

# Paratransit Vehicle Donation Program and Dial-A-Ride Scholarship

*East County*



**PROJECT BENEFITS:**

- Seven accessible, surplus paratransit vehicles that remain in service provide much-needed transportation to seniors and people with disabilities.
- Donor recipients do not incur the costs associated with owning/operating transportation services.
- LAVTA is reaching more clients through the Dial-A-Ride Scholarship Program.

The Paratransit Vehicle Donation Program gives accessible, surplus vehicles retired from the Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority (LAVTA) Wheels Dial-A-Ride fleet to community-based organizations. The seven paratransit vehicles LAVTA will donate enables organizations to provide transportation services to their members and reduces the demand for Wheels Dial-A-Ride service. This grant funds up to \$5,000 per year for up to two years per vehicle in reimbursable maintenance expenses, and provides free driver training for up to two years, if the organization provides a minimum of 50 trips per month that Wheels would otherwise provide.

The service that the Paratransit Vehicle Donation Program provides of transporting seniors – picking them up from the hospital to bring them home, walking them to their medical appointments, providing same day door-to-door transportation service in the Greater Bay Area for seniors living in Pleasanton, Dublin, Livermore and Sunol – is an invaluable one. Because these trips are free to clients, as part of the Paratransit Vehicle Donation Program, the grant funds Dial-A-Ride tickets to Wheels clients who demonstrate financial need and do not receive free rides from a community-based organization that received a LAVTA-donated vehicle. Through this project, LAVTA is expanding its Dial-A-Ride Scholarship Program to reach out to more clients.

**PROJECT UPDATE:**

Having driven over 8,880 miles transporting seniors in the last six months of 2009 alone, LAVTA is on target to meet its project goals.

**Project Budget and Funding**

<b>TOTAL PROJECT COST</b>	<b>\$99,813</b>
Funding	
ACTIA Paratransit Gap Grant Award	\$95,000
Matching Funds	
Source:	
Local Match	\$4,813



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

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**Project Schedule**

Commence ACTIA Grant (Cycle 4)	July 1, 2008
Begin Awarding Dial-A-Ride Scholarships	July 2008
Select and Deliver Vehicles to Community-based Organizations	May 1, 2008 – June 30, 2010
Complete Grant Funding Period	June 30, 2010
Complete 1-year Evaluation of DTR Service for Fiscal Year 2009-2010	July 2010

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## Alameda County

**A**lameda County's half-cent transportation sales tax, known as Measure B, will generate more than \$3 billion over 20 years for transportation improvements in Alameda County. Over **\$150 million** is dedicated for **Special Transportation for Seniors and Disabled**. In voting for Measure B, which dedicated 10.5 percent of the sales tax revenue to paratransit projects and programs, Alameda County residents voiced their support for increasing mobility for seniors and people with disabilities.

To date, through four grant cycles, ACTIA's paratransit grant program has funded 52 capital projects, programs, and services totaling \$9.1 million.



### PARATRANSIT GAP GRANT PROGRAM - CYCLE 4 FUNDED PROJECTS

Planning Area	Project	Sponsor	Measure B Funding Amount	Total Project Cost
N,C,S	EBP Mobile Data Terminal/Automatic Vehicle Locator Project	Alameda Contra Costa Transit District	\$306,000	\$606,000
N,C,S	Interactive Voice Response (IVR)/Web Based Scheduling Software	Alameda Contra Costa Transit District	\$200,000	\$200,000
CW	New Freedom Fund Grant Match	Alameda Contra Costa Transit District	\$36,000	\$180,000
C,S	Central County Taxi Program Expansion and "Guaranteed Ride Home" for Travel Training Participants ( <i>Cancelled</i> )	ACTIA	\$35,000	\$35,000
CW	Countywide Mobility Coordination	ACTIA	\$374,000	\$374,000
N,C,S	Driving Growth through Transportation: Special Transportation Services for Individuals with Dementia	Alzheimer's Services of the East Bay	\$300,000	\$961,880
N	BORP North County Youth/Adults with Disabilities Group Trip Project	Bay Area Outreach and Recreation Program	\$266,200	\$419,430
N, C	Mobility Matters!	Centers for Independence Living	\$300,000	\$333,258
N	Albany Senior Center Community Shuttle Bus	City of Albany	\$161,600	\$192,500
N	Demand Response Shuttle Service for Seniors and/or People with Disabilities	City of Emeryville	\$232,000	\$250,000
S	VIP Rides Program	City of Fremont	\$154,665	\$154,665
C	Hayward Round About - Paratransit Shuttle Service	City of Hayward	\$440,000	\$440,000
N	GRIP - Grocery Return Improvement Program	City of Oakland	\$275,885	\$325,885
N	TAXI - UP & GO Project!	City of Oakland - Department of Human Resources	\$143,472	\$404,312
E	Downtown Route	City of Pleasanton	\$240,038	\$315,246
E	Rider Assessment Service	City of Pleasanton	\$9,200	\$18,127
E	LAVTA Livermore Senior Housing Shuttle	Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority	\$175,000	\$184,500
E	Paratransit Vehicle Donation Program and Dial a Ride Scholarship	Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority	\$95,000	\$99,813
CW	Learn BART! A Picture Guide to Riding BART	San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District	\$43,000	\$64,600
E	Volunteers Assisting Same Day Transportation and Escorts	Senior Support Program of the Tri Valley	\$153,140	\$169,140

**N = North, C = Central, E = East, CW = Countywide**

**Total**

**\$3,940,200**

**\$5,728,356**



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