

Rural Mobility Grant Report

Rural Mobility grants provide access to transportation for people living in rural areas that would otherwise have few or no options to get to job sites, medical appointments, schools 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 sustained support, WSDOT was able to award over \$8.5 million in competitive grants and \$8.5 million in formula grants to fund 2013-2015 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. Each applicant is asked to describe its project and the benefits of the investment to the communities. When awarding projects, WSDOT determines the appropriate type of funding based on this information. Timelines for all state and federal funding awards align with the state biennium, with applicants submitting grant applications every two years. This allows WSDOT to leverage different state and federal funding sources to maximize grant resources. As well, rather than apply multiple times for each of their grant programs, applicants now need apply only once per biennium, 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(3)). WSDOT also reports on all awarded grants within the [Washington State Summary of Public Transportation](#).

The Legislature requires WSDOT to assess the effectiveness and grant-distribution equity of the program every two years. In 2012, WSDOT reconvened the Grant Program Advisory Committee (GPAC), and made changes to the grant program based on the GPAC's recommendations. The 30 individuals who participated in the GPAC represented nonprofit providers, rural and urban transit, Metropolitan Planning Organizations and tribal transportation providers, as well as others interested in public transportation in Washington state. The committee had geographic diversity as well. Noteworthy changes for the current biennium's awards include an analysis of population of veterans as a key demographic, a local match requirement for all grants, and a risk assessment based on an applicant's past performance. WSDOT will convene a new GPAC in spring 2015.

Rural Mobility grant funds also include a formula component. These funds are distributed each fiscal year through a separate process based on the amount of sales tax revenue collected in each area. The second year of this biennium will be reflected in the next version of this report. As demonstrated below, many of the grantees combine their formula awards with their competitively selected projects.

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2013-2015 Rural Mobility Grant Awards

Grantee	Project	Local Share	Rural Mobility Transit Formula	Rural Mobility Competitive	Total State Funds *	Total Federal Funds	Total Project Funding **
Asotin Transit	Fixed-route service in Asotin County with connections to adjacent communities		\$15,454		\$15,454		\$15,454
City of Ellensburg	Central Transit fixed-route services	\$199,823		\$300,000	\$300,000	\$99,911	\$599,734
Clallam Transit	Demand response services for people with special needs		\$123,325		\$296,817		\$296,817
Coastal Community Action Program	Replacement vehicles for "Driven to Opportunity" project	\$3,600		\$6,000	\$6,000	\$38,400	\$48,000
Coastal Community Action Program	Driven to Opportunity - Access to jobs and training in Grays Harbor and Pacific counties where transit is unavailable	\$25,790		\$468,500	\$468,500		\$494,290
Columbia County Public Transportation	Demand response service for people with special needs	\$545,000		\$284,750	\$390,024	\$829,750	\$1,764,774
Council on Aging and Human Services	Demand response services in Whitman, Asotin and Garfield counties	\$520,000		\$500,000	\$500,000		\$1,020,000
Cowlitz Indian Tribe	Demand response transportation serving rural areas in Lewis and Cowlitz counties	\$61,185		\$250,000	\$250,000		\$311,185
Frontier Behavioral Health	Care Cars volunteer transportation program in Spokane County	\$304,510		\$1,546	\$95,546	\$88,454	\$488,510
Garfield County Public Transportation	Rural public transportation services	\$35,640		\$120,000	\$130,933	\$120,000	\$286,573
Grays Harbor Transit	Rural public transportation services	\$11,353,348	\$411,451		\$672,933	\$1,300,000	\$13,326,281
HopeSource	Central Transit Demand Response	\$109,000		\$975,000	\$975,000		\$1,084,000
HopeSource	Central Transit Replacement Vehicles	\$11,000		\$3,000	\$3,000	\$56,000	\$70,000

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HopeSource	Commuter Bus Service between Yakima and Ellensburg	\$641,000		\$182,673	\$182,673	\$236,574	\$1,060,247
Human Services Council	Employment Transportation in Clark County	\$48,012		\$475,000	\$475,000		\$523,012
Island Transit	Rural fixed route services		\$1,625,332		\$1,625,332		\$1,625,332
Jefferson Transit Authority	Construction of administration and maintenance facility		\$237,874		\$237,874		\$237,874
Kalispel Tribe of Indians	Kalispel Reservation Reverse-Commute (KRRC)	\$127,013		\$13,516	\$13,516		\$140,529
Kalispel Tribe of Indians	Kalispel Reservation-to-Spokane Midday (KRSM)	\$83,279		\$77,022	\$77,022		\$160,301
Kitsap Transit	ACCESS demand-response service		\$744,785		\$1,623,963		\$1,623,963
Lower Columbia Community Action Program	Connecting the I-5 Corridor: Vancouver/Longview/Castle Rock	\$33,200		\$248,400	\$248,400	\$281,600	\$563,200
Lummi Nation	Lummi Transit Operations	\$640,469		\$450,000	\$450,000		\$1,090,469
Makah Tribal Council	Makah Public Transit Operating Assistance	\$159,818		\$144,018	\$144,018		\$303,836
Mason Transit	Zone route service partnership with Shelton School District	\$849,695	\$347,460		\$347,460	\$450,000	\$1,647,155
Mason Transit	Regional coordination connections with neighboring jurisdictions	\$1,983,211	\$597,462		\$597,462	\$950,000	\$3,530,673
MidColumbia Economic Council	Gorge TransLink Mobility Management for Skamania and Klickitat counties	\$117,700		\$8,670	\$8,670	\$69,600	\$195,970
Okanogan County Transportation & Nutrition	Demand Response Service	\$265,156		\$142,562	\$142,562	\$407,718	\$815,436

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Okanogan County Transportation & Nutrition	Omak/Okanogan Shuttle	\$18,000		\$37,000	\$37,000	\$55,000	\$110,000
Pacific Transit	Fixed-route and demand-response services in Pacific County connecting to neighboring jurisdictions	\$1,381,000	\$96,877		\$159,405	\$1,300,000	\$2,840,405
People for People Moses Lake	Mobility Management for Adams, Lincoln, and Grant Counties	\$7,388		\$22,166	\$22,166	\$118,212	\$147,766
Puget Sound Educational Services District	Key Peninsula School Bus Connections	\$150,000		\$100,000	\$100,000		\$250,000
Pullman Transit	Fixed-route and demand-response services	\$5,828,376	\$34,660		\$34,660	\$1,200,000	\$7,063,036
Quinault Indian Nation	Rez-Racer fixed-route service	\$634,658		\$100,000	\$100,000		\$734,658
Rural Resources Community Action	Demand-response for Ferry, Pend Oreille and Stevens counties	\$543,948		\$575,000	\$575,000	\$325,000	\$1,443,948
Rural Resources Community Action	Commuter route between Kettle Falls, Colville and Chewelah	\$15,500		\$294,500	\$294,500		\$310,000
San Juan County	Mobility Management	\$9,600		\$50,000	\$50,000	\$120,000	\$179,600
San Juan County	Transportation Voucher Program	\$8,640		\$91,360	\$91,360		\$100,000
Skamania County Senior Services	Route deviated service between Skamania County and Vancouver	\$59,130		\$88,695	\$88,695	\$147,825	\$295,650
Smith6LLC (Provide-a-Ride)	Communication and GPS equipment	\$348		\$1,394	\$1,394		\$1,742
Special Mobility Services	Fixed-route service between Newport and Spokane to provide rural residents access to needed services	\$11,125		\$210,000	\$210,000		\$221,125

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Special Mobility Services	Deviated fixed-route service between Davenport and Spokane and between Ritzville and Spokane to provide rural residents access to needed services and opportunities	\$12,510		\$233,859	\$233,859		\$246,369
Special Mobility Services	Two replacement minibuses for North Spokane County Service to provide rural residents access to needed services and activities	\$8,500		\$8,500	\$8,500	\$68,000	\$85,000
Special Mobility Services	Demand-response service in North Spokane County to ensure access critical services and activities	\$21,496		\$370,000	\$370,000		\$391,496
Special Mobility Services	One replacement minibus to continue deviated fixed-route service between Newport and Spokane	\$4,250		\$12,750	\$12,750	\$68,000	\$85,000
Spokane Tribe of Indians	The Moccasin Express - deviated fixed-route service	\$162,781		\$312,000	\$312,000		\$474,781
Spokane Tribe of Indians	The Moccasin Express demand-response service	\$12,500		\$112,500	\$112,500	\$125,000	\$250,000
TOGETHER! / TRPC	Rural & Tribal Transportation - A coordinated service connecting rural communities in Thurston County to Olympia	\$80,666		\$484,667	\$484,667	\$565,333	\$1,130,666
Wahkiakum County Health and Human Services	Wahkiakum on the Move - deviated fixed-route along SR4 connecting Wahkiakum, Pacific, and Cowlitz counties	\$23,815		\$405,000	\$405,000		\$428,815

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White Pass Community Services	Rural Community Connections - deviated fixed-route service connecting rural Lewis County to Chehalis/Centralia	\$38,800		\$308,000	\$308,000	\$307,000	\$653,800
White Pass Community Services	Rural Community Connections capital replacement	\$4,200		\$12,600	\$12,600	\$67,200	\$84,000
TOTALS		\$66,085,680	\$4,250,000	\$8,480,648	\$37,631,667	\$29,047,676	\$130,063,777

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