

Potential Funding Sources for NC Public Transportation Systems - Last Updated: May 21, 2026

	5311 Non-Urbanized Area Formula, Human Service Transportation Management	Combined Capital (5311 and 5339)	5310 Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities - Operating	5310 Capital Purchase of Service	Mobility Manager Program	Non-STI Rural Expansion Vehicle	Rural STI	Rural State Operating (RO)	Capital Cost of Contracting Program	Urban Advanced Technology (UAT)
Eligible Subrecipients	Rural Systems	Small Urban Systems; Rural Systems	All Systems (Large Urban Systems apply through MPOs)	Non-Profit Organizations, Non-Transit Government Agencies	All NC Counties	Rural Systems	Rural Systems	Small Fixed-Route Systems, Regional Systems, Rural/Urban Consolidated Systems	5311 Subrecipients	Large Urban Systems
Eligible Activity	Administration; Operating	Capital	Operating	Capital Purchase of Service (only)	Capital	Capital	Capital	Operating	Capital	Capital
Local Match Requirement	15% (20% if no state funds) - Admin; 50% - Operating	10% (20% if no state funds)	50%	10% (20% if no state funds)	10% (20% if no state funds)	20%	At least 10% - See 'Guidelines and Data Requirements for Entering P6.0 Public Transportation Projects into SPOT Online' for further guidance"	50%	10% - 90% (Varies by Types of Service Contract)	10%
Federal / State Funds	Federal	Federal	Federal	Federal	Federal	Federal	Federal	State	Federal	State
NCDOT Target Call for Projects	April 1 – October 2, 2026 (FY28)	April 1 – October 2, 2026 (FY28)	April 1 – October 2, 2026 (FY28)	April 1 – October 2, 2026 (FY28)	April 1 – October 2, 2026 (FY28)	April 1 – October 2, 2026 (FY28)	April 1 – October 2, 2026 (FY28)	April 1 – October 2, 2026 (FY28)	April 1 – October 2, 2026 (FY28)	April 1 – October 2, 2026 (FY28)
Application Process & Link	Applied through the Unified Grant Application Process	Applied through the Unified Grant Application Process	Applied through the Unified Grant Application Process	Applied through the Unified Grant Application Process	Applied through the Unified Grant Application Process	Applied through the Unified Grant Application Process	Applied through the Unified Grant Application Process	Applied through the Unified Grant Application Process	Applied through the Unified Grant Application Process	Applied through the Unified Grant Application Process

	Urban State Match	Urban STI	Consolidation of Public Transportation Systems (ConCPT CN)	Coordination of Public Transportation Systems (ConCPT CO)	Travelers' Aid	Rural Operating Assistance Program (ROAP)	State Maintenance Assistance Program (SMAP)	5303 Metropolitan Transportation Planning	Transportation Demand Management (TDM)	Internship/ Apprentice Program
Eligible Subrecipients	Used as a match for federal and locally funded transit projects	5307 Direct Recipients	Two or more systems consolidating into one system	Three or more systems participating in a regularly scheduled, fixed-route type program advertised and operating five days per week	Private Non-profits, Local Government Authorities, Operators of Public Transportation	All NC Counties	Large Urban Systems; Small Urban Systems	Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO)	All Public Entities	Urban, regional, and rural public transportation systems and consolidated human services transportation systems with major transit planning responsibilities
Eligible Activity	Capital	Capital	Consolidating operations into one single system	Operating	Purchase of Transportation Services	Operating	Operating	Planning	Administration	Administration
Local Match Requirement	Variable	At least 10% - See 'Guidelines and Data Requirements for Entering P6.0 Public Transportation Projects into SPOT Online' for further guidance"	50% with Non-State Funds	50% with Non-State Funds	50%	Not Required for EDTAP, EMPL, and RGP	-	10% (20% if no state funds)	50%	10%
Federal / State Funds	State	Federal	State	State	State	State	State	Federal	State	State
NCDOT Target Call for Projects	Open throughout the fiscal year	April 1 – October 2, 2026 (FY28)	April 1 – October 2, 2026 (FY28)	April 1 – October 2, 2026 (FY28)	April 1 – October 2, 2026 (FY28)	Based on Receipt of Certified State Budget	Based on Receipt of Certified State Budget	TBD (FY28)	TBD (FY28)	TBD (FY27-FY28)
Application Process & Link	Applied through the Unified Grant Application Process	Applied through the Unified Grant Application Process	Applied through the Unified Grant Application Process	Applied through the Unified Grant Application Process	Applied through the Unified Grant Application Process	Separate call for Projects	Separate call for Projects	Separate call for Projects	Separate call for Projects	Separate call for Projects