

Rural Mobility Grant Report

Rural Mobility grants provide access for people living in rural areas that would otherwise have few or no options to get to jobs, medical appointments, education or other life-sustaining activities. The Washington State Legislature established the Rural Mobility Grant Program in 1993 with a \$1.5 million appropriation to the Washington State Department of Transportation. In 2003, the Legislature significantly expanded the state's Rural Mobility Grant program. As a result of this continued support, WSDOT was able to award over \$8.5 million in competitive grants and \$8.5 million in formula grants to fund 2011-2013 biennium projects.

The Rural Mobility competitive grants are part of WSDOT's Consolidated Grant program. WSDOT uses a consolidated application for both state and federal public transportation grants. Applicants are asked to describe their project and provide relevant information. Based this information, WSDOT determines the appropriate type of funding when awarding projects. Timelines for all state and federal funding awards follow the state biennium, with applicants submitting grant applications every two years. This allows WSDOT to leverage different state and federal funding sources to stretch grant dollars further. As well, applicants now need only apply only once per biennium rather than multiple times for each of their grant programs, saving time and money for both WSDOT and its grantees.

In 2011, the Legislature created a Rural Mobility Grant program account and required WSDOT to submit an annual update on the program (RCW 47.66.100(4)). WSDOT first reported on all awarded grants in the fall of 2011 with the publication of the [Washington State Summary of Public Transportation](#), as well as on [WSDOT's Public Transportation Grants webpage](#). WSDOT is currently collecting information about the projects awarded for the 2011-13 biennium and will provide an update to the Legislature in December of 2012. The list below reflects the rural mobility awards for the current biennium.

The Legislature requires WSDOT to assess the effectiveness and grant-distribution equity every two years. In 2012, WSDOT reconvened the Grant Program Advisory Committee. WSDOT makes changes to the grant program based on GPAC's recommendations. Noteworthy changes for this year include an analysis of population of veterans as a key demographic, a minimum match requirement and a risk assessment based on an applicant's past performance. The full GPAC report is forthcoming.

Rural Mobility funds also include a formula component. This money is distributed each fiscal year through a separate process based on the amount of sales tax revenue collected in each area. Contracts for the second year of funding for this biennium are proceeding and will be reflected in the next update. As demonstrated below, many of the grantees combine their formula awards with their competitively-selected projects.

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Grantee	Project Description	Local Share	Rural Mobility Formula	Rural Mobility Competitive	Federal Funds	Total Grant Funding*
Asotin County PTBA	Provide demand response services to persons with special needs within the PTBA boundaries and in adjacent communities.	\$0	\$2,154	\$0	\$0	\$32,230
Pullman Transit	Provide fixed route transportation for the general public within the City of Pullman.	\$4,826,764	\$154,747	\$339,796	\$860,204	\$1,354,747
Clallam Transit System	Purchase four replacement low-floor wheelchair-accessible minibuses with radios, cameras, bicycle racks, reader boards, securement equipment, and HVAC for use as ADA compliant transportation as well as for general population transit services (fixed route, deviated, or demand-response operations) throughout the Clallam Transit service area.	\$125,000	\$0	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$500,000
Clallam Transit System	Provide life-line and commuter fixed-route weekday & Saturday service levels on Route 14 (between Forks and Port Angeles) and Route 16 (between Forks and Clallam Bay and Neah Bay) serving communities in the Clallam Transit service area.	\$1,232,000	\$0	\$175,000	\$425,000	\$600,000
COAST Transportation	Provide demand-response transportation for the general public within Whitman, Asotin and Garfield counties.	\$125,500	\$0	\$278,000	\$0	\$502,000

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Coastal Community Action Program	Provide demand response transportation services for employment and education related trips to the disabled and persons with special needs in Grays Harbor and Pacific counties.	\$0	\$0	\$225,000	\$225,000	\$450,000
Columbia County Public Transportation	Provide demand response transportation for the general public and persons with special needs.	\$425,000	\$1,658	\$229,000	\$791,000	\$1,102,338
Cowlitz Indian Tribe	Provide dial-a-ride transportation services for the general public and members of the Cowlitz Tribe in Cowlitz and South Lewis counties.	\$32,344	\$0	\$75,468	\$107,812	\$183,280
Garfield County Transportation	Provide demand response transportation within Garfield County and connecting to Asotin PTBA and Columbia County Public Transportation for the general public and persons with special needs.	\$32,000	\$0	\$96,500	\$128,500	\$240,143
Grant Transit Authority	Provide express fixed-route commuter services from Ephrata and Moses Lake to production plants in Warden and Othello for the benefit of people with low incomes to access jobs and job related activities.	\$176,906	\$0	\$3,094	\$176,906	\$180,000
Grays Harbor Transportation Authority	Provide general public fixed route transportation services seven days per week in Grays Harbor County.	\$3,190,033	\$202,614	\$0	\$1,500,000	\$1,702,614

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HopeSource	Purchase and install cameras (4 per vehicle with DVR), one DVR docking station and GPS location devices for nine vehicles to improve system safety and efficiency in the rural operating environment of Kittitas County.	\$0	\$0	\$30,000	\$10,000	\$40,000
HopeSource	Expand service to provide a coordinated route between Ellensburg and Yakima	\$264,000	\$0	\$132,000	\$132,000	\$264,000
Island Transit	Provide rural, fixed route services in Island County to the general public.	\$0	\$1,887,851	\$0	\$0	\$1,887,851
Jefferson Transit Authority	Provide general public fixed-route bus and complementary Dial-A-Ride services for special-needs persons in East Jefferson County service area.	\$2,260,031	\$81,579	\$406,201	\$962,201	\$1,625,392
Jefferson Transit Authority	Provide weekday route-deviated general public bus transportation service in West Jefferson County between Forks and Amanda Park.	\$342,528	\$0	\$177,433	\$177,433	\$354,866
Kalispel Tribe of Indians	Provide fixed route transportation services to the general public in and around the Kalispel Reservation to Spokane and Airway Heights.	\$86,058	\$0	\$85,056	\$155,071	\$240,127
Kitsap Transit	Provide demand response service for individuals with special needs in Kitsap County.	\$0	\$124,749	\$0	\$0	\$1,076,973
Klickitat County Senior Services	Provide route-deviated and demand-response transportation services for general public and persons with special needs in Klickitat County.	\$885,468	\$0	\$366,734	\$442,734	\$885,468

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Twin Transit	Provide route deviated transportation services for Route 41 (Grand Mound) and Route 42 (Express) to the general public and persons with special needs in Centralia and Chehalis.	\$387,736	\$0	\$123,909	\$123,908	\$247,817
Twin Transit	Provide paratransit demand response transportation services to the elderly, disabled and persons with special needs in Centralia and Chehalis.	\$202,910	\$0	\$94,753	\$94,752	\$376,556
Link Transit	Purchase 4 replacement minibuses to provide route deviated transportation services to the general public in Chelan/Douglas counties.	\$154,880	\$0	\$200,000	\$95,520	\$295,520
Lower Columbia Community Action Council (CAP)	Purchase 2 replacement, gas-powered, ADA accessible full-size vans to provide transportation services to disabled clients in Klickitat County.	\$26,000	\$0	\$64,000	\$40,000	\$104,000
Lower Columbia Community Action Council (CAP)	Provide fixed route transportation services to the general public along the I-5 corridor between Vancouver and Chehalis/Centralia six days a week, Monday through Saturday.	\$0	\$0	\$293,480	\$293,480	\$586,960
Lummi Nation	Provide fixed-route services for the general public and special needs populations to enhance connections with Whatcom Transit Authority.	\$0	\$0	\$30,525	\$30,525	\$61,050

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Mason County Transportation Authority	Provide Dial-A-Ride services for general public and special needs persons county-wide not served by existing fixed-route and route deviated services.	\$1,200,000	\$0	\$180,000	\$1,020,000	\$1,752,534
Mason County Transportation Authority	Provide zone and fixed route service county-wide including contracted service with Shelton School District using accessible buses operated by school district personnel.	\$450,000	\$805,520	\$225,000	\$225,000	\$1,255,520
Mason County Transportation Authority	Provide regional transportation connectivity services between Mason Transit, Kitsap Transit, Jefferson Transit and Intercity Transit.	\$957,562	\$0	\$478,781	\$478,781	\$957,562
Okanogan County Transportation & Nutrition	Provide fixed route service (Omak/Okanogan Shuttle) to the general public.	\$18,000	\$0	\$31,632	\$49,632	\$81,264
Okanogan County Transportation & Nutrition	Provide transportation to job and job related activities between Omak, Nespelem and Coulee Dam.	\$30,000	\$0	\$28,500	\$58,500	\$87,000
Olympic Community Action Programs (OlyCAP)	Provide volunteer driver commuter vanpool transportation services to employment sites in Clallam and Jefferson counties.	\$0	\$0	\$131,145	\$16,855	\$148,000
Pacific Transit System	Provide fixed route and dial-a-ride transportation services in Pacific County with intercity connections to Aberdeen, Naselle and Astoria (OR).	\$1,315,800	\$113,741	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$1,374,506

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People For People - ML	Provide demand response services in Grant, Lincoln and Adams Counties and route-deviated services in Grant County for the general public.	\$203,137	\$0	\$340,074	\$543,211	\$883,285
People For People - Yakima	Provide fixed-route services from Prosser to Yakima referred to as "Community Connector" for the general public in rural Yakima County.	\$0	\$0	\$225,000	\$225,000	\$450,000
Rural Resources Community Action	Provide dial-a-ride transportation services for the general public within Stevens, Ferry and Pend Oreille counties.	\$552,204	\$0	\$140,693	\$692,897	\$833,590
Rural Resources Community Action	Provide route-deviated commuter transportation service for the general public connecting Kettle Falls, Colville and Chewelah.	\$0	\$0	\$146,280	\$146,280	\$292,560
Skamania County Senior Services	Purchase a replacement, 25-passenger, ADA accessible, medium-duty cutaway bus with bike rack, fare box and two-way radio for general public, route deviated transportation services from Skamania County to Fisher's Landing in Clark County.	\$0	\$0	\$24,076	\$96,110	\$120,186
Skamania County Senior Services	Purchase a replacement, 7-passenger, ADA accessible minivan for paratransit dial-a-ride transportation services in Skamania County.	\$0	\$0	\$8,125	\$32,500	\$40,625

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Skamania County Senior Services	Provide door-to-door, dial-a-ride transportation services for the general public and persons with special needs in Skamania County to surrounding destinations including Portland/Vancouver and Hood River/The Dalles/White Salmon.	\$111,933	\$0	\$263,340	\$0	\$336,560
Skamania County Senior Services	Provide general public, route deviated transportation services between Skamania County and Fisher's Landing Transit Center in Clark County.	\$5,361	\$0	\$250,000	\$0	\$250,000
Special Mobility Services	Provide dial-a-ride service in Northern Spokane County with connections to Spokane for the general public.	\$26,000	\$0	\$270,000	\$70,000	\$340,000
Special Mobility Services	Provide deviated fixed-route service between Spokane and Davenport with two (2) round-trips per day Monday, Wednesday and Friday and between Spokane and Ritzville with two (2) round-trips per day Tuesday and Thursday.	\$0	\$0	\$97,500	\$97,500	\$195,000
Special Mobility Services	Provide general public route-deviated transportation service of 2 (two) roundtrips per day between the Newport, WA/Priest River, ID area and Spokane along Highway 2 Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.	\$0	\$0	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$200,000
Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians	Provide demand-response service to persons living in rural areas of northern Snohomish County and southern Skagit County.	\$31,588	\$0	\$89,499	\$89,498	\$178,997

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The Spokane Tribe of Indians	Provide existing route-deviated services operated under the name Moccasin Express both on and off the reservation for the benefit of people with low incomes to access jobs and job related activities.	\$0	\$0	\$200,000	\$82,843	\$282,843
Together!	Provide on-demand general public transportation that serves the communities of Rochester, Tenino, Bucoda, Rainier, Yelm, Nisqually Indian Tribe and Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation.	\$70,280	\$0	\$654,500	\$654,500	\$1,309,000
Valley Transit	Provide a low-floor, 16 passenger with 2 wheelchair positions, CNG fueled ADA accessible minibus for use on the new route created to improve service to veterans, seniors and persons with disabilities.	\$38,000	\$0	\$76,000	\$76,000	\$152,000
Valley Transit	Provide fixed-route transit services within the Valley Transit service area.	\$0	\$875,385	\$0	\$0	\$875,385

*Total grant funding includes all programs managed as part of the Consolidated Grant program and may include funding sources not otherwise represented in the columns on this chart.