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Grant Funds Available for Providers of Specialized Transit Services in Western Riverside County

Agencies and organizations that offer transit programs for older adults, persons with disabilities and low-income residents in western Riverside County where public transportation services are unavailable or insufficient are encouraged to apply for grant funding available from the Riverside County Transportation Commission.

Eligible applicants include public agencies, human and social service agencies, tribal governments, and private non-profits that offer specialized transit services that serve as a lifeline for many Riverside County residents, helping them to be more mobile and independent.

In the past, grant funding has been awarded to organizations that offer transport to before-school and after-school Boys & Girls Club programs, rides to medical appointment for cancer treatment, and travel training for those who are blind or visually impaired.

Applications are due February 17 at 4 p.m. More information and application forms are available on the RCTC [website](#). During the last grant award process in 2018, RCTC allocated \$8.2 million to 18 organizations and agencies.

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Funding is largely provided by Measure A, the voter-approved half-cent sales tax for transportation improvements in Riverside County.

The Commission will evaluate the applications and award up to \$8.76 million to groups that are able to provide transportation programs from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2024. Programs can include bus or shuttle operations, distribution of transit passes, vehicle purchases or capital leases, or training to help riders navigate the transit system.

“These specialized transportation services are truly a lifeline for our residents in western Riverside County. Without transportation options like Operation Safehouse, which helps homeless and at-risk youth, or Friends of Moreno Valley Senior Center, many people would be unable to go to school, to work, to the grocery store, or to doctor’s appointments,” said RCTC Chair and Palm Desert Mayor Pro Tem Jan Harnik. “We strongly encourage groups to apply for these funds, which are available only every three years.”

For questions, please contact RCTC staff at specializedtransit@rctc.org or at (951) 787-7141.

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