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Mr. James Ayers, Program Manager
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Subject: Foothills Rural Planning Organization
FY23 Special Study Approval – Johnston County Greenways plan - **NCDOT Contract #: 7500025356, WBS# 50343.4.20 (Fonta Flora) and 50343.4.21 (Henderson-Logan Complete Streets)**

Dear James:

NCDOT’s Transportation Planning Division (TPD) has reviewed and approved your application for reimbursement of Federal and State funds in the amount indicated for the planning study identified in the table below. Prior to start of the study, the RPO must amend their FY23 PWP to include the below information and a narrative description of the project.

FY 2023 Special project Foothills RPO additional funds approved by NCDOT WBS# for these studies: 50343.4.20 and 50343.4.21				
Name of study awarded FY23 funds	80% Federal SPR funds	15 % State match (in accordance with SB 136-214)	5% local match	Total not-to-exceed amount to be programmed in work plan for this study Federal, State, + local match
Fonta Flora Trail Feasibility study WBS: 50343.4.20	\$76,000	\$14,250	\$4,750	\$95,000
Henderson-Logan Complete Streets Charrette WBS: 50343.4.21	\$64,000	\$12,000	\$4,000	\$80,000

Note that this study has a different WBS number and different percentage local share than the RPO’s FY23 operations quarterly invoices. Be sure your invoices to NCDOT for this special study clearly identify total amounts spent, and the amount requested per the percentages noted in the table on this letter. You may wish to send separate, study-specific invoices for reimbursement by NCDOT if it helps to keep track of expenses.

Please reference [TPD’s procurement walk through](#) to guide you through the various steps required to procure a consultant to perform the study. Be sure your TPD coordinator is involved in every step of the process including the consultant selection committee. Remember to not enter into a contract until the draft cost proposal has been reviewed by NCDOT’s OIG office and addresses any comments they may have. If a member jurisdiction will be performing the study, your LPA may require a separate intergovernmental agreement to allow your LPA to pay that jurisdiction. (NCDOT can only reimburse the LPA if the LPA provides proof of expenditure of the funds by the LPA.)

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By agreeing to use/be reimbursed with these funds, the recipient agrees that any charges above and beyond the Federal and State amounts shown above will be the sole responsibility of the LPA. It is the responsibility of the recipient to abide by pertinent state and federal regulations.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call or email me at (919) 707-0901, jalavi@ncdot.gov.

Sincerely,

Jamal Alavi

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