

**RURAL STATE OPERATING PROGRAM**

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Integrated Mobility Division (IMD)**

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**Brief Description of Program:**

Rural State Operating program funding assistance is used to supplement transportation system delivery of additional services current funding does not adequately support. Rural State Operating (RO) funds are available for Section 5311 recipients who fall into one of the following categories: Small Fixed Route, Regional, and Rural/Urban Consolidated systems identified in the Rural State Operating Overview and in the annual call for projects. Eligibility and eligibility requirements are discussed in Integrated Mobility Division's (IMD) procedures and the annual call for projects. General public transportation activities in rural North Carolina (areas outside urbanized area boundaries) are the focus of this funding. Eligible activities for this operating assistance are additional trips in the service area not covered by other funding sources. Trips are encouraged to be coordinated with human service agencies, near-by jurisdictions, and/or public and private transportation providers. IMD defines the eligible services and organizations in the annual call for projects.

On NCDOT's confirmation Grant Master List (GML), these funds are identified as DOT-11

**Organizations Funded:**     Private     Local Government     Both

**Source of Funds:**            State     X                        Federal