**Three Communities Receive NCMM Grants to
Pursue Innovative Mobility Solutions**

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The National Center for Mobility Management (NCMM), a technical assistance center funded by the Federal Transit Administration, is pleased to announce $210,000 in competitive pilot grants to three communities. The purpose of these grants is to assist communities in preparing to seek funding for a full-scale roll-out of an innovative transportation solution. The piloted solution will allow community members who are currently underserved to become more fully engaged in economic opportunities, improve their health and well-being, and/or become more integrated into their community.

Each selected project is the culmination of cross-sector collaboration within the community. In their applications, communities had to document that they followed the human-centered design process (a problem-solving technique that puts real people at the center of the development process) and how they will focus on underserved populations. NCMM will guide the chosen grantees in testing their pilot solution in advance of seeking sustainable, longer term funding.

The chosen projects are described below.

Ride to Recovery CPRS Driver Project
Location: Upper Cumberland, Tennessee
Partners: Tennessee Association of Alcohol, Drug & other Addiction Services (TAADAS); Upper Cumberland Development District; and Overton County Recovery Court system
Description: The Upper Cumberland Human Resource Agency (UCHRA) Public Transportation's Ride-to-Recovery Program aims to help those who are in early recovery succeed by providing 90 days of transportation to recovery support services such as treatment, meetings, mental health or probation appointments, and other recovery-related activities at no cost to the participants. UCHRA determined that employing a state-certified Peer Recovery Specialist (CPRS) to staff the Ride-to-Recovery specific vehicle would add tremendous value, create a positive community impact, and fill gaps for those who utilize the Ride-to-Recovery Program as well as UCHRA as a whole.

Access to Pop-Up Meal Sites
Location: Rockbridge Co., Virginia
Partners: The Community Table for the Rockbridge Area, Carilion Rockbridge Community Hospital, local Chamber of Commerce, Dept. of Social Services, Habitat for Humanity, Project Horizon, Central Shenandoah Health District, and several other partners
Description: The Rockbridge Area Transportation System will assist community partners in bringing rural, underserved community residents to sites where a warm meal, socialization opportunities, and information on other support services are provided. The Community Table for the Rockbridge Area (TCT) has created the Portable Area Community Tables (PACT) meals, which will be distributed throughout the county at secure sites (rescue squads, fire departments,

community centers). This project will provide the transportation for residents to access the pop-up meal sites and would fund a mobility manager to book rides as well as facilitate additional requests for rides. Software will be used to track additional social determinants of health data voluntarily provided by riders and create a more holistic picture of riders' needs.

Rides and Smiles
Location: East King Co., Washington
Partners: Hopelink, Indian American Community Services, Chinese Information and Service Center, Holocaust Survivor Services/Jewish Family Service
Description: Sound Generations' Rides & Smiles is a free, demand-response, door-to-door transportation service for older adults (55 and older), adults with self-declared disabilities, and companions. It will transport these individuals to all types of SDOH destinations such as medical, food-related, shopping, family, friends, cultural and religious events. A key feature of the project is the training in cultural competence, listening skills, and awareness of the needs of older adults drivers and call center staff will undergo as they prepare to interact with older adults, especially those who have newly immigrated to the United States.