



VIP Rides Program

South County

PROJECT BENEFITS:

- Alleviates demand on existing paratransit services
- Offers seniors and people with disabilities a sense of security and continued independence
- Allows those on limited, fixed budgets to make necessary trips at no cost

In support of the partnership with the Cities of Fremont, Newark, and Union City, in addition to funding from a previous Gap Grant Program, this travel escort program links elderly and disabled people with volunteers who accompany them on city-provided paratransit rides and necessary destination assistance, from pushing wheelchairs, providing a steadying arm, and assisting with shopping to carrying packages, assisting with completing forms, and providing directional assistance, at no cost to clients.

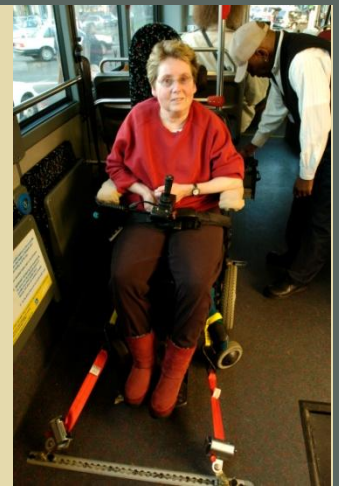
This program serves to streamline service delivery, provide more cost-effective service delivery, and alleviate demand on existing paratransit services, with a program goal to double the number of on-way door-through-door assisted trips provided by the preceding program that provided 21,000 trips between 2008 and 2010.

PROJECT UPDATE:

There were 1,065 service linkages (a total of 2,130 one-way escorted trips) made during the second half of FY 09/10, 829 of which were provided by volunteers' vehicles. 74% of the escorted trips were medical appointments. The number of trips has increased from 53% in FY 08/09 to 78% in the last six months of FY09/10.

Project Budget and Funding

TOTAL PROJECT COST	\$499,604
Funding	
Initial ACTIA Gap Grant Award	\$300,000
Additional ACTIA Funds Awarded	\$76,209
Matching Funds	\$123,395
Source:	
Local Match	\$33,258
New Freedom Grant (approximately \$45,000 to CIL, approximately \$45,000 to BORP)	\$90,137



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

Project Schedule

Commence ACTIA Grant (Cycle 4)	July 1, 2008
Execute Contract with Life Eldercare	July 2008
Conduct Volunteer Recruitment and Training; Disseminate Program Information in the Tri-City Area; Conduct Phone Interviews following Service Linkages	Ongoing
Evaluate Program Biannually to Determine Service Trends	January 2009, 2010 and July 2009, 2010
Life Eldercare and the City of Fremont to Meet Monthly to Coordinate and Monitor Program Activities	Ongoing
Closeout Project	September 2010
Complete Grant Funding Period	June 30, 2010

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