

## SPECIALIZED TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR COUNTIES

- Statutory Reference: s.85.21 Administrative Rule: TRANS 1
- State funded program which began in 1978
- Eligible Applicants: Counties
- Annual application cycle
- Allocations are set by formula based on the proportion of the state's elderly and disabled population located in each county, subject to the following minimums:
  - no county can receive less than 1/2% of the total annual appropriation (\$51,865 in 2005)
  - no county can receive an allocation smaller than they received in 1992
- Eligible Expenditures:
  - Directly provide service;
  - Purchase transportation service from any public or private organization;
  - Directly reimburse elderly or disabled passengers for their use of transportation service;
  - Volunteer driver escort reimbursement;
  - Reimburse elderly or disabled persons for use of their personal means of transportation under certain conditions;
  - Perform or purchase planning or management studies on transportation;
  - Coordinate transportation services;
  - Perform or purchase in-service training relating to transportation service;
  - Purchase capital equipment for transportation service.
- Local Match: 20%
- Option to establish a trust for major capital acquisitions or maintenance (59 counties to date)
- Over 4 million trips provided in 2006
- Trip purpose priorities are allowed as an administrative policy when needs exceed resources
- Co-payments (fares or donations) are an option of the counties
- Funding levels :
  - 2006 - \$10,373,000
  - 2007 - \$12,373,000
  - 2008 - \$12,638,900
  - 2009 - \$12,910,100

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