

CitiCare Seeks Matching Funds for Non-ADA Service Area Rides for People with Disabilities

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While transportation is a challenge for most people with disabilities, it is significantly more difficult for people living in or traveling to the outlying areas of Reno/Sparks. The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) mandates that the paratransit system serve people within 3/4 mile of the fixed bus route (RTC RIDE) with zero denials. In order to comply with this federal requirement and because of the current economic crisis, RTC ACCESS has found it necessary to prioritize the rides inside the ADA service area and so must often deny ride requests from people traveling to or from a non-ADA service area location. This prioritization leaves people with disabilities who live outside of the ADA service area or who travel to locations outside the ADA service area with significant transportation challenges. This is especially problematical for people who need to travel on a regular basis for medical services located outside of the ADA service area. These include a veterans' facility, a dialysis center and several other medical centers.

One of CitiCare's main objectives is to fund these much-needed rides. For the past five years, CitiCare has received a New Freedom Initiative grant from the Federal Transit Administration, which funds non-ADA service area rides and requires a 50/50 match. We thank our contributors for helping us fully match this grant for the past 5 years. CitiCare has been awarded the grant again for FY12 grant, which begins October 1, 2011. The FY12 grant is for \$100,509 and again requires a 50/50 match. We hope, in this tough economic time, that you will consider assisting us in again maximizing these federal funds.

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How do I qualify to ride RTC ACCESS?

If you have a disability that prevents you from independently getting to or from using RTC RIDE, you can apply for RTC ACCESS:

1. Call RTC Customer Service at 775-348-0477 or The Continuum at 775-829-4700 and ask to have a RTC ACCESS eligibility application packet mailed to you

2. Fill out the application and call The Continuum at 775-829-4700 to set up an in-person interview with them. Bring the RTC ACCESS application form and a photo ID with you to the interview. Also bring additional information about your disability or health condition, including physician statements of how you are unable to use the bus.

3. RTC will notify you of your eligibility by mail within 21 days after the interview and assessments are completed.

About CitiCare...

CitiCare is an independent, nonprofit corporation with local community volunteers. CitiCare's mission is to seek additional sources of funding to bridge the gap between the transportation needs of people with disabilities and the resources currently available.

CitiCare has an innovative approach to expanding the current transportation services for people with disabilities in our community. By purchasing incremental paratransit rides from the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC), CitiCare helps create increased paratransit availability for people with disabilities without costly capital expenditures or administrative costs.

If you would like to contribute to CitiCare's vision of improved transportation opportunities for people with disabilities, we would appreciate your contribution. Please clip and mail to CitiCare, P.O. Box 7101, Reno, NV 89510.

Please accept my check as a donation to CitiCare. CitiCare is a 501(c)3 organization.

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