

**Statewide: Public Transportation Social Service Van  
Replacement and Capital Support**

**FY2005 Request: \$500,000  
Reference No: 36448**

**AP/AL:** Allocation

**Project Type:** Equipment

**Category:** Transportation

**Location:** Statewide

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**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2004 - 06/30/2009

**Appropriation:** Surface Transportation Program

**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

These funds are the principal source of federal funds used to purchase wheelchair-accessible vehicles used in communities throughout Alaska. They also are used to help purchase other types of social services vehicles when Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessibility is already met. And they help meet other capital needs of community transportation providers, as identified in the State's Public Transportation Management System (PTMS) needs data and/or through the State Transit Office's grant application review process. This project contributes to the Department' Mission by improving the mobility of people and goods.

<b>Funding:</b>	FY2005	FY2006	FY2007	FY2008	FY2009	FY2010	Total
Fed Rcpts	\$500,000						\$500,000
<b>Total:</b>	\$500,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$500,000

State Match Required     One-Time Project     Phased Project     On-Going  
0% = Minimum State Match % Required     Amendment     Mental Health Bill

**Operating & Maintenance Costs:**

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Staff</u>
Project Development:	0	0
Ongoing Operating:	0	0
<u>One-Time Startup:</u>	0	
<b>Totals:</b>	0	0

**Additional Information / Prior Funding History:**

FY2004 - \$800,000; FY2003 - \$275,000; FY2002 - \$270,000; FY2001 - \$290,000; FY2000 - \$240,000.

**Project Description/Justification:**

This funding is administered in conjunction with the State's Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 Elderly and Persons With Disabilities Program, which on its own is very small as Alaska receives only the minimum federal allotment. It is granted to eligible public and private nonprofit transportation providers.

Needs assessments continue to document lack of transportation services as a significant problem for many Alaskans. It is particularly a problem for the elderly, persons with disabilities, welfare-to-work families, and various low-income folks. Many of these Alaskans cannot afford to buy or are not able to safely operate their own vehicles, no matter how many good roads are available to them. Many are unable to get to social services, medical appointments, pharmacies, banks, the Social Security office, job training, job interviews and jobs, child care, etc., as well as to social and recreational activities important to good mental and emotional health. This program helps meet capital needs of agencies who provide transportation designed to meet the special needs of the elderly and persons with disabilities.

These funds are federally required to be coordinated with other funding sources to the greatest extent feasible to maximize transportation services available to the elderly and persons with disabilities. In many instances they help address capital needs of coordinated community transportation systems designed to meet the special needs of the elderly

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