

**Item Title:** Approval of the Rural Operating Assistance Program (ROAP) Grant Request

**Specific Action Requested:**

**That the Board of Commissioners approves a ROAP grant application be made to the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) in the amount of \$574,880 as detailed below.**

**Item Summary:**

The Wake Coordinated Transportation Service (WCTS) operates under several grant programs through the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT). The ROAP grant program was created to provide operating assistance for trips serving the elderly, disabled, employment, and rural public purposes. For FY 2016-2017 WCTS has been allocated \$574,880 in total ROAP funding from NCDOT.

There are three operating programs available to fund trips under the ROAP grant. Elderly and Disabled Transportation Assistance Program (EDTAP) funds can be utilized to purchase trips for qualifying elderly and disabled individuals living in Wake County. Employment (EMP) funds can be utilized to purchase trips to assist human services clients that transitioned off Work First or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) in the previous 12 months or Workforce Development Program participants. EMP funds are also intended to help the transportation of the disadvantaged public and/or the general public to travel to work, employment training and/or other employment related destinations. Rural General Public (RGP) program funds the County's Transportation and Rural Access (TRACS) program which is intended to provide transportation services for individuals from the County who do not have a human service agency or organization that will pay for the transportation service, whose trip origin or destination must be in the rural area. A minimum 10% match of the total TRACS program is required for the TRACS portion of the grant and is covered through fees paid by users. The breakdown of support is as follows:

	FY 2015-16 ROAP Funds	FY2016-17 ROAP Funds	Change in Funds	FY 2016-17 Local Match	FY 2016-17 TOTAL
EDTAP	\$241,218	\$274,346	\$33,128	\$ 0	\$274,346
EMP	\$205,178	\$202,643	(\$ 2,535)	\$ 0	\$202,643
RGP	\$ 86,974	\$ 97,891	\$10,917	\$10,877	\$108,768
TOTAL	\$533,370	\$574,880	\$41,510	\$10,877	\$585,757

\* The Local Matching requirement for TRACS totaling \$10,877 is funded through rider fees and town contributions.

The Wake County Transportation Advisory Board recommends this application for the Board of Commissioners approval and submission to the North Carolina Department of Transportation, Public Transportation Division.

**Attachments:**

1. FY2017 ROAP Grant Application
2. FY2017 County ROAP Certified Statement
3. 2016-2017 ROAP Agency Sub-Allocations