

**SENIOR CITIZENS AND DISABLED RESIDENTS
TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
Grant Application for Fiscal Year 2023**

County: Monmouth

1. **Types of Service – The Monmouth County Division of Transportation offers a demand response service which operates 5 days per week except for 13 County recognized Holidays. We are a curb-to-curb service with fully handicapped accessible vehicles. Our drivers are trained using the PASS system, in-house driver safety classes and client sensitivity courses, also refresher training for wheelchair tie downs are done on a regular basis. There are also back round checks done on all drivers as well as monthly random drug and alcohol testing. We provide service to the senior population (60) years of age and over, service is also provided to our disabled residents whose disability is both permanent or temporary, they must be 18 years of age or older to qualify.**
2. **Our service provides transportation to doctors' appointments, life sustaining treatment (dialysis, chemo, and radiation), senior centers, nutrition sites, food shopping, food pantries, general shopping, and socialization and most recently COVID 19 Vaccine sites. We also accommodate a variety of other requests that our clients may make. We provide service to CVR (the Center for Vocational Rehabilitation) and the Monmouth County Division of Work Force Development. Service is also provided to our Veterans, we transport to Brick, East Orange, and Lyons Veterans hospitals twice a month and we go to Tinton Falls VA Clinic upon request. Every request for service is important to us, we make every effort to accommodate our residents and our service is based strictly upon availability. Clients must book their appointments 4 days in advance, but we do try to accommodate an appointment that comes in under the 4-day requirement, if a trip does come in to the intake department under the 4 days requirement the intake department will look at the schedule to see if we can accommodate it, if there is no openings we will place the client on a wait list and notify them if a cancellation comes in. A fare is charged for our service and is paid directly by the client unless other arrangements have been made.**
3. **Monmouth County operates its own in-house service; we have a fleet of 35 vehicles and are actively trying to find vendors for new purchases. Monmouth County currently employs 10 full time drivers. We currently have an additional 23 openings and are doing all that we can to recruit new drivers. There is a nationwide shortage of CDL drivers, so we are also looking into smaller vehicles that do not require a CDL to operate. Our local CAC committee is a mixture of representatives of both the senior and disabled population, among them you will find representatives from CVR, senior centers and the public.**

For the year 2023 we are making application to NJ Transit in the amount of \$ 1,919,882.00 for Casino Revenue (SCDRTAP) funding and \$301,053.00 from the FY2023 5311 grant which \$75,263.00 will be a county match, the

County will use part of our CASINO revenue to satisfy this match and no match dollars will be taken from the County budget.

- 4. Our goals for 2023 include creating more transfer locations throughout the county, this will enable our clients to travel a greater distance which will allow them more availability to doctors, hospitals, and county services, such as the office on Aging and Disabilities, Veterans Services, County Clerk's office, County Libraries, and general shopping. Currently we have 2 transfer stations in the County, one is located at 250 Center Street in Freehold and another location at the County Connection located at 2449 highway 66 in Neptune this will also allow the service to provide more trips as drivers will be in fact serving multiple locations. 2023 is going to be another year that is dedicated to outreach, the limits that were placed on the public due to COVID 19 will make it more important then ever that we get the word out about our service and all the other wonderful services provided by Monmouth County. We are also going to have to ensure that our brochures are being placed in doctors' offices, pharmacy's, food pantries, and food stores. The ability to visit senior day programs is now restored and I look forward to getting back out with the clients again. We are also now going back to attending Municipal events where we will be doing outreach and we intend to focus once again on the "Care Givers" this strategy has worked well for us in the past, we receive many calls from family members inquiring about what we can do for their relatives, we also refer clients to other County agencies as well. As we proceed further away from COVID 19 we can see an increase in ridership as businesses open and our clients are now starting to make more doctors' appointments and to go to places such as Target, Khloe's, Marshalls and so on and our senior centers are beginning to slowly reopen to their members. In December I have scheduled a meeting with the Monmouth County Transportation Planning Department, the purpose of this meeting is to discuss transportation for our senior and disabled residents after hours, such as evenings and weekends. Providing such service will add to the quality of life for our residents and is a goal that I look forward to accomplishing. It is much needed.**

Finally, I believe that the needs of our clients are changing, and the effect left behind by COVID 19 will be felt for many years to come. I intend to make every effort to change and grow with them. The Monmouth County Division of Transportation receives so much support from the County of Monmouth itself, and I am proud to share that we are 100% self-sufficient which means that we do not operate with County money, we use strictly operating funds from our grants. Our Commissioner Board is extremely hands on, always inquiring about the needs of our clients and always willing to assist in any way possible, they also encourage this division to explore different opportunities that may aid us in providing even better service to our clients while remaining fair and fiscally responsible to all residents of Monmouth County.

1B.) How many vehicles are in your fleet (by vehicle type)?

NUMBER OF VEHICLES BY VEHICLE TYPE CODE			
VEHICLE TYPE CODE	TOTAL LIFT EQUIPPED VEHICLES IN FLEET	TOTAL VEHICLES IN FLEET CASINO FUNDED	TOTAL VEHICLES IN FLEET REGARDLESS OF FUNDING
MV - MINIVAN			
V - VAN			
MB – MINIBUS/BODY ON CHASSIS	40	7	40
B - BUS	11	10	11
S - SEDAN			
SW /SUV- STATION WAGON/SUV			
U - UTILITY VEHICLE/PICKUP TRUCK			

1C) How many driver positions do you have (full time and part time)? Do you currently have driver vacancies? If yes, how many?

36 full time drivers and 6 part time drivers. We have 6 vacant full time drivers positions at this time.

2. Citizens Advisory Committee:

2A.) Please describe the composition of your CAC (# of Members (Consumers vs. Non-Consumer members, Seniors vs. Persons with Disabilities)?

Seniors 2, Disabled senior 1, Disabled consumer advocate 2, Senior disabled 1 & Chairperson senior 1

2B.) Do you have adopted by-laws? When they were last revised?

Yes. 1998.

3. For CAC Reviewer: Casino revenue allocations for last three years. (see attached allocation sheet).

4. How much money did you receive in County funds?

County	Last Year - 2010	Current - 2011	Proposed Next Year - 2012
	1,836,380	1,743,527	1,743,527

4A. Based on the figures above, please explain any differences in your current allocation versus the anticipated allocation.

Decrease in service such as eliminating all special trips weather fully paid for by an organization or not and a decrease in out of county trips, we also have a wait list for dialysis transportation.

5. How much money did you receive from other funding sources such as Welfare to Work, Sheltered Workshops, Veterans Administration, etc.

Funding Source	Last Year - 2010	Current - 2011	2012 - Anticipated
Title III B	554,073	504,073	504,073
5311	211,323	212,531	229,119
Ryan White	65,300	65,300	65,300

DDD	44,931	44,931	44,931

5A. Based on the figures above, please explain any differences in your current allocation specific funding sources versus the anticipated allocation(s).

Monmouth County had a 0% tax increase and I am not sure if I will have to make cuts to this department, I have not received instructions as of yet. With the population of the county growing I most likely will not be eligible for the FY 2013 5311 grant, should that be the case the County will have to fund 6 positions for the balance of 2012 (7/1/12 – 12/31/12).

5B. Please discuss briefly any anticipated cuts in service due to reduced casino revenue funding as well as any increased costs, especially fuel costs. Are you developing a long range plan on how to deal with rising costs of operations versus available funds?

Yes our long term plan is to seek raising revenue by advertising on our buses also reaching out to our dialysis units asking for donations, I also intend to contact our Legislators and address the issue of funding with them.

6. Do you have a ridership donation program?

Yes No

7. How much revenue did this donation program bring in?

Last Year - 2010	Current Year – anticipated based on donations to date
3,000	3,000

8. Do you charge fares? Yes No

9. How much revenue did this fare policy bring in?

Last Year – 2010	Current Year – anticipated based on fares to date
1,112,052	1,104,864

10. What additional benefits do you receive indirectly from the County that is not reflected in your budget (i.e. rent, insurance, parking, fuel etc)?

Insurance, legal representation, fuel, administrative support ex. purchasing, personnel, finance etc.

11. Please attach the budget pages (excel spreadsheets) from your FY2012casino revenue application, (the FY2010 actual expenses and the proposed FY2012 budget). (REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS).

12. What challenges have you faced during the past year?

Loss of drivers for several reasons and being prohibited from filling the slots and not being able to add any new paid services.

13. What challenges do you anticipate facing in the coming year?

Rising cost of fuel, decrease in funding and well as an increase in our over all cost.

14. Have you noticed a change in the type of services you are offering, for example, medical, competitive work situations, recreation, etc? Please discuss and provide break out.

NO

15. Trip Purpose and Number of Rides: Please provide the completed 2010 ridership report that was part of your 2012 application. (ATTACH SUMMARY RIDERSHP REPORTS FROM APPLICATION).

16. Describe training and continuing education programs currently provided for staff and drivers? We provide PASS, Bloodborne Pathogen, and defensive driving training. COST and NJIT training opportunities are utilized as appropriate.

Add any additional comments:

ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FISCAL YEAR ALLOCATIONS

	FY2010 Allocation	FY2011 Allocation	FY2012 Allocation
ATLANTIC	\$ 791,500.00	\$761,812	\$657,668
BERGEN	\$ 2,297,405.00	\$2,211,233	\$1,908,945
BURLINGTON	\$ 1,236,076.00	\$1,189,713	\$1,027,072
CAMDEN	\$ 1,451,940.00	\$1,1397,479	\$1,206,436
CAPE MAY	\$ 519,101.00	\$499,630	\$431,328
CUMBERLAND	\$ 519,101.00	\$499,630	\$431,328
ESSEX	\$ 2,207,462.00	\$2,124,663	\$1,834,210
GLOUCESTER	\$ 688,708.00	\$662,875	\$572,256
HUDSON	\$ 1,629,256.00	\$1,568,145	\$1,353,771
HUNTERDON	\$ 519,101.00	\$499,630	\$431,328
MERCER	\$ 1,007,364.00	\$969,579	\$837,032
MIDDLESEX	\$ 2,117,519.00	\$2,038,094	\$1,759,475
MONMOUTH	\$ 1,775,735.00	\$1,709,130	\$1,475,482
MORRIS	\$ 1,305,461.00	\$1,256,495	\$1,084,725
OCEAN	\$ 2,297,405.00	\$2,211,233	\$1,908,945
PASSAIC	\$ 1,364,566.00	\$1,313,383	\$1,133,836
SALEM	\$ 519,101.00	\$499,630	\$431,328
SOMERSET	\$ 781,221.00	\$751,918	\$649,127
SUSSEX	\$ 519,101.00	\$499,630	\$431,328
UNION	\$ 1,631,826.00	\$1,570,619	\$1,355,906
WARREN	\$ 519,101.00	\$499,630	\$431,328
TOTAL COUNTY	\$ 25,698,050.00	\$24,734,150	\$21,352,850
NJ TRANSIT	\$ 4,534,950.00	\$4,364,850	\$3,768,150
TOTAL	\$ 30,233,000.00	\$29,099,000	\$25,121,000