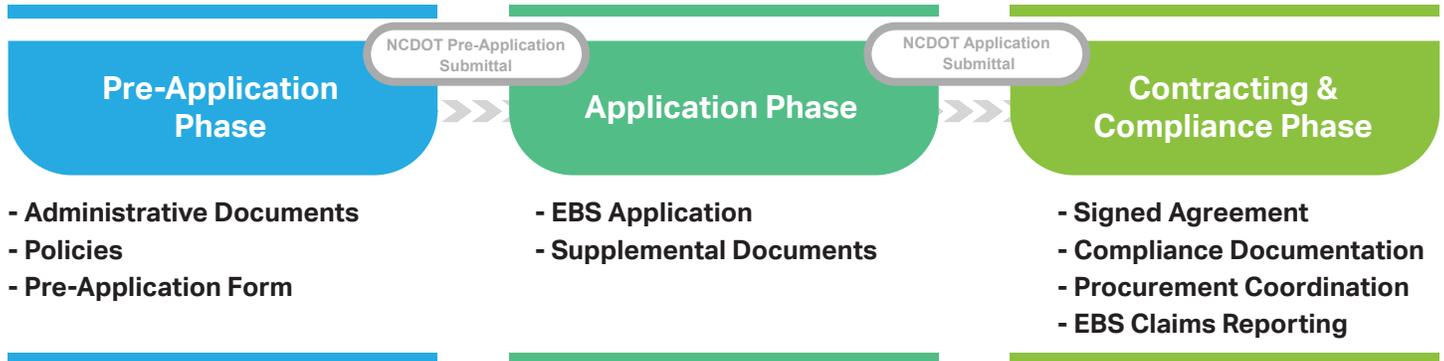




FY26 UNIFIED GRANT APPLICATION OVERVIEW

NCDOT Integrated Mobility Division (IMD) has revised the FY26 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 2024 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 FY26

- Created a UGA Roadmap
- No cap on vehicle insurance amount (previously \$2,500)
- Emphasized that sub-recipients can skip the Pre-Application Phase if they have already applied for another grant during the same fiscal year.
- Added new UGA Tools and Resources
 - Smartsheet Quick Reference Guide
 - UGA Video Training Materials
 - UGA Progress Sheet

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, 2024** and applications are due **October 4, 2024**.

DATES	TASK/EVENT
April 1, 2024	Grant Application Package Distributed
April 1 – October 4, 2024	Regional Grant Specialists Available to Assist Grantees with Questions
June 3, 2024	Pre-Application Due to NCDOT
July 1, 2024	Program Applications in EBS Open
October 4, 2024	Program Applications in EBS Due to NCDOT
October – December, 2024	Grant Application Review Process
January – April 2025	IMD makes funding recommendation to NCDOT Board of Transportation
February – June 2025	FTA grant review and award for federal funding
July 1, 2025	Effective date of one year grant agreement

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