Special Community Mobility Project Proposal

for 2018

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1. **Project Name**: Go2Work Taxi Voucher Program

B**. Project Description**: The Go2Work Taxi Voucher Program will pay for up to 50% of the cost of a taxi ride for employed, income-eligible persons traveling to or from work and activities related to their employment. Income eligibility is 150% of federal poverty level. The person must be a Tompkins County resident. DSS and Women’s Opportunity Center staff will use the voucher program to provide transportation for eligible clients.

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

Rural residents and others working at times and locations without bus service, face significant barriers to gaining or maintaining employment. The Go2Work program is a mobility safety net that provides taxi vouchers to enable people to gain employment or stay employed, while other mobility or employment options are developed. Also, the program provides a guaranteed ride to work or home when regular commuting arrangements fall through.

County DSS will work with the Women’s Opportunity Center to administer the program for female clients and will work with DSS clients directly.

This is an Operating Assistance Project that meets the goal to:

*“…support the development and maintenance of transportation services designed to transport welfare recipients and eligible low-income individuals to and from jobs and activities related to their employment…”*

**How will the project serve and benefit target populations (low income, seniors or persons with disabilities)?**

The program targets persons with household income of up to 150% of Federal Poverty Level, which is the target for JARC operating assistance.

**How will the project coordinate with existing transportation services in the service area?**Staff will create an individual trip plan with clients using all available mobility services. The Go2Work taxi voucher is a necessary support to obtain and keep employment.

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

***Budget Assumptions:***

***(e.g. unit prices, cost per trip, cost per person, cost per hour; number of units, trips, hours, instruction hours, etc.)***

50% paid by passenger or other local revenue sources

50% paid by Federal

Local Match paid by passenger or other local source: $4,000

Federal: $4,000

**The initial federal allocation will be: $3,000 to be managed by Women’s Opportunity Center and $1,000 to be managed by DSS.**

**Itemize expenses and revenues?**

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| Expenses | $8,000 |
| Income |  |
| Local Match | $4,000 |
| Federal Share  | $4,000 |
| Total | $8,000 |

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

The Local Match will be paid by the user or by other local revenues raised by the Women’s Opportunity Center.

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

Cash from passenger or other local revenue/grant.

D. **Project Evaluation**

How will you measure the performance of the project? What are the most important outcomes? Describe criteria you will use to measure the project’s performance.

The performance measures are:

# of persons served

# of taxi trips

$ cost of taxi trips, average cost of taxi trips

$ cost of other trips, average cost of other trips.

*Federal funds can not be used to purchase bus passes or fares.*

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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