Tompkins County, NY

Special Community Mobility Proposal

For 2018

Due to ITCTC on Friday, Nov.3 2017, 4 pm

**Contact Information**:

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1. **Project Name**: FISH

B**. Project Description**

**Type if Project:**

**Operating Assistance**

FISH has provides free transportation within Tompkins County to medical and health related services, such as doctor and dentist appointments, child wellness, radiation and physical therapy, dialysis treatments and mental health. FISH is an all volunteer nondiscriminatory, nondenominational 501(c)3 agency.

 **Describe your project goals and objectives. Is it a new or continuing project? How will the project be implemented?**

**This is a continuing project.**

**Project Goals and Objective:**

 **FISH intends to continue the goal it has had s**ince 1966 of providing free transportation within Tompkins County to medical and health related services. The objective is to serve as many persons who request free transportation to medical services as the availability of volunteer drivers allows.

IMPLEMENATION:

FiISH is an all-volunteer 501(c)3 agency managed by a Board of Directors. Monthly schedules of volunteer phoners and drivers are prepared and sent to all volunteers and 2-1-1 prior to each month. Clients call the 2-1-1 help line to request service; volunteer dispatchers (phoners) receive this information and contact volunteer drivers who use their personal cars for transport. Drivers pick the client up at their home, take them to the appointment and either wait or return to take them home. Drivers record the number of hours and miles and other information important to the program on postcards which in term are used to request reimbursement from Tompkins County.

 **How will the project serve and benefit seniors or persons with disabilities)?**

The target population is residents of Tompkins County needing transportation to medical and health services.  Persons served have limited economic, medical, physical, and emotional support. Many live in areas where transportation services are limited. More than 60% of the clients are over 55 years of age. care.   A significant number of rides are to Physical Therapy and Mental Health. FISH can provide transportation for walkers and other aids but wheelchairs cannot be accommodated. Further, our clients are commonly referred to FISH by medical service providers.  The only client qualification is being a resident of Tompkins County.

 **How will the project coordinate with existing transportation services in the service area?** FISH has a coordination policy to refer clients to GADABOUT, particularly people needing wheelchair access. FISH is listed on the Way2Goinfo.org website, is part of the 2-1-1 help line, and is a volunteer organization member of Carshare.  FISH is a member of the Tompkins County Transportatiion Council.

C. **Project Budget** (Present the budget including assumptions.)

***Budget Assumptions:***

***(What are the unit prices, cost per trip, cost per person, cost per hour payment per mile, number of units,trips, hours, instruction hours, etc)***

***In 2016 FISH drove 7211 miles taking 288 Tompkins County residents from their home to the medical/health appointment and back to their home. FISH was reimbursed at $0.30 for those drivers who requested it. Through September 2017 FISH has taken 67 more clients than it did in 2016.***

***The number of persons served has diminished in the last few years presumably due to the Medicaid transportation policy. It can be assumed that that policy may change in 2018 and ridership may increase for FISH. It is assumed that volunteer miles will be reimbursed at $0.30 and In Kind volunteer hours will be reimbursed at $12.50 per hour.***

***It is assumed that 211 will continue to be reimbursed for accepting client requests and transmitting the requests to FISH phoners as well as other activity 211 performs for FISH.***

Expenses**:**

$250 Insurance

$450 Printing and Mailing schedules and postcards to volunteers

$300 Community Outreach/volunteer recruitment

$200 Corporation annual meeting – required in Bylaws

  $3,000 Volunteer driver mileage reimbursement ($0.30 per mile)

TOTAL EXPENSES: $4200

***Income:***

$700 Direct donations

$500 Donations through United Way

$3,000 in kind volunteer hours

TOTAL INCOME $4,200

**How will Federal funds will be matched?**

**Local match options include cash or in-kind resources. Please describe in detail.**

**Client donations and FISH volunteer hours driving clients will provide in-kind match at $12.50 per hour.**

D. **Project Evaluation**

List two or more performance measures you propose to use to track outcomes of your project.

1.FISH maintains a monthly spread sheet of all days drivers take clients, the number of hour for each client, total mileage driven, requested volunteer reimbursement mileage and estimated ages of clients.

2Between records kept by 211 and our phoners we tract the Number of requests we cannot fill due to insufficient drivers or volumn on a specific day.

E. **Certification by Chief Executive Officer of Applicant**

I hereby certify all information and data in this application are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and are supported by our records.

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