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| <p>We recently received order forms to replace ten approved vehicles. Will there be state match for these vehicles that had been approved in the last grant? If there isn't state match, we may only be able to order half now, until additional match can be found.</p> | <p>Until the budget is approved (Expected at October BOT meeting), we cannot make any commitments to providing a state match for vehicle purchases.</p> |
| <p>Funds are restricted to operational and it is taking time to get operational projects approved for procurement.</p> | <p>Statement</p> |
| <p>Can you send out instructions on how to make amendments in EBS (from email this morning)?</p> | <p>Yes.</p> |
| <p>How many systems must be involved for the mobility management grant?</p> | <p>3 Systems minimum, one being the applicant. 50% Local Match</p> |
| <p>We haven't received any updates on FY-20 5339 Capital Funds. Do you have any updates on 5339? We need to order vehicles asap and are unable to do so.</p> | <p>We are following up on this and will let you know.</p> |
| <p>Federally funded purchases must follow the bidding requirements set forth in the Uniform Guidance (UG). (e.g. purchases from the regular 5307 or 5311) Can CARES Act Transportation Funding be appropriated for purchases on a Cooperative or NC State contract, whether the UG bidding guidelines were followed or not? (Related sidenote: Per UNC SOG, the original CARES CRF funds given to Counties are able to use NC State contracts regardless of whether UG bidding guidelines were followed... but we weren't sure if the same "exception" applied to the Transportation CARES funds.)</p> | <p>We will follow up on this asap.</p> |
| <p>We received correspondence this morning with a provision for upping our local match in case the state can't participate. Why wouldn't the state participate? I thought that was required.</p> | <p>It is not required. North Carolina usually does.</p> |

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| <p>If we have already received our signed/completed agreements, does that mean the state match is available (both capital and admin)</p> | <p>For FY21 grants, please reach out to verify the state match.</p> |
| <p>Are there any updates on DHHS CARES Act funding for Tier 1 Counties? We were told during the teleconference on July 23 that we would be receive a spreadsheet of the allocations for each county and have not yet received it.</p> | <p>This funding is in the process of being worked out. SmartSheet sent to those who are a part of it.</p> |
| <p>Was there ever a decision made for moving advertising/promotional 5311 funds around this year to help cover more essential expenses?</p> | <p>We are allowing this, but 2% must remain for Marketing.</p> |
| <p>There are instructions on EBS on how to make amendments</p> | <p>Statement</p> |
| <p>Are monthly CARES ACT claims appropriate vs quarterly if they do that?</p> | <p>It depends on the system's setup and capabilities, but we are allowing it.</p> |
| <p>Is the purchase of new radios considered Admin/Operational, or Capital? I believe capital, but am hoping for operational since they are required for daily dispatch, etc.</p> | <p>If the purchase extends beyond a year, it is considered Capital.</p> |
| <p>Knowing if there is a State match for Admin and Capital for FY21 is something that all of the systems need to know. I figured my County Budget with the State funding</p> | <p>Statement</p> |
| <p>One of our local governments is receiving their own CARES funds. They would like to use some of these funds to cover their local matching responsibilities. Is that OK, or is it wrong for local governments to supplant their match responsibilities with CARES?</p> | <p>Normally you cannot match Federal Funds with Federal Funds. This may need to be a local decision. Please contact us so that we can look into it further.</p> |
| <p>Will the DHHS Cares Act funding for Tier 1 Counties go directly to the counties or to the transit system.</p> | <p>This funding will go directly to the transit systems.</p> |

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| <p>My grant agreement for FY21 shows a State match, does that still stand or should I remove it?</p> | <p>Please contact your Regional Planner about this.</p> |
| <p>Will any urban funding be available in FY21? The only FY21 application currently available is the 5303</p> | <p>We are currently moving forward only on traditional federal grants that cannot be covered by CARES Act funding.</p> |
| <p>After receiving CARES act funds from our initial claim, can we use funds received to purchase vehicles to continue to offer the same level of service due to social distancing?</p> | <p>Currently the only 5311 CARES Act funding is for operations, not capital purchases. We will consider capital investments in the third round of funding.</p> |
| <p>Our FY21 Combined Capital grants do not have a state match. When will they be signed?</p> | <p>Please contact your MDS on this issue, so we can track where it is in the queue.</p> |
| <p>Are we supposed to put the CARES money we received into OPSTATS? If so, won't that skew the data?</p> | <p>Only put in the money you spent, not the money allocated.</p> |
| <p>"Let us know why you are not drawing down the CARES funds..." Who is it we should send the email to?</p> | <p>Send to your MDS.</p> |
| <p>That will still skew the data when considering trip provision per mile.</p> | <p>Statement</p> |
| <p>CARES funds are reimbursement claims similar to 5311 reimbursement claims. I did not think we would account for that in OpStats.</p> | <p>Statement</p> |
| <p>Is ROAP now considered operational funding</p> | <p>If you have rollover ROAP funding, you should still use as normal (eligible uses).</p> |
| <p>Currently we have plexiglass set up around the driver's area, but not any in the passenger seating area. To improve safety/social distancing of passengers we have made the decision to sharply reduce the total capacity of the vans. (e.g. 2-3 riders on a 13 passenger)</p> | <p>The Webinar on Sept 9th will speak to issues like this. Air flow is complicated and will need more investigation as to what will be the most effective.</p> |

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| <p>Would adding plexi dividers between seats (on the back of each seat) mean that we could put one person in each row as long as they are staggered from a side-by-side perspective? Or, would plexi dividers just be something that looks good and does provide a limited barrier but the time spent on the vehicle and distance to others are still the guiding factors, so, we should keep a max limit on riders to ensure exposure parameters of 6ft & 15 min?</p> | |
| <p>How do we know if we have ROAP rollover funds?</p> | <p>This should be recorded on your Period 2 Report. We are not asking you to return un-used funds like normal. If you have funds leftover, you can continue to use them.</p> |
| <p>Will the second call for CARES money allow for the purchase of vehicles?</p> | <p>The third round of CARES will allow for Capital investments once all operational needs are met.</p> |