

Gov. Walker: Announces more than \$4.5 million to serve the transportation needs of seniors, individuals with disabilities

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Madison, Wisconsin — Governor Walker announced today 52 agencies in urban and rural areas will receive awards totaling \$4,542,898 in state and federal funds to enhance and support local transportation options for Wisconsin seniors and individuals with disabilities. The program assists local public entities and private, non-profit agencies providing transportation services for seniors and individuals with disabilities. Such services include mobility management, operating assistance and vehicle purchases.

The specialized transportation program is administered through the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) via the Federal Transit Administration's Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program. The state's four large urbanized areas (Appleton, Green Bay, Madison and Milwaukee) administer the 5310 programs for their geographic areas. They work in coordination with WisDOT to ensure continuity of the application and project selection process. WisDOT administers the program for the rural and smaller urban areas of the state.

Program funds will fund 80 percent of the cost for 53 vehicles to either replace existing vehicles or expand services. WisDOT holds active contracts with several vendors for minivans, minibuses, medium and large buses. In addition, approved

projects for 2017 include funding for 12 mobility management projects to help coordinate transportation services, increase transportation capacity and connect individuals with transportation services in their geographic service area.

Initiated in the mid-1970s, the program has helped fund the purchase of more than 2,228 vehicles in Wisconsin, of which 479 are currently providing transportation services to seniors and individuals with disabilities.

See the complete list of Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program Grants for 2018 at <http://wisconsin.gov/Pages/doing-bus/local-gov/astnce-pgms/transit/enhanced-mob.aspx>.