



**National Aging and Disability Transportation Center:  
Innovations in Accessible Mobility Grant Program  
Awarded: March 1, 2019**

NADTC awarded \$400,000 to communities in five states—Colorado, Maine, New Mexico, New York and Oklahoma. Each project will implement a program innovation to increase accessible transportation options for older adults and people with disabilities living in the community by removing barriers to transportation and expanding mobility options. The projects will also seek to maximize utilization of Section 5310 and other federal funding investments.

The 2019 **Innovations in Accessible Mobility** grantees were selected from among the ten transportation planning grants funded by NADTC in 2018. Each grantee will build upon their earlier work, partner with older adults, people with disabilities and community stakeholders and develop sustainable and replicable innovations that result in increased availability of accessible transportation in their communities.

Together, the five 2019 NADTC grantees are implementing a variety of innovative approaches that include:

- Providing **curb-to-curb rides** for individuals with disabilities and for older adults in rural and remote areas;
- **Creating a city-wide weekly shopper shuttle service** to address unmet food needs and connect older adults and people with disabilities to local grocery shopping;
- **Developing group travel training and individual ride-sharing opportunities** to create on-demand access to healthy food;
- **Implementing a centralized one-call/one-click center** to increase transportation coordination and community partnerships;
- Developing and deploying a **shared-ride coordinated volunteer transportation program** for older adults and people with disabilities.

Any questions on NADTC's **Innovations in Accessible Mobility Grant Program** can be directed to Melissa Gray, [mgray@n4a.org](mailto:mgray@n4a.org) and Steve Yaffe, [yaffe@ymobility.info](mailto:yaffe@ymobility.info).

## 2019 NADTC Grant Innovations

### Capacity Builders, Inc.

**Location:** Farmington, NM

**Project Service Area:** Remote areas of San Juan County including the Navajo reservation

**Population Served:** Older adults and people with disabilities.

**Contact:** Briana Smith, General Manager, [b.smith@capacitybuilders.info](mailto:b.smith@capacitybuilders.info)

#### This project will:

- Provide curb-to-curb paratransit services for those living in the target service area.
- Recruit and hire individuals who speak the Navajo language as drivers and reservationists to better serve the population.

### Greater Portland Council of Governments

**Location:** Portland, ME

**Project Service Area:** South Portland

**Population Served:** Older adults, people with disabilities, and low-income residents.

**Contact:** Zoe Miller, Project Manager & Public Health Specialist, [zmiller@gmcog.org](mailto:zmiller@gmcog.org)

#### This project will:

- Test the concept of a city-wide weekly shopper shuttle service for older adults and people with disabilities.
- Create a “Shopper Links” program to respond to the identified unmet need for free or low-cost, door-to-door transportation to grocery shopping.

## **INCOG Area Agency on Aging**

**Location:** Tulsa, OK

**Project Service Area:** Nine square mile food desert area in the city of Tulsa

**Population Served:** Older adults and people with disabilities.

**Contact:** Regan McManus, Planner, [RMcManus@incog.org](mailto:RMcManus@incog.org)

### **This project will:**

- Develop a paratransit travel training program to familiarize and connect older adults and people with disabilities to grocery stores using existing transportation services.
- Use ridesharing services to implement a program to fill existing transportation gaps to healthy food options.

## **North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization**

**Location:** Fort Collins, CO

**Project Service Area:** Rural areas of Larimer County

**Population Served:** Older adults and people with disabilities.

**Contact:** Jim Becker, Executive Director, Partnership for Age-Friendly Communities, [becker.jk@gmail.com](mailto:becker.jk@gmail.com)

### **This project will:**

- Implement a centralized one-call/one-click center in which existing transportation providers in Larimer County will coordinate services to deliver an increased number of rides to the target population.

## Shared Mobility, Inc.

**Location:** Buffalo, NY

**Project Service Area:** Erie County

**Population Served:** Older adults, people with disabilities, and low-income residents.

**Contact:** Mitch LaRosa, Research Program Director, [mitch@sharedmobility.org](mailto:mitch@sharedmobility.org).

### This project will:

- Develop and deploy a shared-ride coordinated volunteer transportation program.

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