

FY 2027 Community Funding Area Program

Selection Process and Results

The Wake County Transit Plan's Community Funding Area Program (CFAP) was envisioned as a competitive program providing an opportunity for 10 Wake County municipalities, Wake County, and Research Triangle Park (RTP) as eligible recipients to receive match funding for planning, capital, operating, or combined capital/operating transit projects. The CFAP was created as part of the Wake Transit Plan's Four Big Moves, Big Move #4: Access to Transit, to provide an opportunity for areas in Wake County that would otherwise have limited fixed-route transit services to create or accelerate public transportation services and programs. As a result of the recently updated Program Management Plan, Unincorporated Wake County was included as an eligible applicant, total program funding was tripled and the required local match was reduced from 50% to 35%.

During the FY27 Application cycle, CAMPO staff received a total of seven (7) applications from three (3) different applicants. The Town of Apex submitted four (4) projects – Bus Stop Improvements to existing stops, new bus stop construction for future GoApex routes 2 and 3, final design for the Apex Mobility Hub, and a mobility solutions study to assess transportation conditions and identify solutions primarily for seniors, individuals with disabilities, and other transit dependent populations. The Town had previously submitted their Mobility Hub Design through the FY27 Draft Wake Transit Work Plan development process and has been included in the draft document as well. This application was intended as a back-up in case that funding request was not approved. The Town of Knightdale submitted two (2) capital applications. The first was to complete construction of sidewalk along Knightdale Boulevard, continuing work done as part of project TC002-BL: Knightdale Boulevard Pedestrian Improvements. Their second application was to construct sidewalks along second avenue between North First Avenue and Main St. The town of Wendell submitted an operating application to continue the GoWake SmartRide NE and cover a cost escalation which went above the 50% budget threshold outlined in the PMP. Due to a restructuring of their operating contract which combined administrative and operating expenses, Wake County was no longer able to absorb the administrative costs. This led to a higher cost structure leading to an FY26 amendment and now, an FY27 CFA Program submittal.

Project scoring was done by CAMPO staff in the month of February and in accordance with the scoring rubric outlined in the CFA Program Management Plan. Operating and Capital projects were scored out of 100 and Planning projects were scored out of 50. The Town of Apex's Mobility Hub Design and Bus Stop Improvements projects were the highest scoring project with 87 and 83 points respectively. Apex's new bus stop construction and Knightdale's Old Knight Rd sidewalk construction projects both scored 72 points. The Second Avenue sidewalk and the GoWake SmartRide were the lowest scoring projects, with 61 and 60 points respectively. Apex's Mobility Solutions study scored 30 out of a possible 50 points.

	Geographic Balance	Local / Regional Benefits	Transit Need	Cost Effectiveness	Project Readiness	Total Score
FY21 Morrisville Smart Shuttle (Reference)	20	16	20	0	25	81
FY24 Apex – Bus Stop Improvements (Reference)	0	19	20	5	23	67
FY25 Apex- Bus Stop Improvements (Reference)	0	19	20	5	23	67
FY26 Apex – Bus Stop Improvements (Reference)	0	19	20	5	25	69
Holly Springs Microtransit Service (Reference)	20	5	16	5	18	64
Go Wake Forest Microtransit Service (Reference)	10	10	20	5	25	70
FY27 Wendell- GoWake SmartRide NE	15	2*	20	0	23	60
FY27 Apex- Bus Stop Improvements	15	19	16	10	23	83
FY27 Apex- New Bus Stop Construction	15	15	16	5	21	72
FY27 Apex- Mobility Hub Design	15	19	20	10	23	87
FY27 Knightdale- Old Knight Rd	15	13	20	0	24	72
FY27 Knightdale- Second Avenue	15	9	13	0	24	61

Figure 1. Operating/Capital Projects Scoring Table

	Geographic Balance	Planning Study Readiness	Total Score
FY19 Morrisville (Reference)	20	27	47
FY19 Apex (Reference)	20	25	45
FY20 Fuquay-Varina (Reference)	20	25	45
FY20 Garner (Reference)	20	25	45
FY20 Rolesville (Reference)	20	25	45
FY22 Town of Knightdale (Reference)	20	25	45
FY23 Town of Fuquay-Varina (Reference)	0	25	25
FY24 Town of Apex (Reference)	10	25	35
FY25 Town of Morrisville (Reference)	10	27	37
FY27 Apex- Mobility Solutions Study	15	15	30

Figure 2. Planning Study/Technical Assistance Scoring Table

The selection committee convened on February 19, 2026. The committee consisted of planning staff from various agencies in the region such as GoTriangle, Town of Cary, NC State University, CAMPO and another non-applicant CFA Program municipality.

Upon review of the applications, the committee was satisfied overall with all the applications. Given the funding constraints this year, they could not recommend all the projects for funding. committee agreed that projects continuing work initiated in previous years should be prioritized over new project requests. Based on this approach, the committee recommended funding for the Town of Apex’s Bus Stop Improvements project, the Town of Knightdale’s Old Knight Road sidewalk construction project, and the GoWake SmartRide NE service. The committee also recommended Apex’s Mobility Solutions Study due to its relatively small budget compared to the other applications. The committee then considered overall project scores and recommended Apex’s New Bus Stop Construction project and the Apex Mobility Hub Final Design. The committee noted that the Mobility Hub project should be considered a backup recommendation in the event that the PD Subcommittee does not fund it through the recommended Wake Transit Work Plan development process. The committee considered this a high priority project and is currently assumed to be funded through “big” Wake Transit and is therefore not shown in the funding table below. Due to limited available funding and its lower score relative to the other applications, the Second Avenue sidewalk project was ultimately not recommended for funding. In previous years, a 10% overage on project was added on to project costs with additional match dollars from the sponsors. Given the limited funding available for new projects this year, the committee decided to not add the 10% overage to be able to accommodate more projects.

There was a total of \$2,381,515 available in this cycle for new projects. After the final recommendations, a total of \$286,883.25 remains in the fund balance. All numbers are based on the FY27 Draft Work Plan.

Total Funds in CFA Program		\$7,250,836
Total Available Funds for New Projects in FY27		\$2,381,515
<i>Geographic Balance Cap (30% of funds in the CFA Program)</i>		\$2,175,250.80
	Funding Request	10% Overage
Apex Bus Stop Improvements (Capital)	\$133,705	\$147,075.50
Apex New Bus Stop Construction (Capital)	\$455,000	\$500,500
Apex Mobility Hub Design (Capital)*	\$195,000	\$214,500
Apex Mobility Solutions Study (Planning)	\$65,000	\$71,500
Knightdale Old Knight Rd Sidewalk Construction (Capital)	\$843,592.75	\$927,952.03
Knightdale Second Avenue Sidewalk Construction (Capital)	\$640,000	\$704,000
GoWake SmartRide NE Cost Escalation (Operating)	\$597,334	\$657,067.40
TOTAL FUNDS REMAINING IN TO005-Z (Reserve)	\$286,883.25	(\$841,079.93)
<i>Total Funds in FY27 Requested by Apex (includes TO005-BF)</i>		\$1,902,547
<i>Total Funds in FY27 Requested by Knightdale</i>		\$1,591,392.75
<i>Total Funds in FY27 Requested by Wendell (includes \$310,716 already programmed)</i>		\$908,050
		\$967,783.40

Figure 3. Available Funding and Project Selections

*Project is assumed to be funded as part of the Recommended Work plan Development, not CFAP