



FY27 Community Funding Area Program Overview

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Program Overview

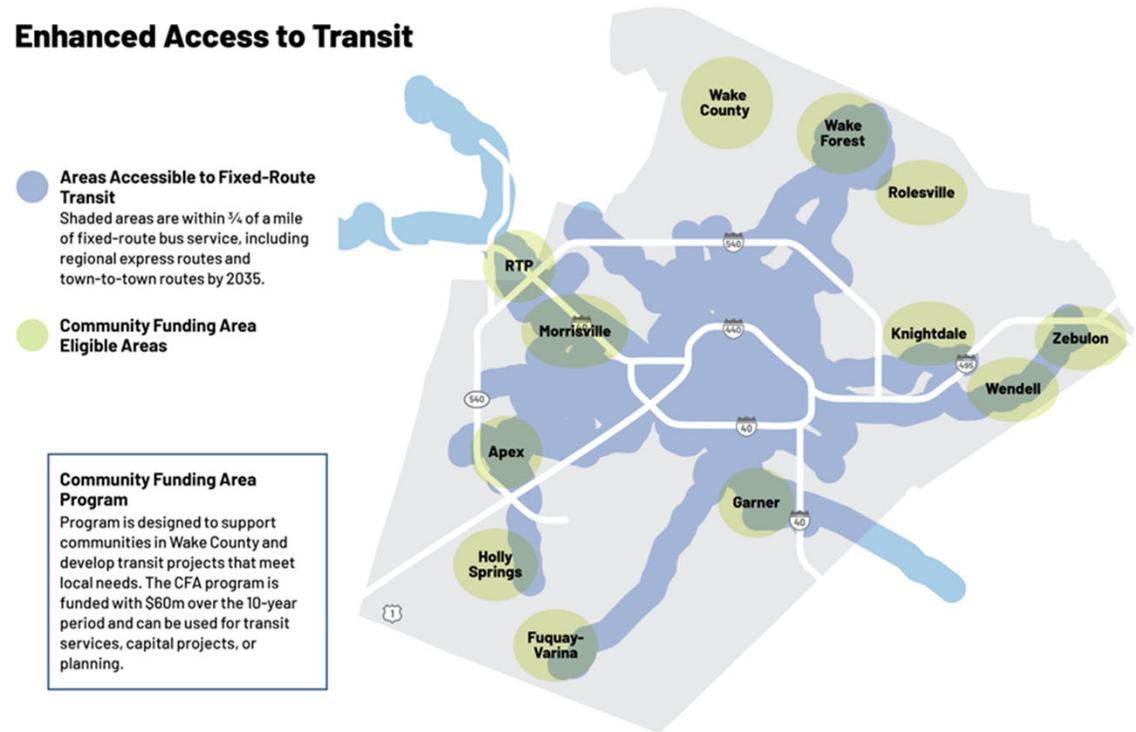


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Program Overview

- Envisioned as part of the Wake Transit Plan - Big Move #4: Enhanced Access to Transit
- A competitive program providing an opportunity to receive match funding for planning, capital, operating, or combined capital / operating transit projects

Enhanced Access to Transit



Previously Funded Projects

Planning

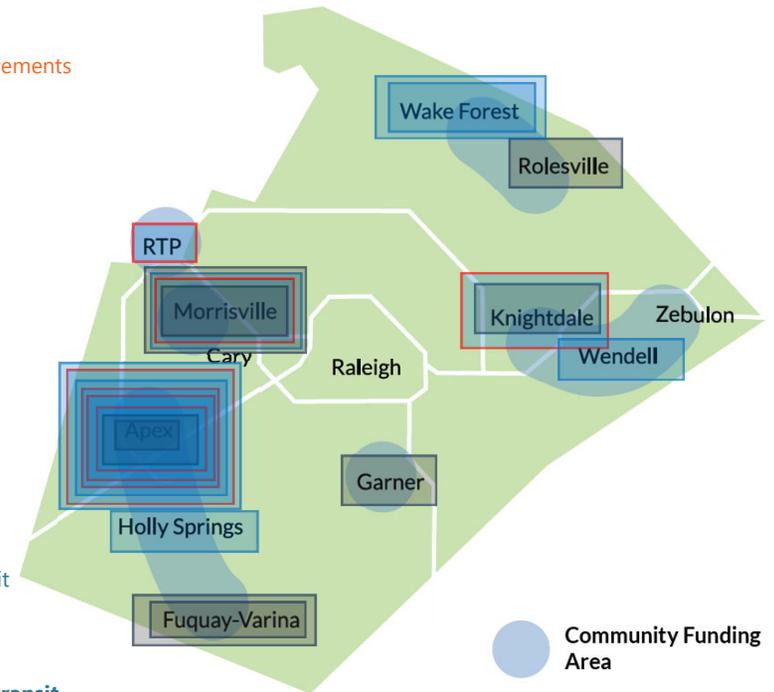
- Town of Apex (FY19) – Circulator Study
- Town of Morrisville (FY19) – Transit Study
- Town of Garner (FY20) – Transit Feasibility Study
- Town of Fuquay-Varina (FY20) – Microtransit Study
- Town of Rolesville (FY20) - Transit Feasibility Study
- Town of Knightdale (FY22) – Transit element of CTP
- Town of Fuquay-Varina (FY23) - Transit Feasibility Study
- Town of Apex (FY24) - Transit Prioritization Study
- Town of Morrisville (FY25) - Transit Feasibility Study

Capital

- Town of Apex (FY21) – GoApex Route 1 Bus Stops
- Town of Morrisville (FY21) – Smart Shuttle Nodes
- Research Triangle Foundation (FY22) – Pedestrian Improvements
- Town of Apex (FY24) – Transit Access Infrastructure
- Town of Apex (FY24) - Bus Stop Improvements
- Town of Knightdale (FY24) – Transit Access Infrastructure
- Town of Apex (FY25) - Bus Stop Improvements
- **Town of Apex (FY26) Bus Stop Improvements**

Operating

- Town of Wake Forest (FY20) – Reverse Circulator
- Town of Apex (FY21) – GoApex Route 1
- Town of Morrisville (FY21) – Smart Shuttle
- Town of Wendell (FY25) - GoWake SmartRide Microtransit
- **Town of Apex (FY26) - Frequency Improvements for GoApex Route 1**
- **Town of Wake Forest (FY26) – Go Wake Forest Microtransit**
- **Town of Holly Springs (FY26) – Holly Springs Microtransit**



Program Schedule and Available Funding



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FY 2027 CFA Program: Implementation Schedule

ACTION	DATE
Project Incubation Meetings (By Request)	October 1 – October 22, 2025
Applicant Training (Required)	October 29, 2025
Pre-Application Window	October 30, 2025- November 21, 2025
Pre-Submittal Review Meetings (Required)	December 1 – December 19, 2025
Call for Projects Opens	January 5, 2026
Call for Projects Closes (Applications Due)	January 31, 2026
CAMPO Staff Scores Submissions	February 2 – February 16, 2026
Selection Committee Review	February 23 – March 13, 2026
Committee Recommendations Presented to TPAC	March 19, 2026
FY27 Work Plan Adoption	By June 30, 2026
FY27 Project Kickoff Meetings	July – August 2026
FY27 Project Mid-Year Review Meetings	December 2026 – January 2027
Annual Review for FY27 Projects	Summer 2027

FY 2027 CFA Program: Available Funding

Total Funds in CFA Program	\$7,250,836
CFA Reserve Amount TO005-Z (includes Remainder from FY26 Reserve, FY25 Operating Projects)	\$3,391,657
Total Funding Pre-Appropriated/Committed Funding for Operating Projects FY27	\$3,859,179
TO005-BF: GoApex Route 1 (Apex)	\$1,053,842
TO005-BG: Morrisville Smart Shuttle (Morrisville)	\$667,636
TO005-CH: GoWake SmartRide NE (Wendell)	\$310,716
TO005-CP: Go Wake Forest (Wake Forest)	\$1,450,287
TO005-CQ: Holly Springs Hopper (Holly Springs)	\$376,698
Committed/Encumbered Funding for Capital Projects from Previous Years (Including FY26 Q3 amendment)	(\$1,010,142)
Total Available Funds for New Projects in FY27	\$2,381,515
<i>Geographic Balance Cap (30% of funds in the CFA Program)</i>	<i>\$2,175,250.80</i>
<i>Planning Funding Target FY27 (3% of available funding)</i>	<i>\$69,555.45</i>

Eligibility

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Eligible Applicants

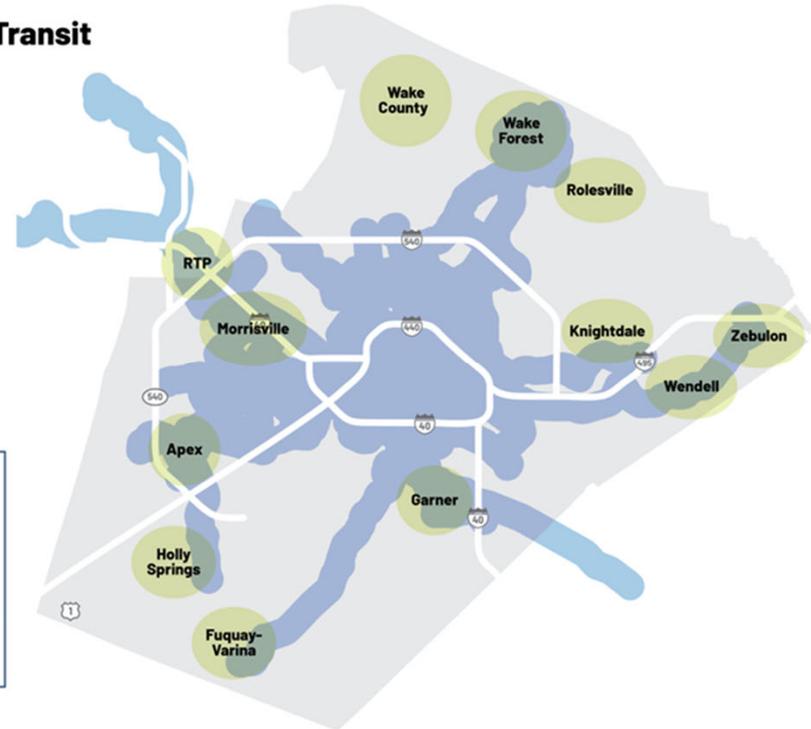
- Apex
- Fuquay-Varina
- Garner
- Holly Springs
- Knightdale
- Morrisville
- Research Triangle Foundation
- Rolesville
- Wake County
- Wake Forest
- Wendell
- Zebulon

Enhanced Access to Transit

- **Areas Accessible to Fixed-Route Transit**
Shaded areas are within ¾ of a mile of fixed-route bus service, including regional express routes and town-to-town routes by 2035.
- **Community Funding Area Eligible Areas**

Community Funding Area Program

Program is designed to support communities in Wake County and develop transit projects that meet local needs. The CFA program is funded with \$60m over the 10-year period and can be used for transit services, capital projects, or planning.



Eligible Project Types-Planning

- Develop or design transit operating or capital projects
 - Feasibility studies
 - Transit needs assessment
 - Service plan development
 - Transit coordination studies
- Support Internal Staff through
 - Procurement of consultant services
 - Leveraging transit agency staff expertise to provide technical assistance
- Purchasing transit planning software

Eligible Project Types- Capital

- Lease or Purchase of Vehicles
- Vehicle Equipment
 - Bike Racks
 - Communication Devices
- Bus Stop Infrastructure
 - Shelters, Benches, Signage, Bike Racks, etc.
- Access Infrastructure
 - Sidewalks
 - Crosswalks
- **Mobility Hubs – New for FY27**

Eligible Project Types- Operating

- Community-Oriented Fixed-Route
 - Circulator (E.g., Wake Forest Circulator, GoApex Route 1)
 - Feeder
- Augmentation of Regional Routes
- Microtransit (e.g., Morrisville Smart Shuttle, GoWake SmartRide)
- Partnerships Transportation Network Companies (e.g., Via)
- Human Service Shuttles
- Marketing/Engagement Materials
- Staffing- If used for directly operating transit services

Project Readiness

- **Planning Projects:**
 - Application Phase – Schedule and budget and basic understanding of scope and deliverables
 - By Award Phase – Need to have schedule, budget, scope and deliverables set
- **Operating and Capital Projects:**
 - Application Phase – Need to have schedule, budget, scope of project, deliverables set
 - Project supported by planning
 - Project **cannot** be scored if project details not ready

Match Requirements

- **35% Local Match** for Every Project Type
 - Previously 50%
- Any Source: Local, State, Federal, Fares
- Planning – **\$50,000 Funding Cap Removed**
 - **3% Planning Target for FY27~76,000**
- Must Demonstrate Sufficient Funding to Execute Project
- Match Funding for Operating Projects Must Be Sustainable
- Letter of Support from Town Management- needed for final submittal

Scoring Rubric

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SCORING RUBRIC

Operating/Capital Rubric

Category	Criterion	Description	Points Awarded	Justification
Geographic Balance	Prior agency funding over last 5 years	Agencies receive more points for fewer CFAP dollars awarded per capita and fewer points for more CFAP dollars per capita in the past 5 years.	Prior CFAP Funding >= \$200 per capita - 0 pts	Prioritizes allocating resources fairly across the residents of the CFAP communities.
			< \$200 per capita - 2 pts	
			< \$150 per capita - 6 pts	
			< \$100 per capita - 10 pts	
			< \$50 per capita - 15 pts	
	\$0 per capita - 20 pts			
Local/Regional Benefit	Wake Transit Plan investments supported	Number of fixed-route bus/rail connections within 1/2 mile of project area.	4+ Connections - 4 pts	Prioritizes projects that support multiple WTP investments.
			3 Connections - 3 pts	
			2 Connections - 2 pts	
			1 Connection - 1 pt	
			0 Connections - 0 pts	
	Population Density	Population density (in people per square mile) within 1/2 mile of project area.	2000+ people/sq. mi. - 8 pts	Prioritizes projects in high density areas that will serve more residents.
			1000 - 1999 people/sq. mi. - 4 pts	
			<1000 people/sq. mi - 0 pts	
	Employment density within service area	Employment density (in jobs per square mile) within 1/2 mile of project area.	1000+ jobs/sq. mi. - 8 pts	Prioritizes projects in high density areas that will serve more jobs.
			500-999 jobs/sq. mi. - 4 pts	
< 500 jobs/sq. mi.- 0 pts				
Transit Need	Population with Transit Need	CAMPO defined high-propensity transit users* with 1/2-mile of project area (round up to nearest whole number).	12% or higher - 10 pts	Prioritizes project applicants that will serve an area with larger shares of population who have a high propensity
			8-11% - 6 pts	
			4-7% - 3 pts	

SCORING RUBRIC

Operating/Capital Rubric- Continued

Category	Criterion	Description	Points Awarded	Justification
	Activity Generators and Community Connections	CAMPO defined activity generators** within 1/2-mile of project.	<4% - 0 pts	to use transit, including low-income households; zero vehicle households; residents 65 and older; racial and ethnic minorities; and residents with disabilities.
			>= 6 - 10 pts	Prioritizes projects that connect to community resources and activity generators, such as Medical Facilities; Senior Centers; Community Centers; and Retail, among other resources.
			3 to 5 - 6 pts	
			1 to 2 - 3 pts	
			0 - 0 pts	
Operating and Capital Cost per Boarding	Operating and Capital Cost per Boarding	Operating and capital cost per boarding opening year.	< 20\$/trip - 10 pts	Prioritizes cost-effective transit solutions.
			\$20.01 to \$35.00 - 5 pts	
			> \$35.00 - 0 pts	
Project Readiness		<p>A score is assigned based on the number of the following project readiness indicators that have been completed by the time the project application is submitted:</p> <p>1) Project needed: Has a need for the proposed project been documented in other relevant planning documents?</p> <p>2) Project study completed: Has a planning study for the proposed project been completed and deemed feasible and is the proposed project aligned with the study recommendation?</p> <p>3) Title VI analysis / ADA assessment complete: Has a Title VI/ADA assessment been completed?</p> <p>4) Realistic Cost and Timeframe: Does the project reflect a realistic cost and implementation timeframe (see Appendix F for definition of realistic cost and implementation timeframe)?</p>	4 indicators completed - 10 pts	Rewards well-conceived projects that suggest a likelihood of project success.
			3 indicators completed - 8 pts	
			2 indicators completed - 6 pts	
			1 indicator completed - 4 pts	
			0 indicators completed - 0 pts	

Operating/Capital Rubric- Continued

Category	Criterion	Description	Points Awarded	Justification
	Estimated Opening Year	Estimated opening year of project (for Capital projects, how long until project is expected to be completed; for Operating projects, how long until operation begins?).	Within 1 year of receipt of funds - 10 pts	Prioritizes projects that can be implemented sooner.
			Within 2 years - 8 pts	
			Within 3 years - 6 pts	
			Within 4 years - 4 pts	
			More than 4 years - 0 pts	
	Best Practices	Does the project follow published best practices from elsewhere within the country or region? Applicant must cite best practice research.	If meets best practice - 5 pts	Rewards applicants who incorporate and cite best practices and lessons learned.
	Local Match	Amount of total project cost paid for with local funds.	>=65% - 5 pts	Prioritizes projects that are funded with a higher than minimum 35% local match.
36-65% - 3 pts				
35% - 0 pts				

SCORING RUBRIC

Planning/ Technical Assistance Rubric

Category	Criterion	Description	Points Awarded	Justification
Geographic Balance	Prior agency funding over last 5 years	Agencies receive more points for fewer CFAP dollars awarded per capita and fewer points for more CFAP dollars per capita in the past 5 years.	Prior CFAP Funding >= \$200 per capita - 0 pts	Prioritizes first time planning study applicants.
			< \$200 per capita - 2 pts	
			< \$150 per capita - 6 pts	
			< \$100 per capita - 10 pts	
			< \$50 per capita - 15 pts	
			\$0 per capita - 20 pts	
Planning/Technical Assistance Project Readiness	Clear and Compelling Scope of Work	Applicant must write a detailed, clear and coherent plan that meets expectations of grant and include each section of the 'Project Scope Checklist.'	Research Statement - 2 pts	While the scope is required of each applicant, following the key attributes of a scope will reward more points.
			Proposed Approach- 3 pts	
			Transit Needs Met- 3 pts	
			Timeline - 2 pts	
	Estimated Planning Study End Date	Timeframe within which the results of the planning study are expected to be completed.	Within 12 months – 10 pts	Prioritizes planning studies that can be finished within one funding cycle, so they can be used to support operating/planning projects proposed during the next funding cycle.
			Over 12 months – 0 pts	
	Local Match	Amount of total planning study paid for with local funds.*	>80% - 5 pts	Amount of total planning study paid for with local funds.
			71-80% - 4 pts	
			61-70% - 3 pts	
			51-60% - 2 pts	
36-50% - 1 pt				
35% - 0 pts				

Next Steps

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Pre-Submittal Meeting Requirements

- Required Meeting
- Applicants are expected to provide a draft of their applications to CAMPO Staff for review
 - Pre-submittal window- October 30 – November 21
- Staff will review the draft applications and identify responses that need improvement or additional clarification/explanation
- Meetings will be scheduled between December 1 to December 19

- **Call for Projects- Jan 5 – Jan 31**
- Scoring- Feb 2 - Feb 16
- Selection Committee Review- Feb 23 – March 13

Selection Committee Review

- Total of two selection committee reviews
- Committee may consist of representatives from various agencies in Wake County:
 - CAMPO
 - Central Pines Regional Council
 - Wake County
 - Transit Agencies
 - Municipalities
 - Non-Profit Organizations
 - Research Triangle Foundation
 - Universities
 - Human Service Agencies, etc
- Committee Members will be selected to avoid conflicts of interest with any of the applications

Post Selection Requirements

- Kickoff Meeting to Discuss (Summer 2026):
 - Scope/Schedule
 - Reporting Requirements/Deliverables
 - Public Engagement
 - Reimbursement
- Mid-Year Project Review Meeting (Winter 2026/2027)
 - Project Progress
 - Address Technical Issues That Need Attention
- Annual Review for Operating/Capital Projects (Summer 2027)
 - Discuss performance targets
 - Discuss progress over the previous year



Thank You

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