

## Application

<b>Federal Award Identification Number (FAIN)</b>	NC-2023-016-00
<b>Temporary Application Number</b>	6726-2023-2
<b>Award Name</b>	EBCI Transit FY21 CRRSAA; Cherokee NC - Qualla Boundary/Tribal Lands; Cherokee, NC
<b>Application Status</b>	Final Concurrence / Reservation
<b>Application Budget Number</b>	0

<b>Period of Performance Start Date</b>	N/A
<b>Original Period of Performance End Date</b>	3/30/2028
<b>Current Period of Performance End Date</b>	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	XKNCQTSZ8VD8	074511999

Location Type	Address	City	State	Zip
Headquarters	88 COUNCIL HOUSE LOOP	CHEROKEE	NC	28719
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

**Title: EBCI Transit FY21 CRRSAA; Cherokee NC - Qualla Boundary/Tribal Lands; Cherokee, NC**

<b>FAIN</b>	<b>Application Status</b>	<b>Award Type</b>	<b>Application Cost Center</b>	<b>Date Created</b>	<b>Last Updated Date</b>	<b>From TEAM?</b>
NC-2023-016-00	Final Concurrence / Reservation	Grant	Region 4	11/30/2022	11/30/2022	No

**Application Executive Summary**

Included in this application for CRRSAA Funding. This is an FFY 2021 Section 5311(c) ACT funding in the amount of \$590,160. This application is for Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act Assistance for public transportation in rural and small urban areas by way of formula grant program administered by NCDOT. Per CRRSAA Act, the grant requests 100% federal share. This application utilized CRRSAA Act funding to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus. The applications scope of work includes Operating Assistance activities in response to COVID 19 Event.

As a federally recognized tribe these funds will come to us as a direct recipient. The overall Start date in the grant award date and the overall end date is 3/30/2028

Per the CRRSAA Act, the project(s) in this application is not required to be programmed in the Long-Range Transportation Plan or Statewide Transportation Improvement Program. The Operational Expenses requested in this application are determined by the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI). The EBCI understands that the expenses requested in this application are subject to an FTA review. Grants to tribes are exempt from STIP requirements.

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Tribe will utilize this award to maintain existing transit services on the Qualla Boundary and other tribal lands. Funding will be used to cover eligible operating expenses including vehicle fuel, preventative maintenance activities and items having a useful life of less than one year. Funding will permit the EBCI Tribe to continue to provide safe and effective operation on transit services to the tribal area. Transit riders in the Qualla Boundary area and other EBCI tribal lands. None EBCI does not have subrecipients.

**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 does not include an indirect cost rate.

*Indirect Rate Details: N/A*

**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.

## Award Description

**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.

**Subrecipient Activities:**

None EBCI does not have subrecipients.

## Application Point of Contact Information

First Name	Last Name	Title	E-mail Address	Phone
Kristin	Lane	Manager	krislane@nc-chokeee.com	8283596302
Julia	Walker	Environmental Protection Specialist	julia.walker@dot.gov	404-865-5645

## Application Budget Control Totals

Funding Source	Section of Statute	CFDA Number	Amount
5311 Tribal Formula (CRRSAA)	5311-9B	20509	\$590,160
Local			\$0
Local/In-Kind			\$0
State			\$0
State/In-Kind			\$0
Other Federal			\$0

Transportation Development Credit	\$0
Adjustment	\$0
<b>Total Eligible Cost</b>	<b>\$590,160</b>

## Application Budget

Project Number	Budget Item	FTA Amount	Non-FTA Amount	Total Eligible Amount	Quantity
NC-2023-016-01-00	300-00 (300-A1) OPERATING ASSISTANCE	\$590,160.00	\$0.00	\$590,160.00	1
NC-2023-016-01-00	30.09.08 EMER RELIEF - OPERATING ASSIST - 100% Fed Share	\$590,160.00	\$0.00	\$590,160.00	1

## Discretionary Allocations

This application does not contain discretionary allocations.

## Part 3: Project Information

**Project Title: EBCI Transit FY20 Section 5311 CRRSAA Act Assistance: Cherokee NC-Qualla Boundary/Tribal Lands**

Project Number	Temporary Project Number	Date Created	Start Date	End Date
NC-2023-016-01-00	6726-2023-2-P1	11/30/2022	10/1/2022	9/30/2024

### Project Description

Funding included in the following project is NC Section 5311 Tribal CRRSAA Act Funding

### Project Benefits

Funding will assist in the provision of transportation to essential services for our continued ridership. Benefits include access to medical appointments in our service area and in other townships in the region, grocery shopping and other human services.

### 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 Robbinsville NC.

## Project Location (Urbanized Areas)

UZA Code	Area Name
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370000

North Carolina

## Congressional District Information

State	District	Representative
North Carolina	11	Mark Meadows

## Program Plan Information

### STIP/TIP

Date: Not Provided

Description: N/A

### UPWP

Date: Not Provided

Description: N/A

### Long Range Plan

Date: Not Provided

Description: N/A

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## Project Budget Activity Line Items

**Budget Activity Line Item: 30.09.08 - EMER RELIEF - OPERATING ASSIST - 100% Fed Share**

Scope Name / Code	Line Item #	Line Item Name	Activity	Quantity
OPERATING ASSISTANCE (300-00)	30.09.08	EMER RELIEF - OPERATING ASSIST - 100% Fed Share	OPERATING ASSISTANCE	1

### Extended Budget Description

5311 CRRSAA Act funding will cover operating assistance expenses for existing services.

### 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	10/1/2022	Estimated start date upon grant approval
End Date	9/30/2024	Estimated completion 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	Date
	Class IIc CE Approved	

## Part 4: Fleet Details

No fleet data exists for this application.

## Part 5: FTA Review Comments

### FTA Comments for DOL

**Comment By** Julia Walker

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Comment Type DOL Review for Information

Date 5/26/2023

Comment Tribal grant application submitted for informational purposes.

### Application Review Comments

**Comment By** Julia Walker

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Comment Type Pre-Award Manager Returns Application

Date 1/19/2023

Comment Please include the following headings in the Executive Summary:  
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.  
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Intended Beneficiaries: Transit riders in the Qualla Boundary area and other EBCI tribal lands.  
Subrecipients: None EBCI does not have subrecipients.

Please change the period of performance end date to 3/30/2028.

**Comment By Julia Walker**

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Comment Type Pre-Award Manager Returns Application

Date 1/24/2023

Comment The previous comments aren't addressed in the Executive Summary.

**Comment By Julia Walker**

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Comment Type Pre-Award Manager Returns Application

Date 1/24/2023

Comment Please change the end date to 3/30/2028.  
Please ensure that all of the supporting documentation, such as the documents included in NC-2022-050-00 (certs and assurances, etc.), are included in the grant application.  
Please ensure that all of the information for the vehicle replacements is included in the grant application.

**Comment By Julia Walker**

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Comment Type Pre-Award Manager Returns Application

Date 2/2/2023

Comment Please include the Indirect Cost Rate Memo, the relevant Apportionment Table, the EBCI Justification Memo and the Designation of Signature Authority in the grant application documents. Also, please include the Vehicle Replacement Information (please reference NC-2021-034-00 for an example).

**Comment By Julia Walker**

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Comment Type Pre-Award Manager Returns Application

Date 3/22/2023

Comment Please include the required information for the vehicles to be replaced.

**Comment By Julia Walker**

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Comment Type Pre-Award Manager Returns Application

Date 5/18/2023

Comment Returned to grant recipient at their request.

**Comment By Julia Walker**

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Comment Type Pre-Award Manager Returns Application

Date 5/18/2023



Comment      Returned to recipient per their request.

## Application Review Comments

**Comment By**    **Kristin Lane**

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Comment  
Type            Application Details

Date            3/22/2023

Comment      I attached van replacement document to both project and application documents.