

Questions	Answers
<p>Would the eligible operating expenses be after taking out fare revenue paid by passengers... plus "revenue" received from 5307/5310/HCCBG for trips provided to passengers that qualify under those funding sources? Meaning basically that the CARES funding would only cover the County portion of trips that had any funding source?</p>	<p>Operating expenses are those costs directly related to system operations. At a minimum, states must consider the following items as operating expenses: fuel, oil, drivers' salaries and fringe benefits, dispatcher salaries and fringe benefits, and licenses.</p> <p>Only net operating expenses are eligible for assistance. Net operating expenses are those expenses that remain after the provider subtracts operating revenues from eligible operating expenses. States may further define what constitute operating revenues, but, at a minimum, operating revenues must include farebox revenues. Farebox revenues are fares paid by riders, including those who are later reimbursed by a human service agency or other user-side subsidy arrangement.</p> <p>Farebox revenues do not include payments made directly to the transportation provider by human service agencies to purchase service. However, purchase of transit passes or other fare media for clients would be considered farebox revenue. A voluntary or mandatory fee that a university or similar institution imposes on all its students for free or discounted transit service is not farebox revenue. Payments made directly to the transportation provider by human service agencies and university fees passed on to the transit provider would be considered "program income" and may be used to reduce the net operating cost of the service or may be used as local match on the existing grant.</p> <p>FTA Circular 9040.1G</p>
<p>May we have a copy of this power point to share with County management and finance?</p>	<p>This is provided via the webpage at https://connect.ncdot.gov/business/Transit/Pages/COVID-19-Response.aspx. Today's will be there this afternoon along with a recording of the meeting.</p>
<p>Since NCDOT will be implementing an internal POP for capital, will the agencies not to submit an extension request?</p>	<p>There will be one blanket POP for all internally. You will receive a copy POP agreement.</p>

<p>Can we budget and plan to receive the normally allocated amount of SMAP next FY?</p>	<p>We will provide as soon as possible, hopefully impacts will be minimal.</p>
<p>Can you provide us with the formula that was used for the SMAP allocation?</p>	<p>Yes. Guidance Doc available. It will be uploaded to Webpage soon.</p>
<p>Has a decision been made on whether or not we can have an extra budget revision for our FY20 5311?</p>	<p>We are going to allow an extra budget revision, within reason.</p>
<p>In reference to question 1 - this is a good reason that an example claim would be helpful during a call</p>	<p>Example claim should be provided next week.</p>
<p>Would it be fair to say any expense for a transit system can be claimed as a operating expense except for items currently claimed under the current 5311 grant for this FY? Things like vehicle parts and supplies, uniforms, office supplies, telephone, electricity etc.???</p>	<p>Yes, as long as it is an expense that does not change the value of capital ...more detail coming.</p> <p>*States may, in their discretion, treat maintenance as either operating or capital expenses for Section 5311 funding purposes. Similarly, for the Section 5311 program only, FTA gives states the option of classifying certain other expenses as either operating or nonoperating expenses (i.e., project administration). Even if these expenses are eligible for funding under Section 5311 at the capital match, the provider may classify these funds as operating expenses in its internal accounting system, under generally accepted accounting principles.</p> <p>FTA Circular 9040.1G</p>
<p>Have 3rd Quarter Admin Reimbursements been delayed due to the CARES Act?</p>	<p>Please let us know if you have a 3rd Q Admin Reimbursement. if it is something that will go through CARES, do not submit through your normal grant, it cannot be reversed. If you choose to use your admin grant as written please submit your claims as soon as possible.</p>
<p>Could NCDOT CARES funds also be used to cover match for 5339 capital replacements requested?</p>	<p>No, CARES is only for 5311 and 5307 funds. Federal money cannot be used to match other Federal money.</p>
<p>What is the estimated percentage of reduction of SMAP and ROAP?</p>	<p>Answer forthcoming.</p>

Was a decision made regarding whether the plexiglass upfits for vehicles can be claimed under the operations portion of 5307 CARES vs having to wait to submit in round 2 Capital? (Cost was less than \$16,000 for 24 vehicles.)	Yes, they can be considered supplies or PPE as long as the addition does not increase the value of the vehicle.
Would replacement cameras on the vehicles be an eligible expense once the Capital portion of CARES is opened?	Yes.
So can CARES cover the match for 5311 capital replacement?	No, Federal cannot match Federal.
Can you please explain the 5311 Admin and 5311 Operating claim process versus claiming against the Cares Grant.	Admin is a part of Operating. It does not need to be broken down under one submittal.
Are radio replacements covered under the capital portion of Cares Grant as well?	Yes.
Can questions and answers be posted to the website. still waiting on May 6 and May 13th Q&A	Yes. The others are there now.
Is preventative maintenance covered under CARES 5311?	Yes, maintenance can be charged to Operating for 5311.
Will there be a list of revenues that will offset the CARES funding? Along with reimbursable expenditures?	Revenues – More detail coming. Expenditures – If you have a justifiable expense, submit and we will review.
Will we be given a set amount of funds to apply for with the CARES capital application as we received for the admin. application?	Not yet determined. This will be more needs-based.
Are repairs for vehicle are also claimable with the CARES?	Repairs considered maintenance that doesn't increase the value or life of an asset can usually be claimed under operating for 5311.
I understand CARES could be used to replace vehicles at 100% Would IMD consider moving some of the replacement vehicles s requested in 5339 to the CARES funds available -as a way to fund more replacements and also reduce local matching burden	5339(b) is a separate grant request. No changes can be made. This applies to 5311 for FY2020 also. Not allowed - Projects for which funds were obligated in an FTA grant prior to the declared emergency or major disaster – Operating and Capital (FY20 Grants)

