

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.

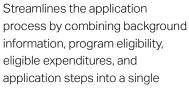
Key Dates

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

Benefits for Applicants

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



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Modernizes the application process using Smartsheet forms and DocuSign.

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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