

Public Hearing Notice

Buncombe County Rural Operating Assistance Program

This is to inform the public of the opportunity to attend a public hearing on the proposed Rural Operating Assistance Program (ROAP) application to be submitted to the North Carolina Department of Transportation no later than **October 18** by Buncombe County. The public hearing will be held on **October 1 at 4:30 p.m.** at the Buncombe County Commission Chambers, located at 200 College Street Suite 326 in downtown Asheville, NC 28801. Buncombe County will provide auxiliary aids and services under the ADA for disabled persons who wish to participate in the hearing. Anyone requiring special services should contact Kathy Hughes at the Buncombe County Clerk's office (Kathy.hughes@buncombecounty.org) as soon as possible so that arrangements can be made.

The programs included in the Rural Operating Assistance Program application are:

1. Elderly & Disabled Transportation Assistance (EDTAP) Program provides operating assistance for the public transportation of elderly and disabled citizens.
2. Employment Transportation Assistance Program provides operating assistance for the public transportation of persons with employment related transportation needs.
3. Rural General Public (RGP) Program provides operating assistance for the public transportation of persons living in non-urban areas of the county.

The period of performance for Rural Operating Assistance Program funds is July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014. The FY2014 ROAP individual program totals are:

PROGRAM	TOTAL
EDTAP	\$141,300
EMPL	\$45,610
RGP	\$161,967
TOTAL	\$348,881

This application may be inspected at the offices of Land of Sky Regional Council located at 339 Leicester Highway Suite 140 Asheville NC 28806 between the hours of 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. beginning September 23 Monday- Friday. Written comments should be directed to Hope Bleecker, Transit Program Manager prior to Tuesday October 1, 2013.