



Albany Senior Center Community Shuttle Bus Project

North County

PROJECT BENEFITS:

This grant to the City of Albany provides a 22-passenger bus that allows seating for 16 persons and two persons in wheelchairs; expanded services; and back-up drivers. The bus provides transportation for door-to-door grocery shopping, walking groups, and other recreational group trips offered to City of Albany nonprofit organizations.

PROJECT UPDATE:

The Project Sponsor has implemented outreach on an ongoing basis, and has provided a colorful brochure with a magnet insert highlighting services to each household in the City. During FY 09/10, the shuttle provided a total of 1,156 shopping trips; 996 recreational day trips; 318 community-based organization field trips; and 1,022 walking club trips.

To find out more about the program, please contact the Project Sponsor.

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The Albany Senior Center Community Shuttle Bus enriches the lives of seniors and people with disabilities in the community by expanding trip options from basic needs trips to recreational and fitness-enhancing trips. It also fosters a strong sense of community and brings more awareness to the City of Albany's paratransit program.

The new shuttle bus funded through this grant provides the following expanded services to seniors and persons with disabilities:

- Supports and expands the door-to-door grocery shopping trip program.
- Expands group day trips organized monthly by the Albany Senior Center.
- Supports activities such as the new walking club, allowing seniors to explore further destinations accessible for people with disabilities but not easily reached via public transportation.
- Provides local community-based organizations and the Albany Adult School with organized field trips to destinations of interest.

Project Budget and Funding

TOTAL PROJECT COST	\$192,500
Funding	
Initial ACTIA Gap Grant Award	\$161,600
Matching Funds	\$30,900
Source:	
Measure B Base and Reserve	\$30,900



Project Schedule

Commence ACTIA Grant (Cycle 4)	July 1, 2008
Sign Purchase Agreement with Vendor	October 2008
Hire and Train Part-time Driver and Staff	May 2009
Advertise and Conduct Outreach to Seniors and Community-based Organizations on the Availability of the New Vehicle and Programs	May 2009
Implement Expanded Services (continue services through June 2011)	June 2009
Analyze and Evaluate First Six Months of New Services	December 2009
Continue Monitoring, Evaluating, and Implementing Service Changes	Ongoing
Complete Grant Funding Period	June 30, 2011

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