

Madison Area Transportation Planning Board (MPO)

Section 5310 (Enhanced Mobility of Seniors & Individuals with Disabilities) Program

Descriptions of Projects Selected for 2020 Funding

Subrecipient:	Dane County Department of Human Services
Project:	One-Call Center, Mobility Training, and Bus Buddy Program (Traditional – Mobility Management)
FTA Amount:	\$112,166

The Mobility Management project has two components: Transportation Call Center (CC) and Travel Training (TT).

1. The CC is staffed by a Mobility Manager and is a single point-of-entry for transportation information in Dane County. Information on all available transportation resources is provided, including public transit, human services programs and volunteer driver programs, vehicle acquisition and repair loans, ride sharing, and other programs. Services provided include identification of transportation availability; options counseling; introduction and referral to public transit and individual/group ride services; assessment, eligibility determination and ride authorization for specialized transportation and related programs; enrollment in travel training programs and follow-up assistance in maintaining mobility. The Dane County Call Center is the only Transportation Resource Center in the region.
2. Dane County offers two TT Programs: Bus Buddy Program (BB) and Mobility Training Program (MT). The BB Program utilizes qualified volunteers to train and accompany passengers on mainline routes or other public transportation to familiarize them with transit usage. The BB program offers individual one-on one training and group transit familiarization trips. BB training includes using the RideGuide, Metro website and trip planning. There is no fare during training. Participants receive a 10-ride senior/disabled pass upon completion. The Mobility Training Program (MT) is staffed by Certified Occupational Therapists to provide in depth instruction in the skills necessary to access mainline services. If eligible passengers of ADA complementary paratransit graduate from the BB or MT program and migrate a sufficient number of trips from paratransit to fixed-route services, Metro Transit will provide a free annual bus pass.

Subrecipient:	Madison Metro
Project:	Paratransit Eligibility & Mobility Coordinator (Traditional – Mobility Management)
FTA Amount:	\$77,040

Metro's Mobility Management Project proposal is for the funding of a Paratransit Eligibility & Mobility Coordinator (PE/MC) position. PE/MC activities include: conduct In-Person Assessments (IPA) to determine ADA paratransit eligibility; provide Transit Orientation (TO) to paratransit applicants and others interested in using fixed route services; refer candidates for Travel Training (TT) to Dane County's mobility training programs and monitor results, and; identify Designated Paratransit Stops (DPS) at frequent paratransit destinations.

The IPA, TO, and TT referrals are office based activities in which participants are interviewed and advised on appropriate transportation resources, service hours, routes, fares, reservations, and expectations in utilizing the services. The DPS involves collaborative office based activities and field observation to identify, assess and designate appropriate safe locations for pick-up and drop-off.

Subrecipient:	Community Living Connections
Project:	Accessible Vehicle Grant [Purchase] (Traditional)
FTA Amount:	\$38,561
Vehicle Description:	Transit/Bariatric, Accessible, Side Load (5/2)

Community Living Connections, Inc. (CLC) is a local non-profit which provides supported living services for adults with disabilities, with a mission to help individuals live their best life in their own home and in their community. CLC provides in-home support, 24 hours per day, 7 days per week for 177 individuals, and assists them in their community as well. Support includes care and supervision, helping individuals attend medical appointments, visiting family, personal cares, grocery trips, and more. CLC seeks to provide an accessible bariatric van for 10 individuals we support residing in licensed Adult Family Homes (AFH) on the West Side of Madison, whom CLC supports all hours of the day. New requirements have been set forth by our funders, requiring CLC to provide transportation to and from work for individuals living in licensed AFHs. By purchasing a bariatric vehicle, & providing access to transportation that suits their physical needs, individuals will have higher access to their community. With this vehicle, these individuals will have continued and uninterrupted access to paid employment. This vehicle will reduce their need for costly taxi-service options, and allow them to rely less on complex public transportation, which is often limited by region. Individuals will have more options for community life, and will have more freedom to self-direct their schedules and daily activities.

Subrecipient:	MARC, Inc. (Madison Area Rehabilitation Centers)
Project:	Purchase Two Accessible Vehicles (MARC Transportation Project – (MTP)) (Traditional)
FTA Amount:	\$73,787
Vehicle 1 Description:	Other Vehicle – 2020 Fort Transit 350 Wagon MR, 148” WB, Long body with running board
Vehicle 2 Description:	Other Vehicle – 2020 Fort Transit 350 Wagon MR, 148” WB, Long body with smart floor and running board

The MARC Transportation Project is for the purchase of two wheelchair accessible vehicles used to transport individuals to and from work, to volunteer in the community, and participate in meaningful activities that enrich their lives in the greater Madison and Stoughton communities. MARC's mission is to enhance the quality of life for individuals with significant disabilities. MARC accomplishes its mission through individualized employment supports that enable success in community jobs and individual ownership of businesses. MARC also provides internship opportunities for high school students and young adults with intellectual disabilities at three locations: UW & VA Hospitals, Sauk Prairie Hospital, and Kalahari Resorts. Additionally, educational & training opportunities are offered at all MARC locations, along with personal care services that reduce hospitalizations & health issues, and increase time in the community.

Subrecipient:	City of Stoughton
Project:	Purchase an Accessible Vehicle (Stoughton Public Transit Accessible Van) (Traditional)
FTA Amount:	\$30,359
Vehicle Description:	Minivan, Accessible, Rear Load (3/2)

Stoughton Public Transit, owned by the City of Stoughton, is applying for grant funding to purchase an accessible shared-ride taxi minivan to replace a 2008 non-accessible taxi cab. Stoughton Transit operates in the City of Stoughton limits and within a three-mile radius of city limits. This project will replace a non-accessible 2008 Crown Victoria taxi cab with an accessible minivan.