



FY27 UNIFIED GRANT APPLICATION OVERVIEW

NCDOT Integrated Mobility Division (IMD) has revised the FY27 Unified Grant Application (UGA) based on your feedback with the same goal: to simplify, streamline, and modernize the process by which applicants apply for state-administered transit funds. Training will be held in March 2025 and Regional Grant Specialists are available for additional guidance throughout the process.

The UGA is organized according to three phases: 1) Pre-Application, 2) Application, and 3) Contracting & Compliance.



What's New to FY27

- Added new UGA documents: Capital Needs Request Form, NEPA Information Form, and Independent Cost Estimate (ICE) Form.
- Smartsheet Workspaces for previous years are available to view and download for review purposes only.
- Urban State Match applications are now only submitted when vehicle(s) are received.
- Removed Volunteer Reimbursement from 5310 Operating Program.
- The date for requesting vehicle mileage is now May 31st.
- Renamed 'Conflict of Interest Policy' to 'Signed Conflict of Interest Statements'.
- New color scheme for Part 3.3 phases.
- Added notes to the Public Hearing Notice and 5310 Capital Purchase of Service.
- Consolidated application steps in Part 3.3 programs and grouped into Rural and Urban.
- Removed Master Documents required for Urban grants with exception of Travelers' Aid and ConCPT grants.

Benefits for Applicants



Simplifies the application process by integrating nearly all IMD grant programs into a single process.



Streamlines the application process by combining background information, program eligibility, eligible expenditures, and application steps into a single document.



Modernizes the application process using Smartsheet forms and DocuSign.

Key Dates

The application window opens **April 1, 2025** and applications are due **October 3, 2025**.

DATES	TASK/EVENT
April 1, 2025	Grant Application Package Distributed
April 1 – October 3, 2025	Regional Grant Specialists Available to Assist Grantees with Questions
June 2, 2025	Pre-Application Due to NCDOT
July 1, 2025	Program Applications in EBS Open
October 3, 2025	Program Applications in EBS Due to NCDOT
October – December 2025	Grant Application Review Process
January – April 2026	IMD makes funding recommendation to NCDOT Board of Transportation
February – June 2026	FTA grant review and award for federal funding
July 1, 2026	Effective date of one-year grant agreement

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