

# JACKSON COUNTY TRANSIT

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## MEMORANDUM

Date: September 17, 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 FY26 Community Transportation Program Grant Application Public Hearing is scheduled for 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 North Carolina Department of Transportation Integrated Mobility Division (IMD) manages grant applications with the Federal Transit Administration for mass and community transportation programs. On behalf of rural communities, the NCDOT IMD completes applications for formula grants for rural areas (Section 5311 Admin) and formula grants for the enhanced mobility of Seniors & Individuals with Disabilities (Section 5310 Operating) as well as capital improvements for transit systems. This allows rural communities to work directly with their state rather than needing to apply directly for funding through the Federal Transit Administration.

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 station 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%)
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<b>TOTAL PROJECT</b>	<b>\$ 736,477</b>	<b>\$ 162,061</b>	
	<b>Total Funding Request</b>	<b>Total Local Share</b>	

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

Attached is the Public Hearing Notice that was published in the Sylva Herald on September 5, 2024. Also attached is the Public Transportation Program Resolution which is the authorizing resolution to apply for the Administrative Community Transportation Program Grant Application to be signed on approval from the Jackson County Board of Commissioners.

## PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

**Section 5311 (ADTAP), 5310, 5339, 5307 and applicable State funding, or combination thereof.**

This is to inform the public that a public hearing will be held on the proposed Jackson County Community Transportation Program Application to be submitted to the North Carolina Department of Transportation no later than October 4, 2024. The public hearing will be held on September 17, 2024 at 6:25 pm before the Jackson County Board of Commissioners located at the Albert Carlton-Community Library, 249 Frank Allen Rd, Cashiers, NC 28717.

Those interested in attending the public hearing and needing either auxiliary aids and services under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) or a language translator should contact April Alm on or before September 13, 2024, at telephone number (828) 586-0233 or via email at aprilalm@jacksonnc.org.

The Community Transportation Program provides assistance to coordinate existing transportation programs operating in Jackson County as well as provides transportation options and services for the communities within this service area. These services are currently provided using NCDOT-sponsored vans. Services are rendered by Jackson County Transit.

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This application may be inspected at Jackson County Transit, 1148 Haywood Rd, Sylva, NC 28779 from 8AM to 5PM. Written comments should be directed to April Alm before Friday, September 13, 2024.