

**BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA ITEM**

MEETING DATE: June 5, 2012

Actions Requested:

- (1) Public Hearing on the Proposed Use of FY 2013 Rural Operating Assistance Program Funds
- (2) Resolution Authorizing the Submission of an Application for State Grant Funds Under FY 2013 Rural Operating Assistance Program (ROAP)

Background Information

Mountain Mobility, Buncombe County's Community Transportation System, is designated by the NCDOT-Public Transportation Division as the lead transportation provider for community transportation in Buncombe County. This Public Hearing and Resolution relate to Buncombe County's annual grant application to the NCDOT for funds under the Rural Operating Assistance Program (ROAP). The ROAP application is due to the NCDOT no later than June 20, 2012.

The ROAP Program consolidates the application process for three state grant programs: the Elderly and Disabled Transportation Assistance Program (EDTAP), the Employment Transportation Assistance Program (EMP), and the Rural General Public (RGP) Program. A comparison of annual funding information is attached, and shows that EDTAP and EMP funds decreased over FY2012 levels, but additional RGP funds will be

The public hearing will provide an opportunity for local input regarding the proposed use of ROAP funds. Interested persons, including minorities, women, elderly, disabled, those with limited English proficiency, low-income individuals, and the general public, are invited to offer comments regarding the availability of and proposed uses of ROAP funds to meet transportation needs in the County.

A chart outlining Proposed Uses for FY 2013 ROAP funds is provided for review and comment.

*Presenter: Hope Bleecker, Regional Transit Planner
Land-of-Sky Regional Council
Mountain Mobility Administrative Contractor*

Funds/Staff requested:

There is a 10% match requirement for RGP funds. Match funds are available from passenger fares and within the current approved budget.

Request submitted by: Denise Braine, Planner III, Buncombe County Planning and Development

Date Submitted: May 21, 2012