

FORSYTH COUNTY

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING DATE: FEBRUARY 6, 2020

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: _____

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SUBJECT: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE N.C. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT, IF AWARDED, A FY 2019-2020 RURAL OPERATING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (ROAP) GRANT (DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES)

COUNTY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION OR COMMENTS: Recommenid Approval

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION:

Forsyth County received notice to apply for Rural Operating Assistance Program (ROAP) Grant funding in the amount of \$281,818.83 for Fiscal Year 2019-2020.

The Rural Operating Assistance Program (ROAP) is a state-funded public transportation grant program administered by the North Carolina Department of Transportation – Public Transportation Division. ROAP consolidates the Elderly and Disabled Transportation Assistance Program (EDTAP), the Employment Transportation Assistance Program (EMPL), and the Rural General Public (RGP) Transportation Program into a single application package. County governments and eligible transportation authorities are the only eligible applicants for ROAP funds. All eligible applicants must submit an annual application to receive these funds.

EDTAP funds are used to provide assistance for the transportation of the state's elderly and disabled citizens allowing these individuals to reside for a longer period in their homes, thereby enhancing their quality of life. Examples of eligible trips include trips for personal care activities, medical appointments, and trips to the pharmacy.

EMPL funds are intended to help DSS clients that transitioned from Work First or TANF in the last 12 months, Workforce Development Program participants and/or the general public to travel to work, employment training and/or other employment-related destinations. Examples of eligible trips include job interviews, job fair attendance, job readiness activities/training, transportation to a workplace, and transportation to childcare for children of working parents.

ATTACHMENTS: yes no

SIGNATURE: _____

J. Dondley Watts, Sr. /AMS
COUNTY MANAGER

DATE: _____

February 3, 2020

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(DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES)**

WHEREAS the Rural Operating Assistance Program (ROAP) is a state-funded public transportation grant program administered by the North Carolina Department of Transportation – Public Transportation Division;

WHEREAS ROAP consolidates the Elderly and Disabled Transportation Assistance Program (EDTAP), the Employment Transportation Assistance Program (EMPL), and the Rural General Public (RGP) Transportation Program into a single application package;

WHEREAS Forsyth County received notice to apply for ROAP Grant funding in the amount of \$281,818.83 for Fiscal Year 2019-2020; and

WHEREAS Forsyth County Department of Social Services staff recommends that the County apply for a ROAP grant from the North Carolina Department of Transportation for the period July 1, 2019, to June 30, 2020, in the total amount of \$281,818.83, which grant funds will be used as follows:

- 1) Elderly and Disabled Transportation Assistance Program (EDTAP): \$189,770.87;
- 2) Employment Transportation Assistance Program (EMPL): \$92,047.96

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes submission of an grant application as set forth herein to the North Carolina Department of Transportation, and the Chairman or the County Manager and Clerk to the Board or their designees are hereby authorized to execute, on behalf of Forsyth County, necessary documents to receive grant funds, if awarded, from the North Carolina Department of Transportation for a ROAP grant, subject to necessary budget appropriation, pre-audit certificate thereon by the County Chief Financial Officer, if applicable, and approval as to form and legality by the County Attorney.

Adopted this the 6th day of February 2020.