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**NADTC Getting Ready to Innovate Grants
Plan to Increase Transportation Access in Ten Communities**

Washington, DC—Today, the National Aging and Disability Transportation Center (NADTC) announced the award of \$200,000 in competitive grants to ten communities in ten states—Colorado, Maine, Maryland, New Mexico, Nevada, New York, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania and Texas—to test and refine innovative ideas for increasing accessible transportation and to develop community support and commitment to move toward full implementation. Forty-eight organizations representing 28 states competed for these FTA cooperative agreement funds, which are managed by NADTC. Grantees will receive up to \$20,000 each to lay the groundwork for innovative approaches that offer greater access to transportation options for older adults and people with disabilities.

“Access to safe and reliable transportation that meets the needs of older adults and people with disabilities is a critical component of staying connected to the community,” said National Association of Area Agencies on Aging (n4a) CEO Sandy Markwood. “Through our work administering the Eldercare Locator, we at n4a know first-hand that transportation plays a key role in keeping older adults connected to their communities. These grants provide communities with the unique and much-needed opportunity to ensure that older adults and people with disabilities can stay connected while meeting their health care and social needs, which enhances their quality of life.”

“As a national network of local organizations committed to improving the lives of individuals with disabilities and older adults, Easterseals knows how important transportation is for promoting independence and increasing community engagement,” said Angela Williams, President and CEO of Easterseals. “We are pleased to partner with these local communities to increase accessible transportation options, making it easier for older adults and people with disabilities to maintain their health and nutrition as well as social interaction and a sense of well-being.”

The grantees are:

- **3P Ride, Inc.** in York, PA, will identify and evaluate replicable programs or applications that work to match/connect individuals for mobility purposes, and test a process that aligns with the goals and needs of older adults and people with disabilities.
- **Capacity Builders, Inc.** in Farmington, NM, will identify needs for transportation services, develop solutions to address these needs, and create a strategy to implement solutions.
- **Feonix – Mobility Rising**, working in the Coastal Bend region of Texas, will lay the groundwork for establishing Mobility-as-a-Service (MaaS) and an on-demand Volunteer Driver program focused on serving older adults and individuals with disabilities to address documented transportation gaps for night, weekend, cross-county and on-demand services.
- **North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization** in Fort Collins, CO, will implement an inclusive planning process and pilot test to create an innovative One-Call/One-Click mobility service that refers older adults and individuals with disabilities to appropriate/available transportation options.
- **University of Nevada** in Reno, NV, will enhance and develop innovative transportation and mobility options that support the engagement of older adults and individuals with disabilities in meaningful social and recreational activities.
- **Greater Portland Council of Governments** in Portland, ME, will design ready-to-launch transportation solutions designed by and responsive to the mobility needs identified by older adults and individuals with disabilities.
- **Easterseals DC/MD/VA** in Silver Spring, MD, will help to ensure the successful development of a mobile app for ADA complementary paratransit riders in the Washington, D.C. metro area to support independent mobility for individuals with disabilities and older adults.
- **Piedmont Triad Regional Council Area Agency on Aging** in Kernersville, NC, will organize strategic collaborations to identify ways to address gaps in transportation services to older adults after they are released from hospitals and emergency rooms.
- **INCOG Area Agency on Aging** in Tulsa, OK, will provide access to healthy food sources for older adults and people with disabilities by building new partnerships, encouraging strong community involvement and identifying solutions to serve and better connect those living in food deserts.
- **Shared Mobility, Inc.** in Buffalo, NY, will investigate ways specific shared ride services (bikeshare, car sharing, volunteer vanpooling) can innovate to better serve older adults and individuals with disabilities.



The National Aging and Disability Transportation Center is funded through a cooperative agreement of Easterseals, the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging, and the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration, with guidance from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Community Living. NADTC's mission is to increase accessible transportation options for older adults, people with disabilities and caregivers nationwide.

The National Association of Area Agencies on Aging (n4a) is a 501c(3) membership association representing America's national network of 622 Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs) and providing a voice in the nation's capital for the more than 250 Title VI Native American aging programs. The mission of n4a is to build the capacity of its members so they can better help older adults and people with disabilities live with dignity and choices in their homes and communities for as long as possible. Visit www.n4a.org for more information.

For nearly 100 years Easterseals has been the indispensable resource for people and families challenged by disabilities. We offer hands-on, vital programs through our network of affiliates to help people of all ages reach their full potential through development and life skills learning, workforce training and placement services, and fun, healthy recreation programs for children, adults, and caregivers. To learn more about Easterseals and services in communities nationwide, visit www.easterseals.com.

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