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MEMORANDUM

Date: August 20, 2024

To: Jackson County Board of Commissioners

From: April Alm, Transit Director, Jackson County Transit

Subject: Public Hearing for FY26 Community Transportation Program Grant Applications

The purpose of this memo is to request to hold a public hearing for the FY26 Community Transportation Program Grant Applications on September 17, 2024 at 6:25 pm. One public hearing is acceptable for all four Community Transportation Program Grant Applications. As the applicant, Jackson County Transit will be seeking permission to apply for the Public Transportation Program funding, enter into agreement with the North Carolina Department of Transportation, provide the necessary assurances and the required local match.

The 5311 Administrative grant program helps to subsidize the administrative costs of running a transportation system which includes administrative salaries and benefits as well as office supplies, uniforms, training and marketing.

The 5310 Operating grant program supports transportation operating costs for the elderly and individuals with disabilities.

The Combined Capital grant program allows Community Transportation systems the opportunity to apply for funding to maintain a public transportation system fleet and other capital needs. This capital project consists of two replacement vehicles (two Raised Roof vans with lifts), lettering and logos for each vehicle, and two propane conversions. Also included is a replacement repeater for radio communication. All vehicles and equipment are being requested due to having met the end of their useful life and meet the minimum requirements for replacement with NCDOT IMD.

The Non-STI Rural Expansion Vehicle Program supports rural systems who are interested in applying for expansion vehicles. The opportunity for funding requests made through this program will only be considered after all Combined Capital funding requests. Jackson County Transit will be asking to apply for one expansion Raised Roof van with lift, lettering and logos and one propane conversion.

The total estimated amount requested for the period *July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.*

<u>Project</u>	<u>Total Amount</u>	<u>Local Share</u>	
Administrative	\$ 212,321	\$ 31,849	(15%)
Combined Capital	\$ 241,200	\$ 24,120	(10%)
5310 Operating	\$ 165,000	\$ 82,500	(50%)
Non-STI Rural Expansion Vehicle	\$117,956	\$23,592	(20%)
TOTAL PROJECT	\$ 736,477	\$ 162,061	
	Total Funding Request	Total Local Share	

NOTE: Local share amount is subject to State funding availability.