

Mobility Advisory Committee

August 14, 2024



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August 14th | Special Meeting | Section 5310

Agenda

- 1. Welcome and Introductions
- 2. Approval of March 13 meeting summary

Main Business

- 3. 2023-2024 Evaluation of Section 5310 Applications Update
- 4. 2023-2024 Section 5310 Applications Presentations

Additional Business

- 5. Member updates
- 6. Future meeting dates

1. Welcome and Introductions

- Please write your name and organization you represent in the Zoom chat
- This will be used to take attendance

2. Approval of 3/13/24 Meeting Summary





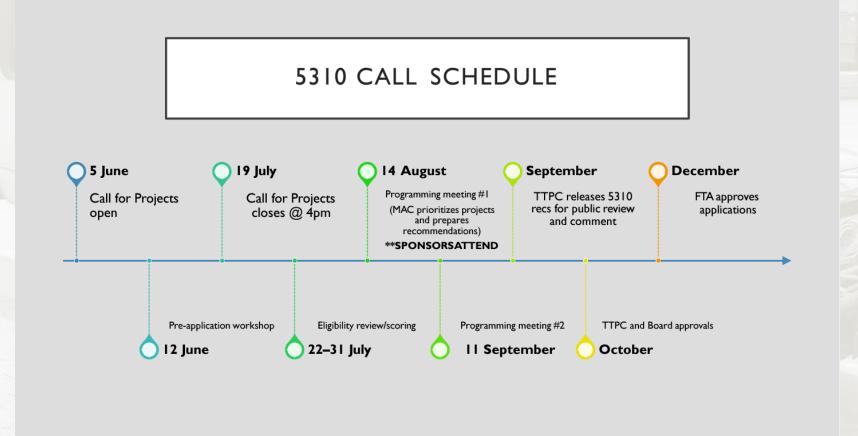
Motion to Approve

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3. 2023-2024 Evaluation of Section 5310 Applications Update

- We Received 11 applications from 10 organizations with a total ask of \$3,584,800
- There are \$1,648,149 in funds to be programmed
- September 11th is the next programming meeting

3. 2023-2024 Evaluation of Section 5310 Applications Update



4. 2023-2024 Section 5310 Applications Presentations

- **F**Y23-24 Section 5310 Applicants will **present their respective applications**. Each applicant will have between **3 and 5 minutes** to present, focusing on:
 - Project Description
 - Project Need
 - Population Served
 - Project Location
 - Project Scalability
 - Total 5310 Request Amount
 - Total Match Amount

Expanding Transportation for People with Developmental Disabilities





- Project Description eitas requests 10 vehicles (five 10-passenger vans and five sedans)
 - Increase current safe and reliable transportation services especially in rural Jackson County; reduce or eliminate the waitlist
 - Start a new service non-emergency medical transportation (NEMT)
 - Continue services without interruption



Project Need

- Many people with IDD do not have access to transportation; 2023 eitas strategic plan identified barriers in reaching doctor appointments, work, recreation, leisure activities due to not having transportation. Especially in rural areas.
- Public para transit service areas have been reduced and/or struggle to keep up with demand.
- Private ride share services may not be safe or easily accessed by people with intellectual disabilities. And are often beyond limited financial means.



- Population Served
 - Individuals over the age of 16 with developmental disabilities; residents of Jackson County
- Location: Jackson County, surrounding counties as needed, KS along the boarder



Scalability

- Regardless of the amount of vehicles awarded, eitas is ready to scale up.
- Invested in new AI based camera software and routing software. Cameras are installed in each vehicle and training is in process for routing software and tablets are available for all vehicles.

Total 5310 Request: \$559,240

Total Match: \$111,848

Johnson County Mental Health Transportation

A peer driven solution to transportation barriers.





Peer Driven Solutions

- An initiative solution to transportation barriers for those suffering from Persistent Mental Illness.
- Providing rides to and from work, school, medical and behavioral health appointments.
- While also providing a sheltered employment for clients to reintegrate into the workforce.





Expansion

- In order to keep up with our ever-growing demand we look to expand or fleet.
- By increasing the number of vehicles available during peek hours and increasing the opportunities for more clients to become Peers and provide more rides.

We look to expand our service options, such as rides to AA meetings, Church and some community based social events. Allowing a client to be more involved in their recovery and their community.

Johnson County Mental Health

- Serving
 - Active Clients in the Johnson County Mental Health Center
 - Members of Johnson County Developmental Supports
- Location: All of Johnson County and some areas in Wyandotte, Miami,
 Douglas Counties in Kansas and Jackson County Missouri.



Johnson County Mental Health



- Scalability
 - Replace 4 Grant Funded vehicles reaching the end of their time
 - Expand by 6 vehicles and increase rides by over 12,000

Total 5310 Request: \$250,000

Total Match: \$50,000

Individual Supported Living Transportation Program

Center for Developmentally Disabled





Project Description

- Purchase 7 mini-vans to support 7 ISL homes in Jackson County, MO.
- Allow residential support staff to take residents into the community for business and recreation.
- Will allow staff to assist individuals in meeting their Individual Support Plan goals.



Project Need

- In April of 2023 approximately 27% of the population of Kansas City, MO was over the age of 65 and/or disabled. 13.1% of the population lives at or below the federal poverty level and 7.9% of households do not own a vehicle.
- In January of 2022 KC Mobility service program RideKC Freedom on Demand reported continued high absences of both drivers and dispatchers, causing delays in service and longer call times for reservations.
- Within CDD's residential program there are seven homes without a dedicated vehicle, which disrupts transportation for up to 28 residents each day. These disruptions can hinder a resident's ability to regularly attend day programming, employment, health appointments and recreational activities.



Population Served

- Adults with Developmental Disabilities aged 16 through end of life, who are supported through CDD residential programming. 95% of residents live at or below the federal poverty level and 30% of residents are people of color.
- Location: Jackson County, MO



Scalability

- CDD would be able to scale the project back if necessary.
- With fewer vehicles we would still be able to provide transportation to some residents and continue to work toward our goal of all 7 homes having a dedicated van.
- Total 5310 Request: \$272,160
- Total Match: \$68,040

Swope Health PACE KC
Door-through-door
Transportation Services for

Older Adults in Jackson County

Swope Health









Project Description

- Strengthen health equity for vulnerable older adults with complex medical needs by providing door-through-door transportation at no cost
- Purchase three 10-passenger vans with wheelchair lifts, and one 4-person sedan
- Seamless transition from third-party (Secure, charges \$60/hour plus monthly fee structure) to internal transportation services, significant cost savings opportunity
- Transportation on request that is custom, safe, comfortable and reliable
- Relieves caregivers, helps those unable to transport wheelchairs
- Vans transport to/from PACE KC and other medical appointments and social outings, car is used for fuel efficiency for trips without wheelchairs, M-F, 7:30am to 5:30pm





Project Need

- Lack of true door-through-door options for older adults with mobility challenges (75% of PACE KC members use wheelchairs)
- 2023 Jackson County Senior Services Coalition survey, transportation is second only to in-home services
- Estimate 80%-90% of rides will replace taxi, ride share or caregiver trips
- On-demand service, eliminates waiting outdoors or at bus stops for rides
- Prevent catastrophic events (drivers trained as first line to help identify changes in patients or their living situation)
- Breakthrough service for some with extensive mobility issues, one PACE KC patient who was homebound, left house for first time in 18 months.





Population Served

- Residents of Jackson County
- Aged 55 and over
- Living at very low income levels, Medicaid beneficiaries
- Managing chronic, complex medical conditions that would require institutionalization in a skilled nursing facility but for PACE KC
- Demographics similar to Swope Health Central patient population, where nearly two-thirds of patients identify as Black or African-American
- Location: The PACE KC Adult Wellness Center is located at 4141 Dr. MLK Jr. Blvd., Kansas City, MO, 64130.





Scalability

- Purchasing fewer vehicles
- Additional fundraising to fill gap
- Initial purchase of 3 vehicles, scale to a total of 9 vehicles to serve 350 members by
 2027
- Total 5310 Request: \$216,000
- Total Match: \$54,000 (additional fundraising and Swope Health reserves as approved by Board of Directors)

Dedicated Transportation Services LLC





Project Description

- Serve older adults, individuals with disabilities, and low-income populations.
- Provide Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT) services.
- Ensure access to vital healthcare services for undeserved populations.
- Target Black adults, who are more likely to forgo needed care.
- Support individuals with public health insurance facing transportation barriers.
- Offer reliable transportation within the community



Project Need

- Startup Costs: Initial investments for licensing and insurance.
- Operational Costs: Funds needed for daily operations like fuel, maintenance, and driver salaries.
- Technology Investments: To implement necessary software systems for scheduling, routing, and tracking.
- Infrastructure Enhancements: For a central office, parking facilities, and any required renovations.
- Marketing and Outreach: For advertising, community outreach, and customer acquisition strategies.
- Training and Development: For staff training programs to ensure quality service.
- Contingency Fund: A contingency budget to cover unexpected expenses or emergencies.



Population Served

- Our project primarily serves older adults, individuals with disabilities, and people from low-income backgrounds.
- Location: The greater Kansas City Metro Area including North of the River and South of Grandview



Scalability

- Yes, the project can be scaled down if full funding is not received.
- We will prioritize essential services for the most vulnerable populations first, ensuring critical transportation needs are met.
- Total 5310 Request: \$300,000
- Total Match: \$3000 currently, We are committed to aligning our contribution to the required standard and will increase the match amount to meet the necessary level.

Dedicated Transportation Services LLC





Project Description

- Expand our fleet by purchasing additional wheelchair vans and stretcher vans.
- These vehicles are essential to meet the growing demand for reliable and accessible transportation services for individuals with disabilities, older adults, and those requiring Non-medical emergency transportation.





Project Need

- Based on current market estimates, the cost of a new wheelchair-accessible van ranges from \$50,000 to \$75,000 per unit, while stretcher vans typically range from \$70,000 to \$100,000 per unit.
- Therefore, with the requested \$300,000, we anticipate purchasing approximately 4 to 6 vehicles, depending on the specific mix of wheelchair and stretcher vans acquired.
- This expansion will significantly improve our ability to provide safe, comfortable, and timely transportation services to those who need it most.

Accessible Transportation for Seniors and Disabled: Phase 2



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Life Unlimited Accessible Vans 2024

Life Unlimited.

Mission: Supporting people with disabilities as they experience life with unlimited possibilities.







Project Description

- Requesting 8 accessible 14 passenger vans for Day Habilitation and Residential Programs in Clay and Jackson County.
- Replacing 5 existing aged, high miles vehicle, ages 2005 to 2014, mileage from 110,000 to 221,475 miles to maintain existing and expand service levels.
- Requesting 1 new van to maintain service levels and expand existing service levels.
- Requesting 2 new vans to support new service and expand service area.
- A 7 day a week, 8:am through 10:pm. peak & non-peak service hours and days within Demand Response & Through Door Service.
- Support daily needs as medical, nutrition, employment, shopping, banking, recreation, dental apts., and accessing local and Regional resources.



Life Unlimited Accessible Vans

Project Need

- Aged, high miles vans needing replaced.
- Need available, accessible, safe, reliable and dependable transportation.
- Other transportation options are Inadequate, Insufficient and Inappropriate.
- Riders/consumers are 95% low income or poverty level & 99 % of cant drive.
- Over 20 sites/home in Environmental Justice Tracts.
- Project 2,622 Increase in "person trips" monthly to meet the need (326% increase).
- Project 1,052 additional miles to be driven monthly to meet the need (62% increase).
- Project 228 additional "person trips" monthly to meet REGIONAL access needs (380% increase).
- Project additional 128 different riders each month to meet need (175% increase).
- Need to expand 5 additional service hours a day (71% increase in vehicle availability).
- Expand from 5 days a week to 7 days a week in non-peak and weekends.





Population Served

- Adults and seniors with developmental disabilities as (but not limited to) mental retardation, autism and downs syndrome etc.
- Take part in our Day Habilitation Programs or Residential Programs.
- Our population served demographics include those of African American, Asian, Filipino, Hawaiian,
 Caucasian and those identifying as multi-cultural.
- Individuals must qualify and be approved for our specialized services through the Kansas City Reginal Offices.
- Location: Clay and Jackson County Missouri





Scalability

 Life Unlimited is Scalable. If necessary, we can reduce our Project Request from 8 vehicles to 7 vehicles, reducing our request by \$88,000 of Federal share of funds.

Total 5310 Request: \$704,000 (Federal Funds for 8 vans)

Total Match: \$176,000 (Local Match Funds for 8 vans)

Community Integration and Employment Placement Services

Down Syndrome Innovations



Community Integration and Employment Placement Services



Project Description

We will be addressing the need for transportation and equitable access to the community. Our mission is to support individuals with developmental disabilities and their families with services that respect their choices, increase their opportunities, encourage independence, and assist their inclusion in all aspects of the community. The scope of work is based on a structured program where every participant develops an individualized service plan which guides their program activities and the types of activities pursued in the community.

Program activities help individuals pursue their interests (that often mirror goals of their typically developed peers) and increase their independence by providing access to activities that support vocational training, volunteerism, recreation, and wellness. It is through these pursuits that our participants increase their autonomy and self-reliance; make empowered choices, maximize their dignity, and experience greater community inclusion. Programming activities occur Monday through Friday and on select weeknights and weekends throughout the greater Kansas City area.

Each week, participants, together with our staff supports identify the community activities they want to pursue that will help them make progress toward their individual goals. Their goals may include learning personal safety in public, practicing positive social behavior, understanding the concept of money and paying for things, verbal communication (ordering in restaurants), learning directions and finding joy in new experiences.

These vehicles will help in facilitating these experiences and will be used in therapy services and activities, meeting new families in the hospital when a child is born and for employment services/pre-employment activities.

Employment activities include on the job skills Transportation assessments, mock and live interviews, cultivating new employer relationships, on site appointments with current employer and job search may occur seven days a week, depending on the needs of the participant. Other employment related activities focused on job placement and retention take place in the community and at job sites on the days and times needed, which may include weekends.



Project Need

- 1. Community Integration: Transportation to help our participants gain practical prevocational and vocational experience. Activities occur throughout the day on a weekly, monthly, or occasional basis.
- 2. Meeting new families and new birth hospital visits is the critical first step into our lifespan services.
- 3. Employment Services: Transportation to provide meaningful activities that support job skills development, vocational exploration and, ultimately, employment



Population Served

The Down Syndrome Innovations Community Integration and Employment Services serves individuals with an IDD starting at the age of 6+. However, as a lifespan services provider, Down Syndrome Innovations has a unique opportunity to serve individuals of all ages and has integrated employment skills into curriculum for younger ages to better prepare them for when they reach an employable age.

DSI's Employment Program aims to meet individuals wherever they are and offer support for everyone at any stage. Down Syndrome Innovations works with the individual, people in their support network and the employer to assist everyone throughout the employment process & improve system efficiencies as a whole.

DSI provides the following: Pre-vocational training, job assessments & job discovery. We serve low-income families & people of color.

 Location: The project will operate our of our HQ in Mission, Kansas and we will serve the Greater Kansas City Metro.



Scalability

Our programs are structured around philanthropic support and our fee for service revenues. While we have the funds to cover the required federal match and MARC fees for the 5310 grant, acquiring additional funding for a new vehicles create a hardship for organization and service lines and ultimately, the individuals and families we serve.

Total 5310 Request: \$120,000

Total Match: \$24,000













Community Living

We are committed to helping people with disabilities build skills to live as independently as possible in a home of their own. We offer everything from just a few hours of support a month to 24/7 support. Our team works with each individual and family to determine the best option for services, whether that means working in the family home or helping an individual establish their own home. Community Living Services empower participants to make their own decisions about their life, including where and who they live with, pursuing hobbies, community engagement, and more.



Community Connections Day Program Community Networking Group Services

- Project Description
 - ESMW provides daily transportation for participants to and from program locations
- Population Served
 - 95 people utilize our transportation services
 - All have been diagnosed with an IDD
 - All are on fixed/low income
 - 26% are people of color
- Project Location
 - Jackson, Clay, Platte, Cass, Ray



Proposal

- Project Need
 - Three vehicles need replacing
 - Requesting funds for one 10-person van
 - 20 people on the waitlist for services
- 5310 Request Amount
 - Federal Request \$80,000
 - Private Funder Match \$20,000
 - 1% Fee \$800
 - TOTAL \$100,800











THANK YOU!





SCAN TO LEARN MORE

Community Integration & Employment Services

The Farmer's House



Community Integration & Employment Services



Project Description

- We empower individuals with developmental disabilities to pursue their best lives through active community engagement, social enrichment and employment.
- 5310 Vehicles will be used to expand our Community Integration and Employment Services to meet increased enrollment demands.
- Purpose is to increase inclusion (reduce isolation); build self-determination/life skills; increase employment and overall independence.

Community Integration & Employment Services



Project Need

- Post high school graduation, Individuals with developmental disabilities are at significant risk for isolation and under unemployment.
- Greatest barrier to employment is lack of transportation.
- A vehicle is needed for every 5-7 individuals enrolled in programming.

Community Integration & Employment Services



Population Served

Individuals with developmental disabilities; ages 18 and older.

Location

- Our clients (farmers) are served from two primary locations located in North Kansas City and Platte City.
- Our clients reside in Platte County, Clay County and Jackson County, Missouri and Johnson County, Kansas.





- Scalability
- If the full 5310 funding request is not approved, our ability to expand programming to meet projected demand will be affected. As such, program expansion will be scaled to our transportation capacity and a wait list for services will be created.
- Total 5310 Request: \$220,000
 Two 10 or 12 Passenger Vans (7 Passenger Vans preferred); Two Sedans.
- Total Match: \$50,000

Unified Government

Transportation

Department





Project Description

- Fleet Replacement Three (3) paratransit vehicles
 - Improve Service Reliability
 - Enhance Passenger Comfort
 - Ensure compliance with current accessibility standards
- Solver Routing Software IRIS, provided by RideCo
 - Improve OTP
 - Enhance Passenger Experience Scheduling and Integrated Voice Response
 - Enhance Operational Efficiency Scheduling, Capacity, Fleet Inventory



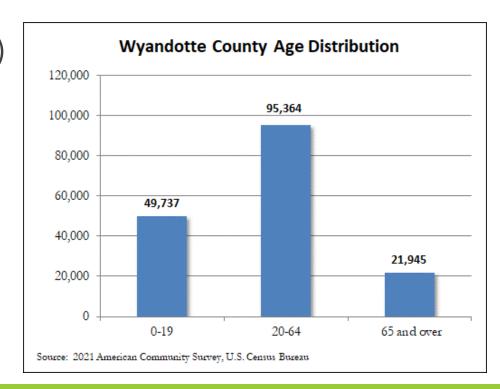
Project Need

- Unserved Rides 38 trips (Jan-May 2024 Data)
 - Offsite Vehicle Repairs
 - Costly Maintenance/Repairs
- Safety Concerns
 - Industry standards of ADA accessibility, operational fleet inventory, and operational equipment.
 - Impacts the safety of passengers and drivers.
- Solver Routing Software
 - Efficiently plan routes to minimize travel time and distance.
 - Effectively manage growing demand of ridership
 - Ensure OTP performance.



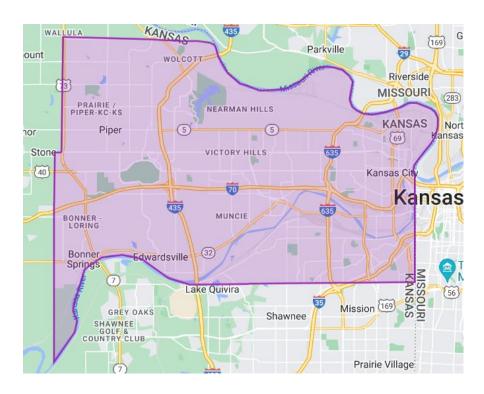
Population Served

- Senior Citizens
- Disabled Individuals
- Ridership Completed 12,874 (Jan-May 2024 Data)
- Wyandotte County Age Distribution
 - American Community Survey (2021): 65 & Older = 21,945





- Location: Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas
 - 156.07 Square Miles
 - Location includes Edwardsville & Bonner Springs
 - Population Density 1,101 Per Square Mile





Scalability

- Fleet Replacement
 - Maintain and/or increase level of performance
 - Provide adequate access and support as the user base expands
- Routing Software
 - Cloud-based solutions that can expand capacity as needed
 - Optimizing routes and reducing inefficiencies
- Total 5310 Request: \$563,400
 - \$540k Fleet
 - \$23,400 Routing Software
- Total Match: \$112,680



6. Upcoming Meetings

- All Meetings will be from 9:30-11:00am
 - September 11 (Programming Meeting #2)
 - Potential Additional Meeting if Needed (Date TBD)
 - December 11
- Special meetings for 5310 call will be sent soon
- All regular meeting dates will be posted on the MARC committee webpage