



Buncombe County Board of Commissioners

Request for Board Action

Meeting Date: 9/17/2024

Public Hearings

Department: Planning & Development

Presenter(s): William High

Contact(s): William High, Lead Transportation Planner

Subject: FY 2026 Annual Section 5311 Administrative and Capital Grant Applications

Brief Summary:

Buncombe County's Community Transportation System, Mountain Mobility, provides transportation to senior adults, persons with disabilities, clients of human service agencies, members of the general public (outside the City of Asheville), clients of Medicaid (under contract), and residents of the City of Asheville eligible for ADA Complimentary Paratransit (under contract).

Buncombe County is a designated applicant/recipient of state and federal transportation funds made available through North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT). Designated applicants/recipients must possess the technical and financial capacity to: (1) apply for, administer, operate, and carry out transportation projects; and (2) comply with all applicable state and federal laws, regulations, and guidelines. The FY 2026 Grant Application budgets are summarized below.

Section 5311 Administrative Grant		
Source	Percent	Funding
Federal Share	80%	\$343,811
State Share	5%	\$21,488
Local Share	15%	\$64,465
Total Expenditures	100%	\$429,764

Section 5311 Capital Grant		
Source	Percent	Funding
Federal Share	80%	\$510,093
State Share	10%	\$63,761
Local Share	10%	\$63,763
Total Expenditures	100%	\$637,617

The Section 5311 grant application requires a public hearing and authorizing resolution. Notice of the public hearing were: (1) published in the Asheville Citizen-Times; (2) posted on the Buncombe County website; and (3) distributed to various organizations and groups with an interest in transportation services provided. The authorizing resolution is attached.

Recommended Motion & Requested Action: Hold a public hearing and adopt the Resolution Authorizing the Chairperson to Execute an Application for FY 2026 Public Transportation Program Funding, Enter Into Agreement with the North Carolina Department of Transportation, and to Provide the Necessary Certifications and Grant Documents.