TRIANGLE TRANSPORTATION CHOICES GRANT PROGRAM FY27 RFP Eligibility Summary

Grant Period: July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027

Program Overview and Evolution

Established in 2007, the Triangle Transportation Choices Program supports a variety of Transportation Demand Management (TDM) initiatives in the Triangle region of central North Carolina. The overall goal of the Program is to encourage Triangle residents and workers to embrace alternative transportation modes such as carpooling, vanpooling, transit, biking, walking, teleworking, flexible work hours, and compressed workweeks. The Program exclusively awards grants for non-infrastructure projects supporting education and outreach efforts.

Organizations applying for any of the three eligible grant types described on the next page (Traditional, Innovative and Pilot Projects, or Community-Based and Non-Profit Organizations) must download, complete, and submit their applications via the links provided on the <u>Triangle Transportation Choices</u>

Website by 5:00 PM ET on Friday, February 6, 2026 to be considered for funding. If applying for more than one grant type, a separate and complete application must be submitted for each RFP.

Locations Eligible for Grant Funding

Projects funded through this grant must demonstrate measurable reductions in vehicle miles traveled (VMT) within one or more of the six National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) maintenance counties in the Triangle region: Durham, Franklin, Granville, Johnston, Orange, and Wake. Projects located in the Baldwin, Williams, New Hope, and Center townships of Chatham County are also eligible for consideration (see map on right).

An interactive online map of the Grant Funding Eligibility Area is available here.





Matching Funds Requirement for Eligibility

Approved expenses are reimbursed quarterly upon submission of invoices and supporting documentation. Refer to the table below for the match requirements associated with each of the FY27 grant program types.

Program Type	Grant Reimbursement	Grant Applicant Match
	Rate	Required
Regional Service Provider	65%	35%
Local Service Providers	50%*	50%*
Innovative and Pilot Projects	50%*	50%*
Community-Based and Non-profit Orgs.	80%**	20%**

^{*}Example: For an application budget of \$10,000 the grant reimbursement will be \$5,000 for both Local Service Providers and Innovative and Pilot Projects applicants. They will be required to provide a match of \$5,000.

Traditionally Funded Local and Regional TDM Service Providers

Ideal applicants under this RFP are entities with a sustained, long-term commitment to TDM education and outreach within the grant region. This includes higher education institutions and local governments.

Current (FY26) traditional grant recipients include: Town of Chapel Hill, Town of Carrboro, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, North Carolina Central University, Duke University, Wake County, GoTriangle, City of Raleigh, North Carolina State University, and Wake Tech Community College.

Innovative and Pilot Projects

This RFP requests proposals specifically for Innovative and Pilot Projects for FY27. These projects are funded on an annual basis to assist or determine the effectiveness of a novel strategy/technique to achieve the overall goals of Triangle Transportation Choices Program. Projects must assess the effectiveness of at least one of the following:

- A new technology or tool
- A novel application of technology
- Experimentation with a novel outreach, education, or promotion strategy
- A novel partnership approach with other TDM stakeholders

Example of a past project funded by this grant: Testing and evaluating the "Fresh Start Effect" to see if new residents were more likely to consider alternative commute modes after moving.

Community-Based and Non-Profit Organizations

This RFP seeks applications from CBNPs to promote TDM strategies to reduce single-occupancy vehicle use and improve access to alternative transportation options, particularly among low-income residents and communities with limited travel choices.

Current (FY26) grantees include: Black Girls Do Bike, Arise Collective, Oaks & Spokes, Southeast Raleigh Promise, El Centro Hispano, Habitat For Humanity Orange County, and Bike Durham.

^{**}Example: For an application budget of \$10,000 the grant reimbursement will be \$8,000 for a Community-Based and Nonprofit Organization applicant while the match required from them will be \$2,000.