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FY26 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 FY26 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 40 organizations for 47 projects, totaling \$5.48 million in awards.

Organization	Project	Project Summary	Total Award
Attleboro Young Men's Christian Association	Community Access to Rides Program	Support for a coalition of nonprofits serving older adults, people with disabilities, and low-income individuals to purchase rides when no other transit options exist	\$46,200
Berkshire Regional Transit Authority	BRTA Travel Training Program	To continue and expand the BRTA Travel Training Program that offers training on how to ride BRTA buses, focused on those in affordable housing developments, senior independent living facilities, and Senior living in rural areas in the Berkshires	\$11,560
Berkshire Regional Transit Authority	Senior Rural Transportation in Berkshire County	To continue providing paratransit rides to residents, over 60 years of age, in communities that lack access to transit and without Council on Aging transportation programs within the BRTA service area	\$332,142
Brockton Area Transit Authority	Avon/Stoughton Beyond ADA	To continue to extend paratransit services in Avon, Stoughton, and Brockton beyond the current ADA corridor	\$65,701
Brockton Area Transit Authority	BAT Flex Bridgewater	To operate same-day paratransit and on-demand microtransit services for seniors in and around the Town of Bridgewater	\$500,000

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Brockton Area Transit Authority	BAT Flex Rockland	To sustain BAT's microtransit service in Rockland, which focuses on serving older adults, people with disabilities, and low-income individuals	\$104,485
Cape Ann Transportation Authority	CATA Access for All	To fund rides that are priorities for local agencies but outside CATA's standard operations for seniors, individuals with disabilities, and low-income individuals	\$200,000
City of Lynn	Regional Mobility Manager: Community Transportation Coordinator (CTC)	Fund a mobility manager to assist older adults, people with disabilities, and low-income individuals in accessing existing transportation options	\$100,000
City of Pittsfield Senior Center	RideForward	Support COA transportation	\$50,000
City of Quincy Council on Aging	Quincy Council on Aging Enhanced Mobility Initiative	Support the City's Council on Aging transportation program	\$75,000
Family Service Association	Vehicle Restorations	Support for maintenance for vehicles serving older adults and people with disabilities	\$14,000
Greater Attleboro Taunton Regional Transit Authority	MedWheels	To continue funding the existing MedWheels service that provides long-distance medical transportation to seniors and people with disabilities in GATRA's 30 communities	\$321,707
Greater Lynn Senior Services, Inc.	MoveSafe/ Mobility Links	Mobility management, travel training, and driver cessation for older adults, people with disabilities, and low-income individuals	\$100,000
Healthy Aging Martha's Vineyard	On-island Transportation Solutions for Older Adults	To operate shuttles and a volunteer driver program to support rides for older adults on the Island	\$145,654
Helping Our Women	Healthcare transportation for rural women living with chronic or serious health conditions	To support HOW's mobility management work to assist patients in accessing existing transportation options with chronic or serious health conditions in the rural towns of the Outer Cape	\$135,000
Lowell Regional Transit Authority	Mobility Outreach Coordinator	To fund a mobility outreach coordinator position to strengthen relationships with partner service providers, councils on aging, and community service organizations	\$67,056

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Martha's Vineyard Transit Authority	Martha's Vineyard Transit Authority (VTA) Mobility Manager Transportation Coordinator	To provide funding for a full-time mobility manager/travel trainers/transportation coordinator position at the VTA to assist older adults and people with disabilities in accessing VTA, COA, HAMV, and other transportation options on the Island	\$132,000
MeVa Transit (Merrimack Valley Regional Transit Authority)	Let's Go! With Meva	To provide travel training to seniors, people with disabilities, and low-income individuals to address the growing need for hands-on education as MeVa transitions from a flag stop system to a fixed bus stop network.	\$178,720
Montachusett Enterprise Center, Inc.	Regional Transit Data and Community Engagement Initiative	Community outreach and engagement to ensure older adults, people with disabilities, and low-income individuals are included in regional planning and the implementation of the region's Mobility Master Plan, as well as data collection and regional transportation coordination	\$74,470
Mystic Valley Elder Services (MVES)	Mystic Valley Elder Services Mobility Management	Continue a long-standing mobility management program assisting older adults and people with disabilities in accessing existing transportation options	\$105,618
Mystic Valley Elder Services (MVES)	TRIP volunteer driver program	Support for a volunteer driver program, where older adults recruit their own drivers	\$50,000
Nantucket Regional Transit Authority (NRTA)	NRTA mobility manager and travel trainer	To hire a travel trainer and mobility manager to help educate seniors, people with disabilities, and others about NRTA's services including its new on-demand service, as well as other transportation options	\$149,280
Norfolk County RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program)	Norfolk County RSVP 'Rides for Vets' Service	To support the Rides-for-Vets volunteer driver program that helps veterans access transportation medical appointments	\$10,000
Northern Essex Elder Transport, Inc. "NEET"	Vital Voyages II: Ensuring Equitable Medical Access for Older Adults in the Merrimack Valley	Operate a volunteer driver program on behalf of 13 Councils on Aging	\$150,000

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Old Colony Planning Council-Area Agency on Aging	OCPC-AAA Older Adult, Disabled, & Caregiver Volunteer Transportation & Alternative Transportation program.	Support for volunteer driver programs across multiple Councils on Aging	\$12,386
Pioneer Valley Transit Authority	Beyond ADA	To expand access for older adults and those with disabilities to low-cost transportation within their communities, as well as ensure access to medical care in neighboring communities	\$364,649
Pioneer Valley Transit Authority	Travel Training Program	To continue PVTA's Travel Training program offered to older adults and people with disabilities to learn how to use the fixed-route public bus system safely and independently through personalized one-to-one instruction, group orientation, and train-the-trainer sessions for human service agencies	\$122,531
S.C.M. COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION CORPORATION	Enhanced and Expanded Transportation Options for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities	Support regional transportation for older adults and people with disabilities	\$50,000
ServiceNet, Inc.	Ticket to Work Transportation Access Project	To provide door-to-door evening and weekend rides for people with disabilities participating in the Ticket to Work (TTW) program when other transit options are not available	\$175,000
Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services	SCES Transportation Hub	Mobility management to assist older adults and people with disabilities in accessing existing transportation options	\$75,000
South Shore Community Action Council, Inc.	South Shore Senior Transportation Collaborative (SSSTC)	Medical transportation for older adults with limited mobility in partnership with ten COAs and South Shore Elder Services	\$100,000
Taking People Places, Inc.	FY2026 TPP-CTGP Funding	Support for a coalition of nonprofits serving older adults, people with disabilities, and low-income individuals to purchase rides when no other transit options exist	\$90,000
Town of Acton	CrossTown Connect	Support shared COA and other transit dispatch across multiple towns	\$75,000

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Town of Andover, Elder Services Division	Enhanced Community Transportation Services	Offer supportive rides to people needing door-through-door transportation, such as to supportive day programs and anesthesia appointments	\$60,000
Town of Brookline Council on Aging and Senior Center	Brookline Council on Aging Transportation Program	Support COA transportation	\$50,000
Town of Lexington	Financial Support for Lexpress Bus	Support the Lexpress bus, which serves older adults, people with disabilities, low-income individuals, and the general public including youth	\$100,000
Town of Millbury, Senior Center	Millbury Senior and Accessible Transportation Expansion	Support COA transportation	\$24,053
Town of Needham	Needham Council on Aging Medical Transportation Program	Long-distance medical rides for older adults when no other transit option is available	\$15,000
Town of North Reading	North Reading COA transportation	Support for municipal Council on Aging transportation	\$75,000
Town of Ware - Quaboag Connector	Quaboag Connector	Demand-response transportation serving seniors, people with disabilities, and low-income individuals in 10 rural towns	\$525,000
Town of Westport Council on Aging	Door to Door Transportation Services	Support COA transportation for people who need additional assistance	\$30,000
Tri-Valley Inc.	Tri-Valley Transportation Grant Program	To provide non-medical rides for older adults, those with a disability, Veterans or dependents of a Veteran, and caregivers in South Central Massachusetts when other options are not available	\$260,000
Up Island Council on Aging	Up Island Council on Aging Community Shuttle	Expand COA transportation in three rural towns through shuttles	\$54,085
Weymouth Elder Services	Weymouth Elder Services Non-Medical Transport	Support COA transportation	\$15,000

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Worcester Regional Transit Authority	Holden to Worcester - Extended Service Hours	Rides for older adults and people with disabilities in Holden when COA transportation is not available	\$8,000
Worcester Regional Transit Authority	SCM Elderbus - ReadyBus Service	Employment transportation services for older adults, people with disabilities, and others as space allows in Charlton, Southbridge, Sturbridge, and Webster	\$60,000
Worcester Regional Transit Authority	SCM Elderbus - Midday Shuttle	Expand service during mid-day hours for older adults and people with disabilities in 22 communities	\$25,000