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**Benton County  
Special Transportation  
Advisory Committee**

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**AGENDA  
Tuesday, January 26, 2021, 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm**

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1. Call Meeting to Order / Introductions - Chair Mary Marsh-King
2. Approval of September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020 Meeting Minutes (see attached)
3. Public Comment Period
4. Review and Recommend Special Transportation Fund (STF) Allocations (see attached)
  - a) City of Albany, Albany Paratransit
  - b) Grace Center for Adult Day Services
  - c) Janus House / Mental health Association of Benton County
  - d) OCWCOG Senior & Disability Services
  - e) OCWCOG Senior Companion Program
5. Federal 5310 Allocation Information
6. Information Sharing
7. Updates from Members

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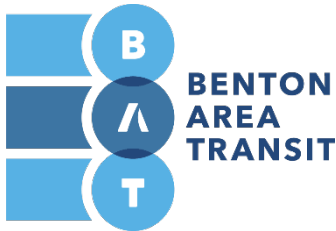
**Benton County STAC Committee Members:**

Steven Black, Chair  
Axel Deininger  
Vacancy (3)

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Drew Foster  
Vacancy (Ex-officio)

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**\*\*\* Memorandum \*\*\***

TO: Benton County Special Transportation Advisory Committee (STAC)  
FROM: Brad Dillingham, Transportation Coordinator  
SUBJECT: FY 21-23 STF/5310/5311 Funding Review  
DATE: January 19, 2021 (for January 26, 2021 meeting)

BACKGROUND

**Special Transportation Fund (STF)**

Funds from the State's STF are distributed to STF agencies every two years using a population-based formula. While many years have had an STF Discretionary Program solicitation, there isn't one for the FY 21-23 biennium. As shown on Attachment A, Benton County is estimated to receive \$440,334 for the upcoming biennium, which is a reduction of \$1,805 (0.4%) from the current biennium's allocation of \$442,139.

Excluding the Linn-Benton Loop, 5,278 individuals were served between July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 and June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020, using Special Transportation Funds provided by Benton County. While the range of costs varies depending on the type of service provided, the average cost per person-served by subprovider programs for Benton County was \$3.56 over the course of the fiscal year.

SB 1601, passed in a July 2020 special legislative session, directed consolidation of the State STF fund with the Special Transportation Improvement Fund (STIF) by July 1, 2023, meaning that the process for reviewing the allocation and use of STF funds will look different in the future.

**Federal 5310 Rural and 5310 Small Urban Formula Funds**

ODOT administers Federal Section 5310 funds provided by the FTA to eligible agencies throughout Oregon. Benton County is one of those agencies. As in the past, Benton Area Transit (BAT), the service provider in Benton County, uses these funds to provide the complementary ADA Paratransit service on behalf of Corvallis Transit System (CTS) and the Philomath Connection, as well as countywide demand-response service to older individuals and those who have disabilities.

In the current FY 19-21 biennium, BAT received a total of \$588,474 in 5310 funding. As shown on Attachment B, BAT is estimated to receive \$595,541 for FY 21-23, which is an additional \$7,067 (1.2%) over the current biennium.

DISCUSSION

The Special Transportation Advisory Committee (STAC) is to provide a recommendation to the Benton County Board of Commissioners as to funding for each subprovider STF application received by Benton County.

For the upcoming FY21-23 biennium, the following subproviders within Benton County submitted applications, with requests totaling \$41,100:

- Albany Call-a-Ride;
- Grace Center;
- Janus House;
- Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments (OCWCOG) Senior and Disability Services; and
- OCWCOG Senior Companion Program.

Below is a brief review of the subprovider applications received, as described by the applicants. Attachment C provides a summary of the subprovider requests.

**A. City of Albany, Albany Paratransit (\$10,000)**

The Albany Paratransit/Call-A-Ride System operates Monday through Saturday, operating within three-quarters of a mile outside the Albany city limits. Call-A-Ride provides curb-to-curb transportation for all elderly and ADA-eligible citizens to essential services and for some civic and cultural activities. The Albany Paratransit/Call-A-Ride System works with the Senior Services and Disability Services Division of the OCWCOG to provide transportation for Medicaid, non-medical service to eligible riders. The service uses volunteers and limited staff to provide these services. One staff person coordinates volunteers, schedules vehicle maintenance and repairs, prepares and administers budget, completes all appropriate paper work, etc.

**B. Grace Center for Adult Day Services (\$7,500)**

This project, "The Grace Center Community Outing Program," is the reinstatement and adaptation of a previous Grace Center program, which was put on hold in 2019 due to lack of resources. Grace Center offered this program for years through collaboration with fellow non-profits Home Life, Inc. and ARC of Benton County. The Grace Center recently secured a used, 15-passenger wheelchair-accessible bus and is requesting \$7,500 from the Special Transportation Fund (STF) to support the Community Outing program for July 2021 through June 2023. The Grace Center will use this to provide social and recreational activities as well as transport of clients who need assistance to get to and from the Center.

**C. Janus House / Mental Health Association of Benton County (\$9,600)**

Janus House is a Residential Treatment Facility and Crisis Respite Shelter for adults with mental health issues. Janus House uses a 12-passenger van to provide basic and as needed transportation to residents and clients. This includes transportation to medical and psychiatric appointments, shopping for basic needs, and recreational outings. This grant request supports the operation and maintenance of the vehicle.

**D. Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments (OCWCOG) – Senior and Disability Services (\$7,000)**

Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments (OCWCOG) is requesting \$7,000 in STF funds in order to buy transit vouchers that can be distributed to older adults and people with disabilities receiving long term services and support in Benton County. These vouchers would allow clients to use services provided by the Linn-Benton Loop, Benton Area Transit (through Dial-A-Bus of Benton County), and the Philomath Connection (Corvallis Transit System is already fare-free). The funding requested would provide transportation fares for clients who need to get to key appointments and activities. This fills a critical service gap for older adults and people with disabilities by assisting with transit needs that are not covered by other federal and state programs.

**E. Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments (OCWCOG) – Senior Companion Program (\$7,000)**

Leveraging its exposure to the local senior population, OCWCOG also serves as a recruiter, trainer and Benton County sponsor to AmeriCorps' Senior Companion Program (SCP). Senior Companions are volunteers 55 and over who provide assistance and friendship to seniors who have difficulty with daily living tasks and non-medical transportation, including grocery shopping and errands. This program aims to keep seniors independent longer and assist family caregivers. The requested funds will support SCP staff and volunteer mileage reimbursements for Senior Companions living in or supporting low to moderate-income seniors living within Benton County; this is an estimated 25% of the local match support.

The total of all projects forwarded to the Benton County STAC for FY 21-23 is \$41,100. Staff will lead the Committee through a simple evaluation of the projects.

**ACTION REQUESTED**

Review STF formula applications received from subproviders. Provide a(n) "Award" or "Do Not Award" determination for each application. Determine if the Committee wishes to recommend changes to the allocation amounts.

Attachments:   A – FY 21-23 STF Formula Funding Estimates  
                  B – FY 21-23 5310 Formula Funding Estimates  
                  C – FY 21-23 STF/5310 Allocation and Subprovider Requests

## Funding Availability

For the July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2023, grant agreement period, PTD estimates funding availability for the STF Formula program as displayed in this table:

STF Agency Name	21-23 Allocation Target	19-21 Allocation Target	% Change
Baker County	135,400	135,400	0.0%
Basin Transit Service Transportation District	319,320	324,363	-1.6%
Benton County	440,334	442,139	-0.4%
Burns Paiute Tribe	135,400	135,400	0.0%
Columbia County	247,923	247,006	0.4%
Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw	135,400	135,400	0.0%
Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Community of Oregon	135,400	135,400	0.0%
Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians	135,400	135,400	0.0%
Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation	135,400	135,400	0.0%
Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs	135,400	135,400	0.0%
Coos County Area Transportation District	296,662	303,634	-2.3%
Coquille Indian Tribe	135,400	135,400	0.0%
Cow Creek Tribe of Umpqua Indians	135,400	135,400	0.0%
Crook County	135,400	135,400	0.0%
Curry County	135,400	135,400	0.0%
Deschutes County	896,459	869,772	3.1%
Gilliam County	135,400	135,400	0.0%
Grant County Transportation District	135,400	135,400	0.0%
Harney County	135,400	135,400	0.0%
Hood River County Transportation District	135,400	135,400	0.0%
Jefferson County	135,400	135,400	0.0%
Josephine County	405,144	409,365	-1.0%
Klamath Tribes	135,400	135,400	0.0%
Lake County	135,400	135,400	0.0%
Lane Transit District	1,755,993	1,757,977	-0.1%
Lincoln County	227,161	230,985	-1.7%
Linn County	589,185	590,915	-0.3%
Malheur County	152,111	154,716	-1.7%
Morrow County	135,400	135,400	0.0%
Rogue Valley Transportation District	1,027,276	1,030,545	-0.3%
Salem Area Mass Transit District	1,995,616	1,992,724	0.1%
Sherman County	135,400	135,400	0.0%
Sunset Empire Transportation District	185,867	187,727	-1.0%
Tillamook County Transportation District	135,400	135,400	0.0%
Tri County Metropolitan Transportation District of Oregon	8,598,238	8,579,178	0.2%
Umatilla County	379,295	384,991	-1.5%
Umpqua Public Transportation District	523,060	530,193	-1.3%
Union County	135,400	135,400	0.0%
Wallowa County	135,400	135,400	0.0%
Wasco County	135,400	135,400	0.0%
Wheeler County	135,400	135,400	0.0%
Yamhill County	503,684	507,097	-0.7%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>21,928,328</b>	<b>21,928,328</b>	<b>0%</b>

## Funding Availability

For the July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2023, grant agreement period, PTD estimates funding availability for the Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Formula Program as displayed in this table:

STF Agency Name	FTA Allocation Estimate	STBG Allocation Estimate	Total Allocation Estimate
Baker County	-	163,863	163,863
Basin Transit Service Transportation District	-	486,229	486,229
Benton County	232,185	363,356	595,541
Burns Paiute Tribe	-	90,430	90,430
Columbia County	8,754	338,588	347,342
Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw	-	91,412	91,412
Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Community of Oregon	-	97,571	97,571
Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians	-	97,127	97,127
Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation	-	94,165	94,165
Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs	-	100,359	100,359
Coos County Area Transportation District	-	491,374	491,374
Coquille Indian Tribe	-	91,393	91,393
Cow Creek Tribe of Umpqua Indians	-	91,708	91,708
Crook County	-	190,908	190,908
Curry County	-	214,127	214,127
Deschutes County	311,625	949,372	1,260,997
Gilliam County	-	99,258	99,258
Grant County Transportation District	-	129,889	129,889
Harney County	-	119,695	119,695
Hood River County Transportation District	-	152,777	152,777
Jefferson County	-	164,092	164,092
Josephine County	187,881	498,456	686,337
Klamath Tribes	-	96,145	96,145
Lake County	-	123,335	123,335
Lane Transit District	-	2,023,049	2,023,049
Lincoln County	-	393,834	393,834
Linn County	211,968	619,217	831,186
Malheur County	-	206,765	206,765
Morrow County	-	124,042	124,042
Rogue Valley Transportation District	573,018	1,007,940	1,580,958
Salem Area Mass Transit District	-	2,157,429	2,157,429
Sherman County	-	97,496	97,496
Sunset Empire Transportation District	-	278,887	278,887
Tillamook County Transportation District	-	198,519	198,519
Tri County Metropolitan Transportation District of Oregon	-	7,450,548	7,450,548
Umatilla County	32,820	455,682	488,502
Umpqua Public Transportation District	-	877,916	877,916
Union County	-	182,093	182,093
Wallowa County	-	125,058	125,058
Wasco County	-	184,026	184,026
Wheeler County	-	97,584	97,584
Yamhill County	-	684,283	684,283
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1,558,251</b>	<b>22,500,000</b>	<b>24,058,251</b>

## Benton County FY 21-23 STF/5310 Projected Allocations and Subprovider Requests

STF Formula Application Summary					
Applicant	FY 19-21 Request	FY 21-23 Request	Eligible?	Fund?	Amount
City of Albany, Albany Paratransit	\$ 11,000	\$ 10,000	Yes		
Grace Center for Adult Day Services	\$ 6,500	\$ 7,500	Yes		
Janus House / Mental Health Association of Benton County	\$ 9,600	\$ 9,600	Yes		
Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments (OCWCOG) – Senior and Disability Services	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000	Yes		
Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments (OCWCOG) – Senior Companion Program	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000	Yes		
City of Albany, Linn-Benton Loop	\$ 47,000	\$ -	-		
<b>Subprovider Totals</b>	<b>\$ 88,100</b>	<b>\$ 41,100</b>			
Benton Area Transit (BAT) – STF Allocation (Operating Costs, Match for 5310, 5311, etc.)	\$ 354,039	\$ 399,234			
<b>STF Grand Total</b>	<b>\$ 442,139</b>	<b>\$ 440,334</b>			

5310 Formula Summary		
Agency and Project	FY 19-21 Allocation	FY 21-23 Allocation
Benton Area Transit (BAT) – Rural Demand Response Operations Estimate	\$ 298,831	\$ 308,853
Benton Area Transit (BAT) – Rural Preventative Maintenance Estimate	\$ 65,596	\$ 54,503
Benton Area Transit (BAT) – Corvallis ADA Paratransit Operations Estimate	\$ 224,047	\$ 197,357
Benton Area Transit (BAT) – Corvallis ADA Paratransit Preventative Maintenance Estimate	\$ -	\$ 34,828
<b>5310 Grand Total</b>	<b>\$ 588,474</b>	<b>\$ 595,541</b>