

Rural Veterans Healthcare Transportation Program Discretionary Grant (Special Transportation Fund) Award Recommendation

Region	Applicant/ Project	Project Type	Recommended Award
1	Hood River County <i>Initiate GOrge Vets Transit Connect service to local veterans, which includes a free GOrge Pass, access to the Veterans Van, Veterans dial-a-ride service and travel training.</i>	Operations	\$38,502.00
2A	Tillamook County Transportation Service District <i>Tillamook County Veterans Services Transportation Project: Continue to connect with DAV van to expand the reach of medical rides for veterans.</i>	Operations	\$41,500.00
4	Basin Transit <i>Continue "Veterans on the Go" program within Basin Transit's service boundary.</i>	Mobility Management	\$26,688.00
4	Basin Transit <i>Expands "Veterans on the Go" program to include locations outside Basin Transit's service boundary.</i>	Mobility Management	\$20,342.00
4	Lake County <i>Continue to offer NEMT medical rides to local veterans. Supplements an otherwise insufficient level of funding under the federal Highly Rural Veterans program.</i>	Purchased Service	\$10,000.00
4	Jefferson County <i>Continued Support of Rural Veteran On-Demand Transit Operations: Removes the barriers of geography and accessibility that have traditionally characterized rural central Oregon. Expands the pilot effort beyond Jefferson County to include the following partnered STF Agencies.</i>	Operations	\$40,000.00
	The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs	Operations	\$20,000.00
	Deschutes County	Operations	\$80,000.00
	Crook County	Operations	\$40,000.00
4	Sherman County <i>Veterans Transportation Operations: Provide discrete transportation for local Veterans to medical appointments in The Dalles, Portland, Vancouver, Bend and other surrounding areas.</i>	Operations	\$20,000.00

TOTAL RECOMMENDED AWARDS: \$337,032

PLEASE NOTE: The partnership with Oregon Department of Veterans Affairs through House Bill 2139 was apportioned \$650,000 to preserve and expand the Rural Veterans Healthcare Transportation Program. There will be \$312,968 in remaining RVHT funding for the second solicitation in January 2022 if all of the requests referenced above are funded.