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ACL believe that accessible transportation is a critical component of community living for older adults and people with disabilities. This week, the National Aging and Disability Transportation Center (NADTC) announced the award of \$300,000 in competitive grants to six communities in Massachusetts, Michigan, Mississippi, Ohio and Virginia to develop and test practical and sustainable innovations for increasing accessible transportation.

Grantees will receive up to \$50,000 each to expand mobility opportunities that enable older adults and people with disabilities to better connect to employment, health care and other needed community services.

The grantees are:

- **Area Agency on Aging 1-B** in Southfield, MI will develop and implement travel training (not currently available in the area) to accompany its current mobility management and one-call services (myride2).
- **Berkshire Regional Planning Commission** in Pittsfield, MA will offer medical transportation to more remote areas and create a central scheduling hub and an app for drivers.
- **City of Hernando** in Hernando, MS will create a model for combining transportation services and nutrition services through expansion of transportation on Saturdays and to currently unserved destinations.
- **Mountain Empire Older Citizens** in Big Stone Gap, VA will create a one call system and recruit and train passenger attendants to educate and assist riders.
- **Peace Village/Cancer Justice Institute** in Cincinnati, OH will create a mobility navigator/cancer care navigator "hub" to schedule and coordinate rides for cancer treatment and screening.
- **Senior Transportation Connection** in Cleveland, OH will offer evening and weekend, consumer-directed, accessible transportation to senior and disabled residents.

The National Aging and Disability Transportation Center is funded through a cooperative agreement of Easter Seals, the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging, and the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration, with guidance from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services,

Administration for Community Living. NADTC's mission is to increase accessible transportation options for older adults, people with disabilities and caregivers nationwide.

Learn more about [NADTC](#) and [read the full press release announcing the award \(PDF\)](#).

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