

January 7, 2016

Board of Commissioners  
Clackamas County

Members of the Board:

Approval to Apply for Grants from Oregon Department of Transportation Special  
Transportation Formula Discretionary Funds through Ride Connection, Inc., for  
Clackamas County Seniors and People with Disabilities

<b>Purpose/Outcomes</b>	Agreement with Ride Connection, Inc. to provide funding for transportation services to seniors and/or people with disabilities residing in Clackamas County.
<b>Dollar Amount and Fiscal Impact</b>	The maximum grant award is \$513,535. The contract is funded through the Ride Connection, Inc. agreement with TriMet and the Oregon Department of Transportation.
<b>Funding Source</b>	State Special Transportation Formula Discretionary Funds - no County General Funds are involved.
<b>Duration</b>	Effective July 1, 2016 and terminates on June 30, 2019
<b>Previous Board Action</b>	None
<b>Strategic Plan Alignment</b>	1. This funding aligns with the strategic priority to increase self-sufficiency for our clients. 2. This funding aligns with the strategic priority to ensure safe, healthy and secure communities by addressing needs of older adults in the community.
<b>Contact Person</b>	Brenda Durbin, Director, Social Services Division 503-655-8641
<b>Contract No.</b>	

**BACKGROUND:**

The Social Services Division of the Health, Housing, and Human Services Department requests approval to apply for grant funds from Oregon Department of Transportation Special Transportation Formula Discretionary (STF-D) Funds through Ride Connection, Inc. for services provided by Clackamas County Social Services Division, Transportation Reaching People program (TRP). TRP is part of the Clackamas County Transportation Consortium which currently includes 25 agencies consisting of elderly and disabled (E&D) transportation providers, advocates and five transit agencies. With the completion of the Regional Elderly and Disabled Transportation Plan, the Consortium was designated as the local coordinating council for Clackamas County. This grant will provide funding for TRP in the amount of \$513,535 for enhanced transportation services. Transportation services are offered to area seniors and persons with disabilities that have limited or no access to public transportation.

The initial three-year grants will be to develop a dedicated non-emergency transportation service (\$248,330) and a dedicated dialysis transportation service (\$265,205). The grand total of this proposed three year application will be up to \$513,535. The grant, if awarded, would provide funding for (2) full-time drivers and additional dispatch services. No County General Funds are involved. This STF-D funding will fund these projects with Clackamas County Social Services Division, Transportation Reaching People program for FY16/17, FY17/18 and FY18/19.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

We recommend the approval to apply for this grant and further recommend the acceptance of the award if funded, and that Richard Swift be authorized to sign all documents necessary to accomplish this action on behalf of the Board of Commissioners.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Swift  
Director