



## EASTERN IDAHO COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP

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Dear Transportation Provider,

As I am sure you are aware, TRPTA (Targhee Regional Public Transit Authority) recently closed their doors. This has greatly impacted individuals in Bonneville, Jefferson, Madison, and Teton counties who relied on TRPTA for their transportation needs. We at Eastern Idaho Community Action Partnership (EICAP) are trying to help find solutions to fill this major need.

EICAP is a local 501(c)(3) non-profit and has been serving the community for over 50 years. EICAP also serves as Idaho's Area VI Agency on Aging. Our mission is to help seniors and individuals with disabilities live independently, in their own homes, for as long as possible. In addition, we advocate for the rights and well-being of all seniors and individuals with disabilities, including those who live in long-term care facilities. We do this by contracting, supporting and providing a variety of services including adult protective services, caregiver programs, nutrition sites, grandparents raising grandchildren, in-home services, long term care ombudsman, senior centers, transportation and volunteer programs.

Transportation is an essential service that helps seniors continue to live independently and with dignity. We had a contract with TRPTA to assist with the cost of transportation for individuals 60 years and older, with the focus being on older adults who are in greatest need.

Of course, our funding is limited and can only be stretched so far, but we would like to propose the below short-term solution to help provide transportation services to those seniors in most need:

- We would like to enter into agreements/contracts with local transportation providers and would reimburse trips at a rate of \$3 per boarding (\$6 round trip).
- We would reimburse this rate for up to 10 boardings (5 round trips) per month, per eligible older adult (60+)
- We would ask that you send us an invoice monthly (we would provide you with a template). We would also require a service provider sheet on a monthly basis showing the days that trips were provided (we would provide this for you). This document would be required to be signed by the customer as well.
- If you are interested in contracting with us, we would need you to fill out a New Vendor Packet for EICAP. A section of this packet also includes a Debarment check, which you would be required to pass before a contract could be offered.

We hope to work together with you on this endeavor in order to ensure that the transportation needs of older adults in Bonneville, Jefferson, Madison, and Teton counties are being met.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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