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Pete Buttigieg  
United States Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

RE: Letter of Support for the FY 2024 RAISE Grant Program: Downtown Appleton: Valley Transit Regional Multimodal/Joint Development Project, Appleton, Wisconsin (Census Tract 101, APP & HDC)

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I am writing to ask for your support of the 2024 RAISE Grant program because there is an urgent need for Valley Transit to meet the demands of hundreds of organizations and thousands of travelers that depend on our services and rely on the much-needed amenities that this facility will offer: not just for residents of the Fox Valley but beyond.

In my role as mobility manager and Title VI coordinator, my primary focus is helping people access transportation and eliminate barriers - equitably. Attached to this letter you will find a sampling of community partners whom we actively engage, and collaborate with ongoingly, to find solutions to transportation. This list represents a diverse collection of non-profit organizations, employers, human services agencies, senior communities, schools, and other transportation providers, who all rely on Valley Transit so they are better able to serve their respective clients, residents, patients, students, refugees/newcomers, non-English speaking populations, and employees, with the programs and services that they offer.

Valley Transit is proud that our transit center is a hub for community connectivity. Our bi-lingual travel training specialist and I work closely together and frequently host bus training for individuals and groups for many of the organizations with whom we partner. We also have over 100 volunteer travel trainers from over 30 partner agencies located throughout the Fox Cities who are a part of our Partners In Travel Training (PITT Crew) program. PITT Crew members consist of teachers, job coaches, social workers or community navigators who teach people how to use our system as a part of their job responsibilities. This vast network would benefit greatly from having space that would accommodate regular meetings and training.

In addition to being a hub for community connectivity, we are also the intercity hub and regional partner for AMTRAK, Lamers Connect and Megabus/Coach USA. We have learned, through our partnership with Lawrence University, how dependent students, and their families, are on having transportation that connects them to major cities such as Milwaukee and Chicago.

All users, be it Valley Transit riders or intercity travelers, would also benefit from a facility that offers greater inclusion of other multimodal options, such as bikes, bikeshare, e-bikes, bike/luggage storage, scooters, and designated Uber/Lyft pick-up/drop-off and waiting areas equipped with charging stations for devices. Our current facility cannot meet the demand for the increasing popularity for bike-to-bus or bus-and-beyond solutions and is unable to accommodate anyone with luggage, wait times, or layovers.





Another significant need that can be addressed with this grant is safety. Safety is of utmost importance to Valley Transit and when it comes to mobility, there is a dire need for enhanced visible and ADA accessible pedestrian crosswalks, sidewalks, and walkways as well as state-of-the-art digital wayfinding signage.

We are fortunate to be in Appleton downtown, which is well known for as a vibrant arts & entertainment district. Events that bring large crowds to our area from throughout the Fox Cities and from all over the country are Mile of Music, Oktoberfest, Appleton Christmas and Flag Day parades. There has also been increasing attendance at the weekly downtown farmer's markets and for annual ethnic celebrations such as Irish Fest, Latino Fest, Hmong volleyball tournaments, and Juneteenth. Since the transit center is located only one block north of downtown College Avenue, and is near or provides access to these attractions, we are the first impression to any newcomers who are visiting and are making an economic impact in our community.

In the end, this grant would help us meet the demand for the increased ridership that is now being generated by all our community partnerships, intercity travelers and will occur as a result of our expansion for group trainings, greater navigability, accessibility and safety.

If you would like to hear stories of how lives are impacted through the relationships we have formed or the proactive and intentional ways we strive to eliminate barriers to offer safe, accessible, and reliable transportation, I would be honored to speak with you.

Sincerely,

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Valley Transit



SECTOR	ORGANATIONAL NAME	MISSION/PURPOSE	SCOPE OF OUR RELATIONSHIP/PARTNERSHIP
<b>Education</b>	Appleton Area School District (AASD) Office	<p>To support success in life for Every Student, Every Day, we will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure a safe, healthy, and welcoming school environment for ALL.</li> <li>• Ensure every student is academically, socially, and emotionally successful and graduates ready for career, college, and their community.</li> <li>• Create and maintain strong family, community, and business partnerships to accelerate our collective impact on student success.</li> <li>• Align resources and operations directly to District priorities that ensure the success of all students with maximum efficiency and excellence.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduce Truancy</li> <li>• Newcomers (Refugees and ESL students)</li> <li>• Open houses to promote AASD Student ID's ride free, travel training and mobility management services.</li> <li>• Presentations and group rides with Transition students.</li> <li>• Supply schools with Valley Transit literature and resources</li> <li>• PITT Crew</li> </ul>
	AASD Central High School	Appleton Central is a creative educational institution designed to serve students with problems that cannot be dealt with in a traditional school setting or their alternative education programs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduce Truancy</li> <li>• Transportation to alternative education community programming</li> <li>• Supply school with Valley Transit literature and resources</li> <li>• PITT Crew</li> </ul>
	Career EXCELerate	Personalized Job Training and Support Services to Transform Lives; A collaborative program from Goodwill NCW, Fox Valley Technical College, and Rawhide Youth Services.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PITT Crew</li> <li>• Transportation Coordination for students</li> </ul>
	CESA6	A non-profit, member-driven cooperative educational service agency providing solutions to school systems to maximize success.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Collaborative work with Orientation and Mobility Specialist</li> <li>• PITT Crew</li> </ul>



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	EPIC Academy	An alternative school program that supports Menasha Joint School District	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PITT Crew</li> <li>• Provide Valley Transit literature and resources.</li> <li>•</li> </ul>
	Even Start Family Literacy	The mission of the Appleton Even Start Family Literacy program is to ensure that children are successful in their school career and that adults meet their literacy and/or employment goals while learning how to facilitate their child's learning.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Classroom presentations</li> <li>• Travel training newcomer families</li> </ul>
	Kaukauna High School	The mission of Kaukauna High School, as a proud community of learners, is to ensure students graduate as well-educated, ethical citizens equipped to succeed and contribute in a changing world by providing challenging and diverse learning opportunities, through a staff committed to excellence, in an environment that nurtures and inspires the development of all learners.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Training or trip planning for work experience opportunities</li> <li>• Supply schools with Valley Transit literature and resources.</li> <li>• PITT Crew</li> </ul>
	Menasha High School	Reaching Every Student, Every Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Group trainings with transition, pre-employment, and English Learner classrooms <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supply schools with Valley Transit literature and resources</li> </ul> </li> <li>• PITT Crew</li> </ul>
	Neenah High School	To offer a choice to parents and students in areas of teaching methodologies, classroom structure, and assessments different from other schools in the district.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Classroom presentations and group rides with transitional students</li> <li>• PITT Crew</li> </ul>
	Neenah Middle School	Our mission is to provide a positive, safe, healthy, nurturing, and respectful environment in which all students have the opportunity to become productive members of society.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Classroom presentations and group rides with transitional students</li> <li>• PITT Crew</li> </ul>

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	Neenah Transitional Education Center (TEC)	TEC helps students transition into the community, and is for students age 18-21, who have completed their academic programming and still have transition goals they need to work on.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Group trainings and presentations</li> <li>• PITT Crew</li> </ul>
	Lawrence University	Lawrence prepares students for lives of achievement, responsible and meaningful citizenship, lifelong learning, and personal fulfillment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Information tables for each academic year</li> <li>• Student Resource Fairs</li> <li>• Transportation Day involvement</li> <li>• PITT Crew</li> </ul>
	Fox Valley Technical College	Provide relevant technical education and training to support student goals, a skilled workforce, and the economic vitality of our communities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Group trainings and support for English Language Learner classrooms</li> <li>• Integral relationship to market student ridership and student benefits throughout the college</li> <li>• Tabling events for student fairs or classroom specific experiences</li> <li>• PITT Crew</li> </ul>
	Outagamie County Community on Transition (OCCoT)	A community that comes together (networks) regularly to identify issues, barriers, supports & solutions to assisting students with disabilities make a successful transition based on student postsecondary goals related to training or education, employment and independent living.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PITT Crew</li> <li>• Member, quarterly meetings</li> <li>• Participated in the ECWRPC Specialized Transportation Coordinated Transportation Planning meeting</li> </ul>
	Winnebago County Community on Transition (WCCoT)	Work together to secure the coordination and collaboration of educators, community agencies, parents, employers, and other related service providers, to present a continuum of services for students with disabilities as they transition from secondary schools to work, post-secondary education and/or community living.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PITT Crew</li> <li>• Member, quarterly meetings</li> </ul>

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<b>Medical</b>	ThedaCare	ThedaCare is the third largest healthcare employer in Wisconsin, and the largest employer in Northeast Wisconsin with over 7,000 team members.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Travel training coordinated through social workers</li> <li>• Transportation and healthcare solutions team</li> </ul>
	ThedaCare (Partnership Health Clinic)	Partnership Community Health Center (PCHC) has been providing quality health care to our community for over 25 years.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Collaboration with leadership, staff, and community outreach team</li> <li>• Staff trainings and presentations</li> </ul>
	Fox Valley Nephrology	To deliver superior kidney and plasmapheresis care to every patient every day.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transportation coordination for dialysis patients</li> </ul>
	ThedaCare Cancer Centers	Our team, in partnership with top community-based oncology and hematology specialists, are well versed in treating both benign blood disorders and cancers of various organ/systems, including blood and lymphatic malignancies.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Travel training coordinated through social workers.</li> <li>• Group rides/training</li> <li>• Transportation coordination for patients receiving chemotherapy.</li> </ul>
	Hope Clinic	Hope Clinic helps to break the cycle of poor health and limited access to care and improves the health and quality of life for those who might otherwise go without care.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Travel training coordinated through care navigators.</li> <li>• Transportation coordination for clients</li> <li>• A referral source for Valley Transit when transportation cost is a barrier in the community.</li> <li>• Provide transportation literature/resources</li> </ul>
	NEW Mental Health Connection	Lead the collaboration of community stakeholders to create and continuously improve an exceptional mental health system of care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation to staff</li> <li>• Transportation coordination for clients</li> <li>• Worked together on the Outagamie County Community Health Improvement (CHIP) taskforce and the "While You Wait" for mental health resource guide.</li> </ul>
	Catalpa Mental Health	Catalpa Health is a pediatric outpatient mental health and wellness organization that serves as many as 9,000 kids annually.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentations for staff</li> <li>• Transportation coordination for clients</li> </ul>

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	Us2Behaviorial Health	Us 2 Behavioral Health Care is a non-profit mental health organization. We break financial barriers and provide access to anybody who walks through our doors, provide culture specific mental health counseling, understand our client's background, struggles, challenges, acknowledge and address social causes or racialized trauma and how it shows up in behavioral health.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentations for staff</li> <li>• Transportation coordination for clients</li> <li>• Partner through Multicultural Coalition</li> </ul>
	Roger's Behavioral Health	We provide highly effective mental health and addiction treatment that helps people reach their full potential for health and well-being.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentations for staff</li> <li>• Transportation coordination for clients</li> </ul>
	Ascension Medical	We commit ourselves to serving all persons with special attention to those who are poor and vulnerable.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Language Line mentoring</li> <li>• Transportation coordination for clients</li> <li>• Travel training patients to get to appointments</li> </ul>
	Vida Medical Clinic and Vida Maternity House	Vida's main objective is to walk with women and men through trials and tribulations by offering hope, compassion, and education. Vida offers services so that no woman or man feels alone and unsupported when facing challenges related to their sexual health, an unexpected pregnancy, or parenting young children under difficult circumstances.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Travel training for clients</li> <li>• Coordination for transportation for clients</li> <li>• Partner through Hispanic Interagency meetings</li> </ul>
<b>Employment</b>	VPI	To promote the dignity and worth of individuals who have disabilities or are disadvantaged and to assist them in developing their optimum level of social, vocational and economic independence in the community.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PITT Crew</li> <li>• Need-based coordination of transportation for employees</li> </ul>

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	Goodwill	We provide pathways for people who are underserved, underrepresented or disadvantaged who have a goal of building job skills that lead to sustained employment and improved financial stability.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff training on Valley Transit resources and trip planning</li> <li>• PITT Crew</li> </ul>
	Lakeside Packaging Plus	A dedicated non-profit organization committed to enhancing the lives of individuals with diverse abilities. We achieve this by offering purposeful employment, engaging projects, and enriching activities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PITT Crew</li> <li>• Need-based coordination of transportation for employees</li> </ul>
	ABC Staffing	Our staffing agency is a reminder that ordinary people with limited English skills can become educated and outstanding citizens within our communities. They just need to be given the opportunity to find stable employment and provide for their families.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assist with transportation to help members of the Hmong community with employment rides</li> <li>• Partner through Multicultural Coalition, Inc.</li> </ul>
	Fox Cities Chamber of Commerce	The Chamber promotes employers and economic development while serving as a catalyst to further improve the quality of life in the Fox Cities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advocacy for employee attraction and retention strategies</li> <li>• Networking with the business community</li> </ul>
	Hmong Chamber of Commerce	HWCC acts as an advocate for the Hmong and Asian American communities in Wisconsin regarding business and economic issues.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hmong community open houses</li> <li>• Emphasis of Hmong entrepreneurship and attracting employee's</li> <li>• Partner through Multicultural Coalition, Inc.</li> </ul>
	Project SEARCH	Project SEARCH is a business led collaboration that enables young adults with disabilities to gain and maintain employment through training and career exploration.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PITT Crew</li> </ul>



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<b>Government Agencies</b>	Outagamie County ADRC	Offers adults, families, professionals, and the community a no cost, single point of contact, unbiased information on, assistance-referrals, options, benefit and long-term care enrollment counseling, short term case management, Older Americans Act Services, and health promotion programs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Specialized Transportation Committee</li> <li>• Annual ADRC resource guide updates</li> <li>• Frequent referrals</li> <li>• Certify seniors who qualify for Outagamie County Senior Rural transportation</li> </ul>
	Winnebago County ADRC	Empower and support seniors, people with disabilities and their families, by providing useful information and finding the help people seek so they may live with dignity and security and achieve maximum independence and quality of life.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Specialized Transportation Committee</li> </ul>
	Winnebago County Human Services	Winnebago County Health Department (WCHD) protects and promotes health through services, partnerships, and equitable practices and policies so all can live their best life.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PITT Crew</li> <li>• Member of Transportation Committee (Partnership with Esther Fox Cities)</li> </ul>
	Outagamie County Health Department – Community Health Improvement Program (CHIP)	OCPH uses local data to prevent disease and injury, promote wellness, and protect the health of our communities through collaboration and best practice.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Member, Mental Health taskforce</li> <li>• Member, Access to Care taskforce</li> <li>• PITT Crew</li> </ul>
	City of Appleton	Valley Transit is a department of the City of Appleton.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interdepartmental collaboration and community outreach</li> <li>• PITT Crew for DEI and Public Health</li> <li>• Appleton Police Department shared events, public outreach, and use of facility for classrooms</li> <li>• Appleton Public Library shared events, public outreach, and use of facility classrooms</li> </ul>

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	Office for the Blind and Visually Impaired	Rehabilitation services are provided by the Office for the Blind and Visually Impaired to help individuals who are blind or visually impaired to achieve their own goals of independent living.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Collaborative work with Rehabilitation Specialist</li> <li>• PITT Crew</li> </ul>
	Department of Corrections Probation Office		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coordination of transportation for clients</li> </ul>
<b>Serving Disadvantaged, minorities, or people with disabilities</b>	World Relief Wisconsin	At World Relief Wisconsin, we come alongside refugees and other immigrants in vulnerable situations as they rebuild their lives in the United States. In the last 11 years, we've welcomed over 1,500 immigrants and refugees into the Fox Valley, from Appleton to Oshkosh.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Group bus training during Cultural Orientation class for Refugee Resettlement program</li> <li>• Travel training and trip planning for Refugee Resettlement families, Extended Case management clients, and Employment Service clients</li> <li>• PITT Crew</li> </ul>
	Todd Steven & Associates	Establish brighter futures and provide personal enrichment for persons of varying abilities. We assist them in creating a life in their community, meeting both social and vocational needs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PITT Crew</li> </ul>
	Multicultural Coalition, Inc.	A movement created to acknowledge racial biases and proactively reach diverse populations with meaningful communication and actionable services to remove barriers, elevate all voices and foster community engagement.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Program coordination for monthly meetings that address barriers for BIPOC communities.</li> <li>• Tabling at events, vaccine clinics, homeless expo's</li> <li>• Co-sponsor of events on the bus line</li> </ul>
	Wisconsin United Coalition of Mutual Assistance Association (WUCMAA)	We strive to create awareness and solutions for the evolving needs of the Hmong and Southeast Asian communities, with the purpose of developing and sustaining strong resourceful community members that effectively contribute to the social and economic successes of local communities throughout Wisconsin.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Partner through Multicultural Coalition</li> <li>• Emphasis on access agricultural based community activities for Hmong elders</li> </ul>

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	NEW Hmong Professionals	We are committed to elevating and empowering our Hmong professionals in the areas of their passion and expertise.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Partner through Multicultural Coalition, Inc.</li> <li>• Open Houses and community events to engage Hmong professionals</li> </ul>
	CASA Hispana	Casa Hispana is a non-profit organization with a mission to advocate for and empower our Hispanic/Latinx community through advancing awareness, education, and celebration of our diverse cultures to ensure current and future generations thrive in the Fox Valley.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attend monthly Hispanic interagency meeting.</li> <li>• Travel training for clients</li> </ul>
	Pointtters Community Initiatives	PCI is a community organization that creates economic opportunities for minorities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transportation coordination for underserved BIPOC students</li> </ul>
	St. Vincent DePaul	SVdP's community-driven programs provide our neighbors with the tools and resources they need to transform into thriving individuals and families. By focusing on the needs of our neighbors and enhancing individuals' lives through mentoring, advocacy, education, and help with navigating available community resources, we can help build a stronger community.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Travel training for clients</li> <li>• Bi-lingual Spanish case worker</li> <li>• Referral source for riders with financial barrier</li> </ul>
	Pillars	From homelessness to coming home, Pillars provides shelter, support, and solutions to address the housing needs in our community.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Travel training for clients</li> </ul>
	Boys & Girls Clubs	Boys & Girls Clubs of the Fox Valley's mission is to inspire and enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, responsible, and caring citizens.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Specialized trip planning from schools to club</li> <li>• PITT Crew for club staff and other programs operating out of Boys &amp; Girls Club: TRAC (Truancy Reduction &amp; Assessment Center); Home Base (formerly Runaway &amp; Homeless Youth Services)</li> </ul>

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	Building For Kids Children's Museum	The Building for Kids Children's Museum fosters a vigorous love for learning in a community context—to whet kids' appetites for curiosity and exploration. Its mission is to inspire discovery and build resilience through intergenerational play-based learning and exploration of the arts, sciences, and humanities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Specialized trip planning for after-school programming</li> <li>• Partnership for public transportation exhibit</li> <li>• PITT Crew</li> </ul>
	United Way 2-1-1	211 connects you with thousands of nonprofit and government services in your area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff group bus training that offers experience to refer callers who can use the fixed route bus</li> <li>• Ride United – Lyft grant collaboration for employment rides when bus is not available.</li> </ul>
	Fox Valley Jail Ministries	Fox Valley Jail Ministries (FVJM) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that performs chaplaincy services for inmates and staff at Outagamie County Jail in compliance with the nondiscrimination provisions of WI STAT 301.065 and 301.33.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assisting Huber eligible and/or discharged inmates with access to employment, recovery programs, and timely community resources.</li> </ul>
	SOAR Fox Cities	A local non-profit organization that provides programs and services to individuals with developmental disabilities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Group bus training for different SOAR programs</li> <li>• PITT Crew</li> </ul>
	Inclusion Community Center	Inclusion Community Center provides services for young adults with intellectual and physical disabilities. We strive to build a community of inclusion for young adults throughout the Fox Valley area looking for purpose, friendship and continued learning of critical life skills as they progress from high school to adulthood.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Group presentations/Training</li> <li>• PITT Crew</li> </ul>
	HeadsUp Fox Cities	HeadsUp is a forward-thinking organization that actively supports Transitional Age Youth who have experienced the challenges of the child welfare system.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PITT Crew</li> </ul>

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	VPI Community Outreach Center (ORC)	The ORC is a drop-in mental health community center for individuals with a mental health and/or substance use diagnosis.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PITT Crew</li> </ul>
	Veteran's Village	Veterans Village includes apartments at a reasonable rent, community support, and a community to veterans throughout their lifespan, as they live preferably among fellow veterans in a veteran-centric culture.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assist residents of Veteran Village find transportation solutions.</li> <li>• Presentations to educate veterans about transportation solutions and in-service vets ride the bus for free.</li> </ul>
	Fox Cities Community Foundation	We strengthen our community for current and future generations by helping people make a difference in the lives of all.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conduit to helping non-profits thrive. A go-to for grants and other program support when transportation is a barrier for non-profits who cannot assist.</li> </ul>
	Leaven Fox Cities	LEAVEN stabilizes and empowers people in crisis by providing financial assistance, resource coordination, and case management to address their near- and long-term needs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transportation coordination for clients</li> <li>• A referral source for Valley Transit when transportation cost is a barrier in the community.</li> <li>• Provide transportation literature/resources.</li> <li>• Named as a community collaboration partner.</li> </ul>
	WisconSibs	To foster a community of support and understanding for brothers and sisters of individuals with special needs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transportation solutions for families who have people living with disabilities.</li> <li>• Kidz Expo annually</li> </ul>
	Girl Scouts	Girl Scouts create the world they want to live in and strive to make it better every single day. They explore their strengths, take on new challenges, and can always be themselves, regardless of background or ability.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A chance for scouts to earn their adventure badge while being introduced to public transportation</li> </ul>
	Big Brothers/Big Sisters	Create and support one-to-one mentoring relationships that ignite the power and promise of youth.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Big's and Little's experience of a using public transportation, bus safety and transit center tour</li> </ul>

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	Fox Valley Advocacy Coalition	The FVCA is a network of community representatives concerned with the rights and interests of people with disabilities and the elderly. Members work together to increase communication and education among individuals, agencies, public officials, and the larger community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Quarterly meetings to identify barriers for people living with disabilities and continuous education on what resources are available to the disabled community.</li> <li>Other organizations associated are ECWRPC, Make the Ride Happen, Disability Voice, Wisconsin, Easterseals, Options for Independent Living, SOAR Fox Cities, Outagamie County ADRC</li> </ul>
	Thompson Center on Lourdes	<p>The Thompson Center on Lourdes is a nonprofit organization who provides opportunities for people 50+ to participate and connect through enriching activities in the Fox Valley.</p> <p>Our center focuses on fighting the effects of loneliness, isolation and depression in seniors by offering opportunities for education, socialization, wellness, and collaboration.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Classes to introduce seniors to use the fixed route bus.</li> <li>Awareness of Mobility Management and services to assist seniors</li> <li>Group rides</li> <li>Travel training clients</li> </ul>
<b>Transportation Network and Professional Affiliations</b>	East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission	The Commission provides the basic information and planning services necessary to solve problems which transcend the corporate boundaries and fiscal capabilities of individual governmental jurisdictions. The Commission has a statutory duty to prepare and adopt comprehensive plans for the physical development of the region. Such plans include land use, transportation, open space, economic development and environmental management elements.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>"Equity in Engagement Guidebook" training.</li> <li><a href="https://www.ecwrpc.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/2024-Winnebago-County-Coord-Plan.pdf">https://www.ecwrpc.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/2024-Winnebago-County-Coord-Plan.pdf</a></li> <li><a href="https://www.ecwrpc.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/2024-Outagamie-County-Coord-Plan.pdf">https://www.ecwrpc.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/2024-Outagamie-County-Coord-Plan.pdf</a></li> <li><a href="https://www.ecwrpc.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/2024-Calumet-County-Coord-Plan.pdf">https://www.ecwrpc.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/2024-Calumet-County-Coord-Plan.pdf</a></li> <li></li> </ul>



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	Fox Valley Society of Human Resource Managers (SHRM)	Dedicated to advancing the human resource profession and serving its more than 300+ members by providing them with a variety of opportunities for professional growth, leadership development, and networking.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Helping human resource leaders improve employee attraction and retention efforts and overcoming barriers to employment</li> </ul>
	Wisconsin Association of Mobility Managers (WAMM)	<p>Wisconsin Association of Mobility Managers (WAMM) is to lead in coordinated mobility solutions and to support the systems and professionals working in the field.</p> <p>Our mission is to provide opportunities for professional growth through educational and networking events, ongoing peer support and resource sharing.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pursuing mobility manager certification through education</li> <li>Statewide network of mobility managers for the benefit of learning from one another and seeking ways to serve our respective communities better</li> </ul>
	Fox Valley Senior Resource Support Network	Provide the opportunity for senior resource providers to educate each other about services that are available and how best to utilize them through networking and informative topics and speakers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Group presentations and training at different senior communities</li> <li>Caregiver Expo annual participation</li> <li>Senior Expo in partnership with Appleton Lion's Club</li> <li></li> </ul>
	Northeast Wisconsin Regional Access to Transportation Committee (NEWRAT)	Transportation coordination involves human service agencies, transportation providers, consumer groups, and public officials working together to develop and improve services for individuals unable to provide their own transportation. Many of those served are not able to provide their own transportation as a result of disability, age or income. Transportation coordination provides more rides to more consumers through cooperation, communication and sharing resources, ensuring that transportation resources funded by local, state and federal programs are well-managed.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Transportation updates by agencies located in northeast Wisconsin for the purpose of learning from one another and to for relationships that can offer collaboration across a larger region.</li> <li>Participate in quarterly meetings</li> <li>Keep transportation spreadsheet by county</li> </ul>

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	Non-emergency medical Transportation (NEMT)	MTM coordinates an innovative, quality-driven transportation program in Wisconsin that supports members, medical facilities, and transportation providers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PITT Crew</li> <li>• Work with staff at NEMT to learn policies.</li> <li>• Invite staff to speak for opportunities to educate resources in the fox cities about who NEMT is and resources.</li> </ul>
	Lutheran Social Services (LSS)/Make the Ride Happen	To make the ride happen for older adults and individuals with disabilities so they can remain active and involved in their community.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Peer travel trainer for neighboring fixed route system</li> <li>• PITT Crew</li> </ul>
	Non-profit Affordable Housing Basic Rental Service (NAHBRS)	To provide housing services and programs to the low-income people of the Fox Valley Community.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Partnership through ADRC Specialized transportation meeting</li> <li>• Referrals for any residents in their service area</li> </ul>
	Oneida Nation Transit	Oneida Public Transit provides safe, reliable, and affordable public transportation that supports life-long opportunities to strengthen education, well-being, and ts?niyukwalihot^ "Our Ways" throughout the Oneida Community.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Referral for any tribal member eligible for transportation</li> </ul>
	Fox Valley Cab	Fox Valley Cab has become one of the largest Taxi companies in Wisconsin and a fixture in Appleton and Fox River Valley.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• When all other public transportation options are not options, Fox Valley Cab is eager to help anyone get anywhere at any time.</li> </ul>
	Hortonville Helping Hands	Provides local transportation for seniors 55 and over, or disabled, who live in the village of Hortonville or the surrounding townships of Hortonville, Greenville, Ellington, Liberty, or Dale.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Partnership through ADRC Specialized transportation meeting</li> <li>• Referrals are made to any residents eligible in their service area.</li> </ul>
	Calumet County Van Service	Calumet County Aging and Disability Resource Center provide non-emergency transportation services to individuals 60 years of age and older and individuals with a disability who reside in Calumet County.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Available to all calumet county residents over 60.</li> </ul>