

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

<b>Region</b>	<b>Applicant/ Project</b>	<b>Project Type</b>	<b>Recommended Award</b>
2A	<b>Sunset Empire Transportation District</b> <i>Veterans Enhanced Transportation Project: Creates access opportunities for veterans who use personal mobility devices to out of district medical destinations that are at parity with what is presently available to their ambulatory peers.</i>	<b>Purchased Services</b>	<b>\$20,000.00</b>
2B	<b>Confederated Tribes of the Siletz Reservation</b> <i>Tribal Veterans Healthcare Access Program: Provides a Community Health Coordinator to offer veterans coordination and mobility management service for 135 Tribal veterans. Project will also purchase bus (and other) mobility services for veteran's healthcare access.</i>	<b>Operations</b>	<b>\$20,000.00</b>
3	<b>Coos County Area Transportation District</b> <i>Go Vets Program: Supports veteran centered routing and frequency improvements connecting SW Oregon Veterans Outreach and multiple partners with veterans and/or healthcare missions. Provides outreach and services to raise awareness and comfort/confidence of veterans using the system.</i>	<b>Operations</b>	<b>\$50,000.00</b>
3	<b>Umpqua Public Transportation District</b> <i>North Douglas County Veterans Medical Transportation Connector: Creates veteran centered bedroom community connections to the VA facility in Roseburg and Eugene. Partnerships with South Lane Wheels and North Douglas County Betterment (serving the Elkton, Drain, and Yoncalla area).</i>	<b>Operations</b>	<b>\$50,000.00</b>
4	<b>Jefferson County</b> <i>Rural Veterans On-Demand Transit: Develops healthcare transit for veterans. Removes the barriers of geography and accessibility that have traditionally characterized providers in the area. Expands upon a 2013 pilot effort by Cascades East Transit.</i>	<b>Operations</b>	<b>\$20,000.00</b>
5	<b>Umatilla County</b> <i>Curbside Transportation for Veterans: Improves outreach, access, and availability of healthcare access services to veterans in Hermiston, Echo, Stanfield, and Umatilla, Oregon. Engages Veterans Services Officers to promote awareness of service.</i>	<b>Purchased Service</b>	<b>\$20,000.00</b>
5	<b>Union County</b> <i>Veterans Rides to Wellness: Provides fare free, demand responsive access to healthcare for veterans in Union County – including out of market specialists – on schedules that conform to the rider's needs. Engages local Veterans Services Officer to promote awareness of service.</i>	<b>Purchased Service</b>	<b>\$50,000.00</b>

**TOTAL RECOMMENDED AWARDS: \$230,000.00**

**PLEASE NOTE:** In one or more of the projects recommended above, the award is contingent upon meeting a requirement of the Special Transportation Fund Discretionary Grant Program. In one or more others, the award is contingent upon the development of a statement of work that meets the requirements of underwriting.

In any case, all recommendations are subject to the approval of the Oregon Transportation Commission when it meets in July 2020 and availability of funds received from the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs.

A second round of solicitations has been recommended for eligible STF Agencies that were unable to initially participate.