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FY25 Community Transit Grant Program Operating and Mobility Management Awards

The Community Transit Grant Program operating and mobility management cycle is an annual grant program funding projects to expand and enhance mobility for older adults and people with disabilities. Examples of eligible projects can include operating transit services, running volunteer driver programs, coordinating transportation services, and hiring staff to assist riders in learning to use transit options. Traditionally, MassDOT uses Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 funding to fund this grant program. This year, state Education and Transportation Fund (ETF) funding through the FY25 budget provided an additional \$4 million for this program and the opportunity to expand the scope to cover low-income riders as well as older adults and people with disabilities. MassDOT is pleased to announce grants to 44 organizations for 56 projects, totaling \$5.8 million in awards.

Grantee	Project Summary	Award
Berkshire Regional Transit Authority	Continue BRTA's travel training program.	\$9,300
Berkshire Regional Transit Authority	Provide paratransit rides to seniors in towns with limited or no service, expanding on BRTA's FY24 grant to pilot senior medical transit.	\$151,012
Bridgewater Council on Aging	Provide on-demand (same-day) rides for seniors and persons with disabilities in Bridgewater and West Bridgewater.	\$100,000

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Brockton Area Transit Authority	Provide paratransit in Avon and Stoughton outside of where it is required by the Americans with Disabilities Act.	\$25,000
Brockton Area Transit Authority	Continue microtransit services in Rockland.	\$225,000
Brookline Council on Aging	Expand Council on Aging transportation services to include late afternoon rides and grocery runs.	\$50,000
Brookline Council on Aging	Develop a curriculum to teach seniors how to use Google Maps and Apple Maps to find transit options.	\$8,030
Callahan Center – City of Framingham's Older Adult (Senior) Center	Purchase taxi rides for seniors who need medical trips that cannot be met by Council on Aging or MWRTA services.	\$10,000
Cape Ann Transportation Authority	Provide dialysis rides outside of CATA's district.	\$130,563
Cape Ann Transportation Authority	Provide medical and grocery rides above and beyond CATA's regular services.	\$202,286
Cape Cod Regional Transit Authority	Add a phone option to microtransit booking for people without access to the app.	\$198,310
City of Lynn	Hire staff to educate and connect residents to transportation options and expand City-run transportation options.	\$100,000
City of Quincy Council on Aging	Expand Council on Aging transportation to better meet demand.	\$100,000

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Franklin Regional Transit Authority	Cover the cost of a travel trainer/outreach staff to educate people about FRTA services.	\$78,804
Greater Attleboro Taunton Regional Transit Authority (GATRA)	Provide long-distance medical transportation for older adults and persons with disabilities in all GATRA communities.	\$250,000
Greater Attleboro Taunton Regional Transit Authority (GATRA)	Resume three days/week, long-distance medical transportation up Route 3 in partnership with Councils on Aging.	\$150,000
Greater Lynn Senior Services, Inc.	Provide travel training and mobility management for older adults along the North Shore.	\$78,639
Groveland Council on Aging	Purchase fuel and fund repairs for Council on Aging van.	\$5,000
Health Equity Partnership of North Central Mass	Reinvigorate Regional Coordinating Council and expand Ayer's Council on Aging transportation in light of the closure of Nashoba Valley Medical Center.	\$259,270
Healthy Aging Martha's Vineyard	Cover the cost of a mobility manager for coalition focused on older adults on Martha's Vineyard.	\$76,000
Healthy Aging Martha's Vineyard Inc/ Martha's Vineyard Transit Authority	Provide senior transportation on Martha's Vineyard through shuttles and a volunteer driver program.	\$50,000

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Helping Our Women Inc	Assist women with chronic health conditions in finding transportation to medical appointments.	\$69,446
Hilltown Community Development	Expand mobility through use of a driver pool (drivers paid to use their own cars) when the van is not available or not efficient.	\$150,000
Lowell Regional Transit Authority	Provide education and training about LRTA services to older adults, persons with disabilities, and partner agencies.	\$56,960
Lowell Regional Transit Authority	Provide long-distance medical transportation for five Councils on Aging, plus a vehicle maintenance co-op program.	\$163,320
Martha's Vineyard Center for Living	Make use of a van during unused hours to take older adults and persons with disabilities grocery shopping.	\$27,610
Melrose Council on Aging	Expand Council on Aging transportation to help meet demand.	\$10,000
MetroWest Regional Transit Authority (MWRTA)	Pilot a dial-a-ride program in Milford and microtransit services in Milford and Hopedale.	\$250,000
MeVa Transit (Merrimack Valley Regional Transit Authority)	Provide training for area human service agencies on MeVa's fixed route and paratransit.	\$138,400
Montachusett Regional Transit Authority	Pilot microtransit services in Ayer, Shirley, Lancaster, and Devens.	\$270,000

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Mystic Valley Elder Services	Distribute information about transportation options for older adults and persons with disabilities.	\$62,203
Mystic Valley Elder Services	Provide volunteer driver mileage reimbursement for older adults and persons with disabilities.	\$50,000
Needham Council on Aging	Provide GoGo rides for Needham seniors to medical appointments.	\$10,000
Northern Essex Elder Transport, Inc. "NEET"	Fund a volunteer driver program serving 13 Councils on Aging.	\$100,000
Old Colony Planning Council	Fund a volunteer driver program serving eight Councils-On-Aging.	\$30,000
Pioneer Valley Transit Authority	Provide travel training for older adults and persons with disabilities on the PVRTA fixed-route system.	\$122,315
Pioneer Valley Transit Authority	Provide senior transportation through participating Councils on Aging in the PVRTA region.	\$313,586
Quaboag Connector	Provide demand-response transportation in 10 rural towns.	\$252,000
Rutland Council on Aging	Operate Council on Aging transportation service to fill gaps not served by WRTA's SCM Elderbus contract.	\$50,000
S.C.M. COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION CORPORATION	Pilot extended hours along with a fixed-route shuttle to increase efficiency.	\$100,000

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Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services	Distribute transportation information and provide referrals for older adults and persons with disabilities.	\$69,122
South Shore Community Action Council, Inc. (SSCAC)	Fund operating support for SSCAC's contracted trips.	\$49,033
Taking People Places, Inc.	Cover the cost of rideshare for clients of 12 to 15 participating social services agencies.	\$67,500
Town of Acton	Shared regional dispatch for COA and other transportation in Acton, Littleton, and Sudbury	\$125,000
Town of Andover, Elder Services Division	Expand on Council on Aging transportation to meet regional unmet needs, such as escort to anesthesia appointments and addiction support services, through partnerships with area COAs and other providers.	\$40,000
Town of Great Barrington	Provide demand-response transportation in seven rural towns.	\$252,000
Town of Lexington Transportation Services	Fund operating support for Lexpress fixed-route service.	\$75,000
Town of North Reading	Cover the cost of staff to assist town seniors with transportation and fund volunteer driver reimbursement for medical trips not covered by public transit or paratransit.	\$50,000

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Tri-Valley Inc.	Provide rides for older adults, persons with disabilities, and veterans in 21 towns in Central Massachusetts.	\$250,000
Volunteers in Medicine Berkshires (VIM)	Fund long-distance medical rides by taxi when a volunteer driver is not available for immigrants and low-income individuals ineligible for health insurance.	\$100,000
Winchendon Senior Center	Expand Council on Aging transportation to serve older adults, people with disabilities, and low-income residents.	\$50,000
Worcester Regional Transit Authority	Hire a second full-time travel trainer to expand travel training program.	\$92,220
Worcester Regional Transit Authority	Fund taxi rides for Holden older adults and persons with disabilities when a Council on Aging van is unavailable.	\$10,000
Worcester Regional Transit Authority	Provide employment transportation for older adults, persons with disabilities and other transportation-disadvantaged riders in Southbridge, Spencer, Sturbridge, and Webster	\$45,000
Worcester Regional Transit Authority	Provide mid-day service to Worcester for older adults and persons with disabilities in 22 rural and suburban towns.	\$20,000
YMCA Attleboro The Community Access to Rides Program	Provide funding to a consortium of eight agencies to cover the cost of rideshare for clients when public transit is not available.	\$33,261
	Total	\$5,811,190

For more information on specific projects from the list above, please reach out to MassDOT. For more information on the Community Transit Grant Program, visit <https://www.mass.gov/community-transit-grant-program>

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