

Application

Federal Award Identification Number (FAIN)	NC-2022-016-00
Temporary Application Number	6726-2022-1
Application Name	5311(c) TTP FFY 2021 Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Public Transit Program
Application Status	Final Concurrence / Reservation
Application Budget Number	0

Period of Performance Start Date	N/A	
Original Period of Performance End Date	3/30/2027	
Current Period of Performance End Date	N/A	Revision #: N/A

Part 1: Recipient Information

Name: EASTERN BAND OF CHEROKEE INDIANS

Recipient ID	Recipient OST Type	Recipient Alias	UEI	DUNS
6726	Indian Tribe	EASTERN BAND OF CHEROKEE INDIANS		074511999

Location Type	Address	City	State	Zip
Headquarters	88 COUNCIL HOUSE LOOP	CHEROKEE	NC	287190419
Physical Address	88 COUNCIL HOUSE LOOP	CHEROKEE	NC	28719
Mailing Address	P.O. BOX 455	CHEROKEE	NC	28719

Union Information

There are no union contacts for this application

Part 2: Application Information

<p>Title: 5311(c) TTP FFY 2021 Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Public Transit Program</p>

FAIN	Application Status	Application Type	Date Created	Last Updated Date	From TEAM?
NC-2022-016-00	Final Concurrence / Reservation	Grant	10/13/2021	10/13/2021	No

Application Executive Summary

This application is to request FFY21 Section 5311 Tribal Transit Program (c) apportioned to the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) in the amount of \$625,726.

Purpose: The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Tribe will utilize this award to maintain existing transit services on the Qualla Boundary and other tribal lands.

Activities to be Performed: Funding will be used to cover eligible operating expenses including employee salaries, vehicle fuel, preventative maintenance activities and items having a useful life of less than one year.

Expected Outcomes: Funding will permit the EBCI Tribe to continue to provide safe and effective operation on transit services to the tribal area.

Intended Beneficiaries: Transit riders in the Qualla Boundary area and other EBCI tribal lands.

Subrecipients: None – EBCI does not have subrecipients.

EBCI will be applying for FFY 21 TTP 5311(c) funds in the amount of \$625,726. EBCI's indirect cost rate is included in the application. As a federally recognized tribe these funds will come to EBCI as a direct recipient. Operating Assistance is being requested in the total amount of \$625,726. EBCI Transit will apply for \$625,726 for FY21 to ALI 30.09.01 Operating Assistance. The start date for this funding will be 10/1/2021 and end date is 03/30/2027.

Frequency of Milestone Progress Reports (MPR)

Annual

Frequency of Federal Financial Reports (FFR)

Annual

Does this application include funds for research and/or development activities?

This award does not include research and development activities.

Pre-Award Authority

This award is using Pre-Award Authority.

Does this application include suballocation funds?

Recipient organization is directly allocated these funds and is eligible to apply for and receive these funds directly.

Will this Grant be using Lapsing Funds?

No, this Grant does not use Lapsing Funds.

Will indirect costs be applied to this application?

This award is applying an approved Indirect cost rate(s).

Indirect Rate Details: The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians indirect costs will be applied to this application. EBCI FY22 Indirect Cost Rate is projected as 29%.

Requires E.O. 12372 Review

No, this application does not require E.O. 12372 Review.

Delinquent Federal Debt

No, my organization does not have delinquent federal debt.

Application Point of Contact Information

First Name	Last Name	Title	E-mail Address	Phone
Julia	Walker	Environmental Protection Specialist	julia.walker@dot.gov	404-865-5645
Kevin	Tafoya	Manager	kevitafo@nc-cherokee.com	8283596740

Application Budget Control Totals

Funding Source	Section of Statute	CFDA Number	Amount
5311 - Tribal Transit Program Formula	5311-1B	20509	\$625,726
Local			\$0
Local/In-Kind			\$0
State			\$0
State/In-Kind			\$0
Other Federal			\$0
Transportation Development Credit			\$0
Adjustment			\$0
Total Eligible Cost			\$625,726

Application Budget

Project Number	Budget Item	FTA Amount	Non-FTA Amount	Total Eligible Amount	Quantity
NC-2022-016-01-00	300-00 (300-A1) OPERATING ASSISTANCE	\$625,726.00	\$0.00	\$625,726.00	1
NC-2022-016-01-00	30.09.01 UP TO 50% FEDERAL SHARE	\$625,726.00	\$0.00	\$625,726.00	1

Discretionary Allocations

This application does not contain discretionary allocations.

Part 3: Project Information

Project Title: Operating Assistance

Project Number	Temporary Project Number	Date Created	Start Date	End Date
NC-2022-016-01-00	6726-2022-1-P1	11/18/2021	10/1/2021	3/30/2024

Project Description

Tribal Transit Program will fund operating assistance activities. TTP also funds driver salaries, a

supervisor, manager’s salary, and a receptionist salary. Funding will also provide transportation assistance to substance abuse recovery programs and appointments for riders who are ineligible for other assistance programs. Funding will also be utilized to assist the mobility program with free transportation to shopping and medical appointments for elderly and/or disabled individuals who are ineligible for Medicaid transportation. EBCI Transit will apply for \$625,726 for FY22 to ALI 30.09.01 Operating Assistance.

Project Benefits

EBCI Transit operates six (6) routes 5 days a week. This funding will pay driver salaries, a supervisor salary, manager salary and receptionist salary. EBCI Transit will operated from 6:30 A.M. to Midnight for safe transportation to and from workplaces in our service area. EBCI Transit operates four (4) community routes and two (2) in-town routes. The in-town routes also serve agencies and businesses in the service area. Two shifts operate 5 day and nights per week: 6:30 A.M. to 12:00 A.M. EBCI Transit also offers a response demand service to minimize gaps in service. Operation of these hours allows local night shift workers a safe and reliable ride home. Funding will also support a fee subsidy program, for eligible residents of Qualla Boundary and then Snowbird community. Presently we operate a mobility program that offers free transportation to shopping and medical appointments for the elderly and disabled. Tribal Transit Funding is for those elderly and disabled who are not eligible for Medicaid and cannot afford the fares to medical appointments. Trips for substance abuse recovery programs are also included for riders who are ineligible for transportation assistance through other local programs.

Additional Information

None provided.

Location Description

The project location will be within our service area located on the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Tribal lands on the Qualla Boundary and the Snowbird Community in the Robbinsville NC.

Project Location (Urbanized Areas)

UZA Code	Area Name
370000	North Carolina

Congressional District Information

State	District	Representative
North Carolina	11	Mark Meadows

Program Plan Information

STIP/TIP

Date: N/A

Description: N/A

UPWP

Date: N/A

Description: N/A

Long Range Plan

Date: N/A

Description: N/A

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Project Budget Activity Line Items

Budget Activity Line Item: 30.09.01 - UP TO 50% FEDERAL SHARE

Scope Name / Code	Line Item #	Line Item Name	Activity	Quantity
OPERATING ASSISTANCE (300-00)	30.09.01	UP TO 50% FEDERAL SHARE	OPERATING ASSISTANCE	1

Extended Budget Description

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Will 3rd Party contractors be used to fulfill this activity line item?

No, 3rd Party Contractors will not be used for this line item.

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Milestone Name	Est. Completion Date	Description
Start Date	10/1/2021	Estimated Start Date
End Date	3/30/2024	Estimated End Date

Project Environmental Findings

Finding: Class II(c) - Categorical Exclusions (C-List)

Class Level Description

Class II(c) consists of projects that do not have a significant environmental impact on the human or natural environment and are therefore categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or an environmental impact statement. FTA requires a sufficient project description to support a CE determination. The project may require additional documentation to comply with other environmental laws.

Categorical Exclusion Description

Type 04: Planning and administrative activities which do not involve or lead directly to construction, such as: training, technical assistance and research; promulgation of rules, regulations, directives, or program guidance; approval of project concepts; engineering; and operating assistance to transit authorities to continue existing service or increase service to meet routine demand.

Date	Description
	Class IIc CE Approved

Scope Name / Code	Line Item Number	Line Item Name	Quantity	FTA Amount	Total Eligible Cost
OPERATING ASSISTANCE (300-00)	30.09.01	UP TO 50% FEDERAL SHARE	1	\$625,726.00	\$625,726.00

Part 4: Fleet Details

No fleet data exists for this application.

Part 5: FTA Review Comments

FTA Comments for DOL

Comment By Julia Walker

Comment Type DOL Review for Information

Date 3/28/2022

Comment This is a tribal transit grant application and is being sent to DOL for informational purposes.

Application Review Comments

Comment By Julia Walker

Comment Type Pre-Award Manager Returns Application

Date 2/10/2022

Comment Please change the period of performance end date to 3/30/2027.

Comment By Julia Walker

Comment Type Pre-Award Manager Returns Application

Date 2/25/2022

Comment Please change the end date to reflect 5 years.

Comment By Julia Walker

Comment Type Pre-Award Manager Returns Application

Date 3/2/2022

Comment Please address the comments that we discussed via email.

Comment By Julia Walker

Comment Type Pre-Award Manager Returns Application

Date 3/11/2022

Comment Per the legal review: Since the same person PIN'd the FY22 C&As in TrAMS, per TPM A-Z policy, recipient needs to upload a hard copy signed PDF version of its FY22 C&As, as well as a justification as to why the actual AO and Atty could not just electronically PIN in TrAMS. They also need to check the Lobbying certification.

Application Review Comments

Comment By Julia Walker

Comment Type Application Details

Date 2/25/2022

Comment The application and attached documents have been reviewed. There do not appear to be any issues.

Part 6: Agreement

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION**

**GRANT AGREEMENT
(FTA G-29, October 1, 2021)**

On the date the authorized U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration (FTA) official signs this Grant Agreement, FTA has obligated and awarded federal assistance as provided below. Upon execution of this Grant Agreement by the Recipient named below, the Recipient affirms this FTA Award, enters into this Grant Agreement with FTA, and binds its compliance with the terms of this Grant Agreement.

The following documents are incorporated by reference and made part of this Grant Agreement:

- (1) "Federal Transit Administration Master Agreement," FTA MA(29), <http://www.transit.dot.gov>,
- (2) The Certifications and Assurances applicable to the FTA Award that the Recipient has selected and provided to FTA, and
- (3) Any Award notification containing special conditions or requirements, if issued.

WHEN THE TERM "FTA AWARD" OR "AWARD" IS USED, EITHER IN THIS GRANT AGREEMENT OR THE APPLICABLE MASTER AGREEMENT, "AWARD" ALSO INCLUDES ALL TERMS AND CONDITIONS SET FORTH IN THIS GRANT AGREEMENT.

FTA OR THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT MAY WITHDRAW ITS OBLIGATION TO PROVIDE FEDERAL ASSISTANCE IF THE RECIPIENT DOES NOT EXECUTE THIS GRANT AGREEMENT WITHIN 90 DAYS FOLLOWING FTA's AWARD DATE SET FORTH HEREIN.

FTA AWARD

Federal Transit Administration (FTA) hereby awards a Federal Grant as follows:

Recipient Information

Recipient Name: EASTERN BAND OF CHEROKEE INDIANS

Recipient ID: 6726

UEI:

DUNS: 074511999

Application Information

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Current Award End Date: N/A

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Pre-Award Authority: This award is using Pre-Award Authority.

Application Budget

Total Application Budget: \$625,726.00

Amount of Federal Assistance Obligated for This FTA Action (in U.S. Dollars): \$625,726.00

Amount of Non-Federal Funds Committed to This FTA Action (in U.S. Dollars): \$0.00

Total FTA Amount Awarded and Obligated (in U.S. Dollars): \$625,726.00

Total Non-Federal Funds Committed to the Overall Award (in U.S. Dollars): \$0.00

Application Budget Control Totals

(The Budget includes the individual Project Budgets (Scopes and Activity Line Items) or as attached)

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(The Transportation Development Credits are not added to the amount of the Total Award Budget.)

U.S. Department of Labor Certification of Public Transportation Employee Protective Arrangements:

Original Certification Date:

Special Conditions

There are no special conditions.

FINDINGS AND DETERMINATIONS

By signing this Award on behalf of FTA, I am making all the determinations and findings required by federal law and regulations before this Award may be made.

FTA AWARD OF THE GRANT AGREEMENT

Awarded By:

FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Contact Info:
Award Date:

EXECUTION OF THE GRANT AGREEMENT

Upon full execution of this Grant Agreement by the Recipient, the Effective Date will be the date FTA or the Federal Government awarded Federal assistance for this Grant Agreement.

By executing this Grant Agreement, the Recipient intends to enter into a legally binding agreement in

which the Recipient:

- (1) Affirms this FTA Award,
- (2) Adopts and ratifies all of the following information it has submitted to FTA:
 - (a) Statements,
 - (b) Representations,
 - (c) Warranties,
 - (d) Covenants, and
 - (e) Materials,
- (3) Consents to comply with the requirements of this FTA Award, and
- (4) Agrees to all terms and conditions set forth in this Grant Agreement.

Executed By:

EASTERN BAND OF CHEROKEE INDIANS