

Town of East Montpelier FY2018 Funding Requests

STANDARD INFORMATION

Organization Name: *Green Mountain Transit (GMT)*

Address: *15 Industrial Pkwy, Burlington VT 05401*

Fiscal Year Reported: *FY16 (July through April only for special services)*

Program Description: *Transportation services for elderly citizens and individuals with disabilities. Additional transportation services offered for those who are transit dependent.*

Name of Person filling out this form: *David Armstrong, Planning Manager*

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AMOUNT OF FUNDING REQUEST:

\$1,366 (level request) for Elderly/Disabled/Medicaid transportation services.

SERVICE INFORMATION

What is your organization's service area? State? Washington County? or Other?

GMT provides service to Washington, Lamoille, Franklin and Grand Isle Counties, the towns of Washington, Williamstown and Orange of Orange County, with connecting services to Chittenden and Caledonia County.

What is the total number of individuals served by your organization in your prior Fiscal Year?

GMT records ridership according to the type of transportation services provided, including individual trips for those that meet special needs within our service communities. As part of our special services, GMT provides rides for transit dependent individuals who are 60 years or older, disabled, requiring non-Medicaid medical or Medicaid covered services, along with critical care medical and social services. This service is typically performed through our extensive Volunteer Driver program and is separate from GMT's regular and more traditional public transportation services. In FY16 (July through April only), GMT provided 20,365 individual trips for special service needs under Medicaid, Volunteer Drivers and 3rd Party Trips. In addition to our individual special services, GMT provided traditional public transportation service through fixed route, commuter, demand response and deviated fixed route service. This includes, but is not limited to, the numbers of those served on routes like the US2 Commuter, LINK Express and City Commuter. In FY16, GMT had a total of 334,926 in general ridership for all service areas.

How many people in East Montpelier were served by your organization in the same period?
In FY16 (July – April), GMT provided ongoing individual special services, such as Elderly and Disabled and Medicaid trip, to 18 East Montpelier residents equaling 1,312 trips and 11,257 miles traveled. This is exclusive of GMT's fixed route services, such as the US 2 Commuter.

What type of service(s) does your organization provide to East Montpelier residents? *Please see the detailed service summary attached.*

Approximately how many staff hours are dedicated to provide the services your organization offered East Montpelier residents during this time period?
2,000 hours

What services does your organization provide that are not available elsewhere?
GMT offers specific transportation services for the most transit dependent citizens within our communities. We offer vital transportation service for the elderly and disabled, those needing Medicaid, Non-Medicaid medical, critical care such as cancer and dialysis, senior meal site, social visits, health care shuttle service and transportation for various Agency of Human Service programs. Not only does GMT provide the only available public transportation service for the region, we coordinate and work directly with other service providers, such as Central Vermont Council on Aging, to ensure the best service for those in need. GMT also offers fixed route, demand response, deviated fixed route and commuter services for affordable and environmentally friendly transportation options.

What (if any) organizations provide similar services?
Locally operated Meals on Wheels will provide meal delivery to residential locations. RSVP and Ready to Go are also available as local volunteer driver and shuttle programs which supply limited transportation service specific to need.

If applicable, how does your organization collaborate with organizations providing similar services?
GMT collaborates with the Central Vermont Council on Aging, Vermont Center for Independent Living, Dept. of Children and Family Services, VCIL, Washington County Mental Health, VT Kidney Association, Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission and Project Independence in the determination of services for those communities in which GMT serves to assist those in need. We also work with area health care facilities, local community groups and Agency of Human Service providers to support the growing need of transportation services in our region and beyond.

In what way are the services your organization provides preventative in nature?
GMT believes in enhancing the quality of life in Vermont by delivering safe, convenient and more environmentally efficient transportation solutions. By providing public transportation service in a variety of ways unique to the rural nature of our region, we offer a direct connection to economic and community stability. This is demonstrated in our offering of affordable and environmentally efficient commuter service, access to medical care, human service programs and daily needs. And in the most extreme of situations, GMT provides dependable transportation for radiation or kidney dialysis treatments. Without transportation services, particularly for the most dependent, the options to support individual well-being and community growth are limited at best.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

How did your organization determine the amount of the funding request? Please explain in detail your reasoning for any increase or decrease (use attached sheet if necessary). *While GMT hasn't raised its E. Montpelier amount requested in over 6 years, its request is built on a Fair Share Equation based on 2000 US Census data. This equation took the Total Population of a town (weighted 50%) + Total of elderly, persons below poverty and those that were disabled (weighted 50%) = the local match for a county wide combined 10% of needed funds for matching grant requirements. All towns in which GMT provides service are requested to contribute funding towards municipal contribution based on the Fair Share Equation and services received.*

If approved by the town, how will your organization use the funds?

The local match requested from the communities we serve, including East Montpelier, is required to allow GMT the ability to draw down state and federal funds which support rural transportation services.

Do any of your grant sources require local financial commitment? Explain.

Yes. As mentioned above, local funds are necessary to leverage hundreds of thousands of dollars in state and federal funding.

Is your organization approved by the IRS as tax-exempt? Yes

If yes, indicate your approval type: 501c3: _____ other: *Municipality*

Please see attached budget summary information for FY16.

Number of full-time paid staff positions (full-time equivalents or hours): *35+/-*

Number of full-time volunteer staff positions (full-time equivalents or hours): *30+/- full and part time depending on volunteer driver's ability for time commitment each week*

Chittenden County Transportation Authority
and CCTA dba Green Mountain Transit

Rural Budget Vs. Actuals

For the Twelve Months Ending, June 30, 2016

| | <u>Actual</u> | <u>Budget</u> |
|--------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Passenger Revenue | 144,087.25 | 176,552.00 |
| Purchase of Service | 243,623.46 | 209,000.00 |
| Medicaid Purchase Of Svc | 1,769,571.08 | 1,760,000.00 |
| Other Revenue | 54,839.81 | 37,500.00 |
| Local Contributions | 451,108.64 | 473,824.00 |
| Federal/State Grants | 3,662,861.43 | 3,789,218.00 |
| | <u>6,326,091.67</u> | <u>6,446,094.00</u> |
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| Personnel Expenses | 3,060,203.67 | 3,213,857.00 |
| Program Expense | 2,141,876.34 | 2,364,384.00 |
| Facility Expenses | 652,396.45 | 867,853.00 |
| | <u>5,854,476.46</u> | <u>6,446,094.00</u> |