



REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

ITEM NO. 2.

DATE OF MEETING: September 16, 2013

REQUESTED BY: Valeria N. Sutton, Transportation Coordinator, Pender Adult Services/
Pender Transportation

SHORT TITLE: Public Hearing and Resolution Approving the Grant Application And Authorizing the Grant for the Rural Operating Assistance Program (ROAP) Operated By Pender Adult Services (PAS) For FY 2013-2014 Totaling: \$167,766.

BACKGROUND: Pender Adult Services (PAS) acts as Transportation Coordinator for Pender County. They operate the MV Transit Bus which provides transportation around Pender and New Hanover County. Patrons of this service pay \$3 each way for their transportation within the County and \$8 each way for transportation outside of Pender County.

This service is **available to all residents of Pender County**. PAS subsidizes the cost of this program by approximately \$60,000 annually from their operating budget; however, the Varying fuel costs have impacted this program directly.

Funds are budgeted under the NC Department of Transportation that requires a public hearing be held prior to authorizing this action.

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.

SPECIFIC ACTION REQUESTED: The Board of Commissioners is requested to hold a public hearing to take public comment on this action, which has been properly advertised, to authorize and approve the submission of the Rural Operating Assistance Program (ROAP) FY 2013-14 Application by Pender Adult Services.

COUNTY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION

Respectfully recommend approval.



Initial

RESOLUTION

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Pender County Board of Commissioners that authorization is approved for Pender Adult Services to submit a grant application to the NC Department of Transportation in support of state funding for the Rural Operating Assistance Program (ROAP) for Fiscal Year 2013-14 in the amount of \$167,766. The Chairman/County Manager is authorized to execute any documentation necessary to implement this resolution.

AMENDMENTS:

MOVED _____ SECONDED _____

APPROVED _____ DENIED _____ UNANIMOUS

YEA VOTES: Brown _____ Tate _____ Rivenbark _____ Ward _____ Williams _____

George R. Brown, Jr., Chairman _____
Date

ATTEST _____
Date

Application for Transportation Operating Assistance

FY 2014 Rural Operating Assistance Program Funds

Name of Applicant (County)	Pender
County Manager	Mickey Duvall
County Manager's Email Address	mduvall@pendercountync.gov
County Finance Officer	Claiburn B. "Butch" Watson
CFO's Email Address	cwatson@pendercountync.gov
CFO's Phone Number	910-259-1282
Person Completing this Application	Valeria N. Sutton
Person's Job Title	Transportation Coordinator
Person's Email Address	vsutton@penderpas.com
Person's Phone Number	910-259-9119 x 321
Community Transportation System	Pender Transportation
Name of Transit Contact Person	Valeria N.Sutton
Transit Contact Person's Email Address	vsutton@penderpas.com

Application Completed by: _____ Date: _____
Signature

I certify that the content of this application is complete and accurately describes the county's administration of the ROAP Program, and the use of the ROAP funds in accordance with applicable state guidelines.

County Manager: _____ Date: _____
Signature

County Finance Officer: _____ Date: _____
Signature

Application Instructions

County officials should read the ROAP Program State Management Plan which contains guidance on the administration of the ROAP Program and information about the preparation of grant applications.

- The application must be completed by an official of the county or his/her designee.
- Click on the **gray rectangle** and type each answer. If needed, the text will automatically wrap to the next row. The answer may wrap to the next page if necessary.
- If the county wishes to explain their response to any questions or provide more information, the county may include additional pages with this application form. All the pages of the application and any pages added by the applicant should be scanned into the same file.
- If there are questions regarding this application, contact the NCDOT-PTD Mobility Development Specialist assigned to the area served by the transit system.

FY2014 ROAP Program Schedule

ROAP funds will be disbursed based on which deadline the applicant meets.

First Application Deadline	September 16, 2013
Disbursement if 1 st Deadline is met (100%)	September 30, 2013
Second Chance Application Deadline	October 18, 2013
Disbursement if 2 nd Deadline is met (100%)	October 31, 2013

County's Management of ROAP Funds

All counties are eligible to receive Rural Operating Assistance Program (ROAP) funding from the State of North Carolina. As a recipient of ROAP funds, the county must implement administrative processes that will ensure the following:

- ROAP funds are expended on needs identified through a public involvement and/or planning process.
- ROAP funds are expended on eligible activities only.
- Supporting documentation of expenditures is maintained.
- Service recipients meet eligibility requirements and their eligibility is documented.
- Trips funded with ROAP funding are monitored and evaluated throughout the period of performance.
- An accounting of trips and expenditures is provided in a semi-annual report to NCDOT.
- ROAP funds received and expended are included in the local annual audit.

Transportation Needs and Public Involvement in Funding Decisions	Yes or No
A. Did the county ask the Community Transportation Advisory Board (TAB), which is affiliated with the community transit system, to recommend how the ROAP funds should be sub-allocated?	Yes
B. In addition to the public hearing notice and the public hearing, were other outreach efforts conducted to inform the public about the availability of ROAP funds and to discuss transportation needs BEFORE the county decided to sub-allocate the ROAP funds?	Yes
C. Does the federally funded Community Transportation System operating in the county have a Community Transportation Service Plan (CTSP) or Community Transportation Improvement Plan (CTIP) that was developed in the last five years or being completed at this time? <i>Date of the plan: We are on the list for a plan</i>	No
D. Does your county have a Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan (LCP) that provides a list of unmet transportation needs and/or gaps in transportation services? <i>Date of the plan: 03-17-09 / LCP Meeting March 7, 2013. A Current plan will be final soon.</i>	Yes
E. Does the county have other transportation plans that address public transportation needs?	No
If yes, list and describe these plans.	
F. How did the county decide who would receive the ROAP funds? List the names of anyone who participated in the decision to suballocate the ROAP funds and their role in the community. County manager and County Finance Officer	
G. How did the county decide on the amount of ROAP funds to sub-allocate to a subrecipient? Funding is allocated to Pender Adult Services, Inc. This agency provides transportation for Pender County Residents.	

Financial Management of ROAP Funds	Yes or No
H. Does the county disburse/allocate ROAP funds to any county governmental departments?	no
I. If yes, how does the county account for these funds within the county's accounting system? n/a	
J. Does the county pass through any ROAP funds to agencies or organizations that are not county governmental departments or agencies?	Yes
K. If yes, does the county have a written agreement with these agencies that addresses the proper use and accountability of these funds? <i>(Include a sample agreement with application)</i>	no
L. ROAP funds cannot be used instead of using the existing transportation funding an agency or organization receives from any other funding source. If any of the departments, agencies or organizations receiving ROAP funding from the county get transportation funding from other Federal, State or Local funding sources, list those funding programs: n/a	
M. Do any subrecipients receive ROAP funds before any trips are provided, and refund the unused portion at the end of the period of performance?	no
N. Are ROAP funds being deposited in an interest bearing account?	no
If no, then why aren't ROAP funds deposited in an interest bearing account? Transportation is provided prior to receiving these funds, so they are a reimbursement to the agency.	
O. What does the county do with the interest from the ROAP funds? n/a	
P. Does the county provide any local funds for transportation operating assistance to any of the ROAP sub-recipients in addition to the state ROAP funds?	Yes
Q. Is supporting documentation maintained for all ROAP grant financial transactions for five years? IMPORTANT: Yes is the only correct answer.	Yes
Monitoring and Oversight Responsibilities	Yes or No
R. The Finance Officer OR the Executive Director of an eligible transportation authority will be responsible for the oversight and evaluation of the transportation services provided with the ROAP funding? IMPORTANT: Yes is the only correct answer.	Yes
S. Does the county require the subrecipients of ROAP funds to provide progress reports and statistical data about the trips provided with ROAP funds?	Yes
T. If progress reports and/or operating statistical reports are required by the county, how frequently are these provided to the county for evaluation? Quarterly	
U. Does the county require the subrecipients of ROAP funds to use the transportation services of the federally funded Community Transit System operating in the county?	Yes
V. Are subrecipients of ROAP funds coordinating transportation services with other subrecipients in the county therefore reducing any duplication of effort?	Yes

Accountability to North Carolina Taxpayers	Yes or No
W. Is the method used to sub-allocate the ROAP funds fair and equitable? Open and transparent?	Yes
X. Is the county prepared to provide documentation that an eligible citizen was provided an eligible service or trip on the billed date, by whatever conveyance, at the specified cost?	Yes
Y. A semi-annual ROAP Report must be completed and sent to NCDOT. Who will be designated to complete these reports in FY2014? <i>(name, title, employer)</i> Valeria N. Sutton, Transportation Coordinator, Pender Adult Services, Inc.	

Elderly and Disabled Transportation Assistance Program

The Elderly and Disabled Transportation Assistance Program (EDTAP), originally enacted by legislation in the 1989 Session of the North Carolina General Assembly (Article 2B, 136-44.27), provides operating assistance funds for the transportation of the state's elderly and disabled citizens. This transportation assistance allows the elderly and disabled to reside for a longer period in their homes, thereby enhancing their quality of life.

Elderly and Disabled Transportation Assistance Program Questions	Yes or No
A. What will be the purposes of the trips provided with EDTAP funds? <i>(Check all that apply)</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Personal care activities, medical appointments, pharmacy pick-up, shopping, bill paying, meetings, classes, banking <input type="checkbox"/> Job interviews, job fair attendance, job readiness activities or training, GED classes <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation to workplace <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Group field trips/tours to community special events (Federal charter regulations apply to transit.) <input type="checkbox"/> Overnight trips to out-of-county destinations (Federal charter regulations apply to transit) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Human service agency appointments	
B. How will the transportation service be provided? <i>(Check all that apply)</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Transportation System <input type="checkbox"/> Private Provider <input type="checkbox"/> Taxi Service <input type="checkbox"/> Agency Staff Driver <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer Driver Program	
C. Are any of the EDTAP services you are funding, listed as an unmet need or gap in service in the Public Transit-Human Service Coordination Plan or any other transportation plan for your county? <i>See these page numbers in the plan: 4-6 in the 2009-old plan.</i> Plan Title: Pender County Local Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan	Yes
D. Does the federally funded Community Transit System operating in your county receive a sub-allocation of EDTAP funds?	Yes
If yes, does the county dictate which agencies and organizations will receive transportation services with any of the EDTAP funds the transit system receives?	Yes
Can the Community Transit System use any of the EDTAP funds it receives to provide transportation for elderly and disabled citizens of the county who do not have a human service agency or organization to pay for the service?	Yes

Elderly and Disabled Transportation Assistance Program Questions (con't)	Yes or No
<p>If the transit system's Community Transportation Service Plan (CTSP) is less than six years old, does it describe and evaluate the services the transit system is providing for the elderly and disabled? <i>See these page numbers in the plan: We are on the list...</i> Plan Title:</p>	n/a
<p>Does the CTSP recommend any new EDTAP funded services for FY2014? <i>See these page numbers in the plan:</i> Plan Title:</p>	No
<p>E. Will any of the subrecipients use their EDTAP sub-allocation as matching funds for any of the following programs? <i>(Matching funds for operating assistance only.)</i></p> <p>5310 – Elderly Individuals and Individuals with Disabilities Program 5311 - Non-urbanized Area Formula Program 5316 – Job Access and Reverse Commute Program (JARC) 5317 – New Freedom Program</p>	No
<p>F. Will any of the subrecipients of EDTAP funds charge a fare for an EDTAP funded trip?</p>	Yes
<p>If yes, how much will the fare be? \$3.00 one way</p>	
<p>If yes, how will the fare revenue be used? Used to provide trips</p>	
<p>G. Do any of the subrecipients of EDTAP funds restrict EDTAP funded trips based on the origin, timing or destination of the trip?</p>	No
<p>H. Is there a process or policy for determining when it is appropriate to transfer EDTAP funds from one sub-recipient to another to prevent there being unspent funds at the end of the period of performance?</p>	No
<p>I. EDTAP funded trips are expected to be provided throughout the entire year. If the EDTAP funds are expended in less than a year, will the county provide county funds to prevent the discontinuation of transportation trips?</p>	No

Employment Transportation Assistance Program

The Employment Transportation Assistance Program (EMPL) is intended to help DSS clients that transitioned off 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.

Employment Transportation Program Questions	Yes or No
<p>A. What will be the purposes of the transportation services provided with EMPL funds? <i>(Check all that apply)</i></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Job interviews, job fair attendance, job readiness activities or training, GED classes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation to workplace (Scheduled by the individual only. No agency scheduled trips.) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Child(ren) of working parent transported to Child Care</p>	
<p>B. How will the transportation service be provided? <i>(Check all that apply)</i></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Transportation System <input type="checkbox"/> Private Provider <input type="checkbox"/> Taxi Service <input type="checkbox"/> Agency Staff Driver <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer Driver Program</p>	

Employment Transportation Program Questions (con't)	Yes or No
C. Describe the eligibility criteria to be used in this county to determine who will be provided EMPL funded trips. Eligibility Criteria on page 10 of ROAP State Management Plan- Employment section, to include the general public for employment and DSS has a formula they use to determine eligibility for their clients.	
D. Are any of the EMPL services you are funding, listed as an unmet need or gap in service in the Public Transit-Human Service Coordination Plan or any other transportation plan for your county? <i>See these page numbers in the plan: 4-6 in the 2009-old plan</i> <i>Plan title: Pender County Local Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan</i>	Yes
E. Does the federally funded Community Transit System operating in your county receive a sub-allocation of EMPL funds?	Yes
If yes, does the county dictate which agencies and organizations will receive transportation services with any of the EMPL funds the transit system receives?	Yes
Can the Community Transit System use any of the EMPL funds it receives to provide transportation for citizens in the county who need transportation to a job or employment related destination and who do not have a human service agency or organization to pay for the service?	Yes
If the transit system's Community Transportation Service Plan (CTSP) is less than six years old, does it describe and evaluate the services the transit system is providing for the employed or unemployed? <i>See these page numbers in the plan: We are on the list.</i> <i>Plan title:</i>	n/a
Does the CTSP recommend any new EMPL funded services for FY2014? <i>See these page numbers in the plan: We are on the list.</i> <i>Plan title:</i>	No. n/a
F. Will any of the subrecipients of EMPL funds charge a fare for an EMPL funded trip?	Yes
If yes, how much will the fare be? \$3.00 one way	
If yes, how will the fare revenue be used? To provide more transportation	
G. Do any of the subrecipients of EMPL funds restrict EMPL funded trips based on the origin, timing or destination of the trip?	No
H. Is there a process or policy for determining when it is appropriate to transfer funds from one sub-recipient to another to prevent there being unspent funds at the end of the period of performance?	Yes
I. Has the county transferred any EMPL funds to EDTAP or RGP in the last two years?	No
J. Will any of the subrecipients use their EMPL sub-allocation as matching funds for any of the following programs? <i>(Matching funds for operating assistance only.)</i> 5310 – Elderly Individuals and Individuals with Disabilities Program 5311 - Non-urbanized Area Formula Program 5316 – Job Access and Reverse Commute Program (JARC) 5317 – New Freedom Program	No
K. EMPL funded trips are expected to be provided throughout the entire year. If the EMPL funds are expended in less than a year, will the county provide county funds to prevent the discontinuation of transportation services?	No

Rural General Public Program

The Rural General Public Program assistance funds are intended to provide transportation services for individuals from the county who do not have a human service agency or organization that will pay for the transportation service. The county, in consultation with the Community Transportation System, must determine the RGP services to be provided with the RGP funds.

Rural General Public Transportation Program Questions	Yes or No
<p>A. What will be the trip purposes of the transportation services provided with RGP funds? <i>(Check all that apply)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Personal care activities, medical appointments, pharmacy pick-up, shopping, bill paying, meetings, classes, banking <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Job interviews, job fair attendance, job readiness activities or training, GED classes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation to workplace (Scheduled by the individual only. No agency scheduled trips.) <input type="checkbox"/> Child(ren) of working parent transported to child care <input type="checkbox"/> Group field trips/tours to community special events (Federal charter regulations apply to transit.) <input type="checkbox"/> Overnight trips to out-of-county destinations (Federal charter regulations apply to transit.) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Human service agency appointments 	
<p>B. How will the transportation service be provided? <i>(Check all that apply)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Transportation System <input type="checkbox"/> Private Provider <input type="checkbox"/> Taxi Service <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer Driver Program 	
<p>C. Are any of the RGP funded services the transit system will provide listed as an unmet need or gap in service in the Public Transit-Human Service Coordination Plan or any other transportation plan for your county? <i>See these page numbers in the plan: 4-6</i> Plan title: Pender County Local Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan</p>	Yes
<p>D. If the transit system's Community Transportation Service Plan (CTSP) is less than six years old, does it describe and evaluate the general public services the transit system does in the county for citizens who need transportation but don't have a human service agency or organization to pay for the service? <i>See these page numbers in the plan: We are on the list for new plan</i> Plan title:</p>	n/a
<p>E. Does the CTSP recommend any new RGP funded services for FY2013-14? <i>See these page numbers in the plan: We are on the list for new plan</i> Plan title:</p>	N/a
<p>F. Will RGP trips be provided to citizens who need transportation but don't have a human service agency or organization to pay for the trip?</p>	Yes
<p>G. Will any of the RGP funded trips be restricted based on origin, timing or destination of the trip to control the expenditure of funds over time?</p>	No
<p>H. Since the subrecipient can only use RGP funds to pay for 90% of the cost of a trip, will the Community Transit System use fare revenue to generate the local 10% match requirement for RGP funds?</p>	Yes
<p>If yes, how much will the fare be? \$3.00 one way</p>	
<p>If yes, how will the fare revenue be used? Local match</p>	

Rural General Public Transportation Program Questions (con't)	Yes or No
If no, describe the source of the required matching funds?	
I. Will RGP funded trips be coordinated with human service agency trips?	Yes
J. How will the Community Transit System market the proposed RGP funded services? Rack cards, presentations and online.	
K. Will the Community Transit System use any of their RGP sub-allocation as matching funds for any of the following programs? (<i>Matching funds for operating assistance only</i>) 5310 – Elderly Individuals and Individuals with Disabilities Program 5311 - Non-urbanized Area Formula Program 5316 – Job Access and Reverse Commute Program (JARC) 5317 – New Freedom Program	No
L. Is any part of the county in an urbanized area according to the 2010 census?	No
M. RGP funded trips are expected to be provided throughout the entire year. If the RGP funds are expended in less than a year, will the county provide county funds to prevent the discontinuation of transportation services?	No

CERTIFIED STATEMENT
FY2014
RURAL OPERATING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
County of Pender

WHEREAS, the state-funded, formula-based Rural Operating Assistance Program (ROAP) administered by the North Carolina Department of Transportation, Public Transportation Division provides funding for the operating cost of passenger trips for counties within the state;

WHEREAS, the county uses the most recent transportation plans (i.e. CTSP, CTIP, LCP) available and other public involvement strategies to learn about the transportation needs of agencies and individuals in the county before determining the sub-allocation of these ROAP funds;

WHEREAS, the county government or regional public transportation authorities created pursuant to Article 25 or Article 26 of Chapter 160A of the General Statutes (upon written agreement with the municipalities or counties served) are the only eligible recipients of Rural Operating Assistance Program funds which are allocated to the counties based on a formula as described in the Program Guidelines included in the ROAP State Management Plan. NCDOT will disburse the ROAP funds only to counties and eligible transportation authorities and not to any sub-recipients selected by the county;

WHEREAS, the county finance officer will be considered the county official accountable for the administration of the Rural Operating Assistance Program in the county, unless otherwise designated by the Board of County Commissioners;

WHEREAS, the passenger trips provided with ROAP funds must be accessible to individuals with disabilities and be provided without discrimination on the basis of national origin, creed, age, race or gender (FTA C 4702.1A, FTA C 4704.1, Americans with Disabilities Act 1990); and

WHEREAS, the period of performance for these funds will be July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014 regardless of the date on which ROAP funds are disbursed to the county.

NOW, THEREFORE, by signing below, the duly authorized representatives of the County of Pender North Carolina certify that the following statements are true and accurate:

- The county employed a documented methodology for sub-allocating ROAP funds that involved the participation of eligible agencies and citizens. Outreach efforts to include the participation of the elderly and individuals with disabilities, persons with limited English proficiency, minorities and low income persons in the county's sub-allocation decision have been documented.
- The county will advise any sub-recipients about the source of the ROAP funds, specific program requirements and restrictions, eligible program expenses and reporting requirements. The county will be responsible for invoicing any sub-recipients for unexpended ROAP funds as needed.
- The county will monitor ROAP funded services routinely to verify that ROAP funds are being spent on allowable activities and that the eligibility of service recipients is being properly documented. The county will maintain records of trips and services for five years that prove that an eligible citizen was provided an eligible transportation service on the billed date, by whatever conveyance at the specified cost.
- The county will be responsible for monitoring the safety, quality and cost of ROAP funded services and assures that any procurements by subrecipients for contracted services will follow state guidelines.
- The county will conduct regular evaluations of ROAP funded passenger trips provided throughout the period of performance.

- The county will only use the ROAP funds to provide trips when other funding sources are not available for the same purpose or the other funding sources for the same purpose have been completely exhausted.
- The county assures that the required matching funds for the FY2014 ROAP can be generated from fares and/or provided from local funds.
- The county will notify the Mobility Development Specialist assigned to the county if any ROAP funded services are discontinued before the end of the period of performance due to the lack of funding. No additional ROAP funds will be available.
- The county will provide an accounting of trips and expenditures in a semi-annual report and a final year-end report to NCDOT – Public Transportation Division or its designee.
- Any interest earned on the ROAP funds will be expended for eligible program uses as specified in the ROAP application. The County will include ROAP funds received and expended in its annual independent audit on the schedule of federal and state financial assistance. Funds passed through to other agencies will be identified as such.
- The county is applying for the following amounts of FY2014 Rural Operating Assistance Program funds:

State-Funded Rural Operating Assistance Program	Allocated	Requested
Elderly & Disabled Transportation Assistance Program (EDTAP)	\$67,079	\$67,079
Employment Transportation Assistance Program (EMPL)	\$14,905	\$14,905
Rural General Public Program (RGP)	\$85,782	\$85,782
TOTAL	\$167,766	\$167,766

WITNESS my hand and county seal, this ____ day of _____, 2013.

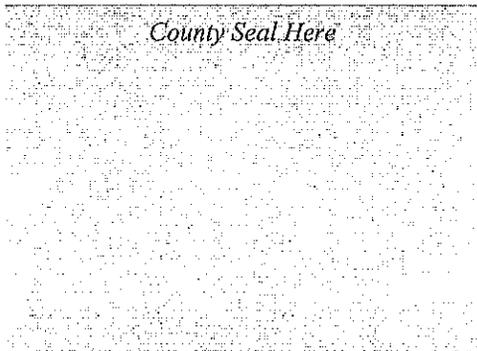
Signature of Board of County Manager/Administrator

Signature of Board of County Commissioners Chairperson

Printed Name of County Manager/Administrator

Printed Name of Chairperson

State of North Carolina County of _____



Signature of County Finance Officer

Printed Name of County Finance Officer

Important – A public hearing MUST be conducted whether or not requested by the Public.

ROAP PUBLIC HEARING RECORD

Date Public Notice was published: September 4, 2013

APPLICANT: Pender Adult Services, Inc.

DATE: September 16, 2013

PLACE: Public Assembly Room, 805 S. Walker St., Burgaw, NC 28425

TIME: 4:00 p.m.

How many COMMISSIONERS attended the public hearing? _____

How many members of the PUBLIC attended the public hearing? _____

Public Attendance Surveys

(Attached)

(Offered at Public Hearing but none completed)

I, the undersigned, representing (*Legal Name of Applicant*) Pender Adult Services, Inc. do hereby certify to the North Carolina Department of Transportation, that a Public Hearing was held as indicated above and

During the Public Hearing

(NO public comments)

(Public Comments were made and meeting minutes will be submitted after board approval)

The estimated date for board approval of meeting minutes is: _____

Signature of Clerk to the Board

Printed Name and Title

Date

Affix County Seal Here

Public Hearing Notice

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 **September 16, 2013** by the county of **Pender**. The public hearing will be held on **September 16, 2013** at **4:00 p.m.** at the **Pender County** commissioners meeting in the **Public Assembly Room**, located at **805 S. Walker St., Burgaw, NC 28425**. **Pender Transportation** 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 **Valeria N. Sutton, Transportation Coordinator**, as soon as possible so that arrangements can be made.

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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	\$67,079
EMPL	\$14,905
RGP	\$85,782
TOTAL	\$167,766

This application may be inspected at Pender Adult Services, Inc. in the **Transportation Office**, located at **901 S. Walker Street, Burgaw, NC 28425** from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm, Monday through Friday. Written comments should be directed to Valeria N. Sutton, **Transportation Coordinator**, before **September 13, 2013**.

Note: The public hearing notices must be published at least once, not less than seven (7) days and not more than fourteen (14) days before the scheduled public hearing. This notice must be published in Spanish if the county has 1000 or more persons that speak Spanish at home, and have limited English proficiency. A list is provided in Appendix B of the ROAP State Management Plan. An original copy of the published Public Hearing Notice must be attached to a signed Affidavit of Publication. Both the Public Hearing Notice and the Affidavit of Publication must be submitted with the Rural Operating Assistance Program application.

Aviso de muestra de la audiencia pública

Esto aviso es para informar al público de la oportunidad de asistir una audiencia pública sobre la solicitud propuesta para el programa de Asistencia de Operaciones Rurales (Rural Operating Assistance Program o ROAP) que se someterá al Departamento de Transporte de Carolina del Norte por el condado de Pender no más tarde del septiembre 16, 2013. Se llevará a cabo la audiencia pública el septiembre 16, 2013 a las 4:00 pm a la reunión de los comisarios del condado Pender Public Assembly Room, 805 S. Walker St., Burgaw, NC 28425 ubicado a Pender. El Pender Transportación les proporcionará ayuda y servicios auxiliares bajo el ADA a las personas discapacitadas las que quieran participar en la audiencia. Alguien que requiera servicios especiales deba ponerse en contacto con Valeria N. Sutton, director del transporte cuanto antes para que se puedan hacer los preparativos.

Los programas incluidos en la solicitud del programa de asistencia de operaciones rurales son:

1. El programa de Asistencia para el Transporte de los Ancianos y los Discapacitados (EDTAP) proporciona asistencia de operaciones para el transporte de los ciudadanos ancianos y discapacitados.
2. El programa de Asistencia de Transporte para Empleo proporciona la ayuda de operaciones para los programas de transición necesidades de transporte para empleo del público en general.
3. Los fondos del programa del Público General Rural (RGP) les proporcionan los servicios del transporte a los individuos que viven en las zonas no urbanas del condado.

El periodo del uso de los fondos del programa de Asistencia de Operaciones Rurales es el 1 de julio, 2013 hasta el 30 de junio, 2014. Los totales de cada programa del año fiscal 2013-2014 son:

PROGRAMA	TOTAL
EDTAP	\$67,079
EMP	\$14,905
RGP	\$85,782
Total	\$167,766

Se puede examinar esta solicitud a Pender Adult Services, Inc. La oficina de transporte ubicado a 901 S Walker St, Burgaw, NC 28425 de 8am - 3pm, lunes - viernes. Comentarios escritos deben ser dirigidos a Valeria N. Sutton, del director de transporte, antes del septiembre 13, 2013.