planning, all of the types of activities that you could normally fund under the urbanized and rural area programs."</p> <p>https://www.transit.dot.gov/sites/fta.dot.gov/files/2020-04/CARES-Act-Overview-for-the-Public-Transportation-Industry-transcript-revised.pdf</p>
Will we report ROAP funds as revenues in claims for the CARES grant?	No. ROAP would not be considered a revenue in this respect.
When will we know the significance of the budget cuts in our specific systems for FY21?	This is being researched and we do not currently have answers to that.
Can we expect to receive contracts and reimbursements for CARES Act quickly?	Yes. Internal process has been expedited. The turnaround should be 3 days or less.
Will any operating expense not currently claimed under 5311 grant be eligible for reimbursement under the CARES act? I know drivers salaries, fuel are but how about items like vehicle parts and tires?	<p>From the FTA FAQ Page:</p> <p>CA2: What is eligible as an operating expense?</p> <p>A: 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.</p> <p>In general, operating expenses are those costs necessary to operate, maintain, and manage a</p>

	<p>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>The CARES Act funding can be used for administrative leave, such as leave for employees due to reductions in service or leave required for a quarantined worker.</p> <p>https://www.transit.dot.gov/frequently-asked-questions-fta-grantees-regarding-coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19#CARESER</p>
<p>ROAP is a revenue for us, because the County allocates a portion to us to cover some of the elderly and disabled that ride the fixed routes. Do I count that?</p>	<p>No.</p>
<p>Can you show us an example of a claim in the near future? it would help show how to reduce claim amount. The example should show fares for multiple sources, contract and grant funds.</p>	<p>Yes, we will show an example in the near future.</p>
<p>Do you anticipate the cuts for FY 21 to be mainly in ROAP funding or in our 5311 and 5310 programs as well?</p>	<p>This is being researched and we do not currently have answers to that.</p>
<p>How quickly are contracts going to be sent out after grants are submitted?</p>	<p>Turnaround on contracts will be as soon as possible.</p>
<p>What is the claim timeline once applications approved and contracts signed?</p> <p>Can a FAQ sheet be created for answers to questions of what can be claimed?</p>	<p>Updated timeline will be shared on a future call and updated on the website.</p> <p>Yes. This information will be shared on a future call and developed into a FAQ sheet.</p>
<p>Will we file reimbursement requests?</p>	<p>Yes. More information will be coming on how to file claims for CARES funds.</p>
<p>For CARES ACT reimbursements, is the usual documentation required (i.e. DBE form, reporting form, copies of payment paperwork, etc.)</p>	<p>Yes. All normal documentation is required.</p>

<p>Are all current 5311 Admin grant expenses eligible to be reimbursed through the CARES grant?</p>	<p>From the FTA FAQ Page:</p> <p>CA2: What is eligible as an operating expense?</p> <p>A: 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.</p> <p>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>The CARES Act funding can be used for administrative leave, such as leave for employees due to reductions in service or leave required for a quarantined worker.</p> <p>https://www.transit.dot.gov/frequently-asked-questions-fta-grantees-regarding-coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19#CARESER</p>
<p>Will we file reimbursement requests going forward for 5307 regular and 5307 Cares Act?</p>	<p>You can submit under either, however you cannot submit the same expense under both.</p>
<p>If the CARES funds cover the entire cost of operations, how will the SMAP match work for FY21?</p>	<p>SMAP is not associated with regular operations and farebox revenue.</p>
<p>Do you anticipate that our match will increase on federal grants since state funds will be less (i. e. 20% match on 5311 rather than 15%...cutting out the 5% state share)</p>	<p>No decisions have been made in this regard. All ideas are being researched.</p>
<p>If ROAP is not revenue, I am assuming other grants such as 5310 and Community Block Grant are not considered revenue either. Is that correct? Are donations considered revenue?</p>	<p>5310 and Community Block Grants are revenues in accounting. They are not farebox revenues.</p>
<p>Do we still submit claims for the regular 5311 grant for non-operating COVID items?</p>	<p>Yes. Currently, if it's a valid expense under CARES, you would decide. If it is not valid under</p>

	<p>CARES, but is under 5311, you only have one choice.</p>
<p>I thought our admin and operating expenses were CARES eligible. Is that no correct?</p>	<p>Yes.</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-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 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>Any further information on how systems will be reimbursed or credited when they had submitted Q3 claims before it was decided there was no local match required?</p>	<p>Crediting back payments processed is currently not possible and doing so could result in auditing issues. However, it is important to note that converting to 100% federal does not increase your federal funds available in your current grant, only reduce the needed match. Therefore, it reduces total funding available.</p>

Will we have 5311 Admin and CARES act grant both be available to use in FY21	Still to be determined.
Are POP's going to be extended for 5311 admin in case phase 2 of the CARES does not cover admin?	It is expected that phase 2 will cover all eligible expenses under the CARES Act. The main difference is that the funding will be based on need rather than typical formula.
Are you saying administrative salaries normally claimed on our 5311 Admin grant can not be claimed on the Cares Act?	No, we are stating that the application currently is under Operations, salaries can be claimed under operations.
We would be able to utilize 5307 funds for capital cost of third party contracting. Under normal circumstances we would be able to claim 80% of 40% of the capital cost of contracting. Are we to understand that, under cares we can claim 100% of 40% of the capital cost of third party contracting?	This seems reasonable, but will require additional research.
Perhaps along with the example of the claims summary a synopsis of what is and is not allowed to be claimed under which grant could be added to the document. Something streamlined to provide what can be claimed and what documentation is required.	We will provide documentation on claim examples in the near future.
Is a CARES ACT Program of Projects public notice required?	<p>From the FTA FAQ page: CE7:Do the normal Urbanized Area Formula Program (49 USC 5307) and the Formula Grants for Rural Area Program (49 USC 5311) requirements apply to these funds?</p> <p>A: Yes, all the normal Section 5307 and 5311 requirements apply to funds made available under the CARES Act, with the following exception:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) or the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP): CARES Act funds used to pay for operating expenses do not need to be included in the TIP/STIP. • CARES Act funds used to pay for capital expenses for emergency relief do not

	<p>need to be included in the TIP/STIP unless the projects are for substantial functional, locational, or capacity changes. 23 CFR §§ 450.326(e)(5), 450.218(g)(5).</p> <p>https://www.transit.dot.gov/frequently-asked-questions-fta-grantees-regarding-coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19#CARESER</p>
Can systems with specialized needs/questions, get individualized assistance?	Please contact your MDS first.