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Transportation Program Increases Service For Rural Residents

FAYETTEVILLE – A federal grant received in December has allowed the Cumberland County Community Transportation Program to expand its service for rural residents who need transportation for job access. The grant helped offset a 38 percent decrease in state funding and will allow the transportation program to increase service from three to five days per week.

The needs-based service provides transportation for citizens who do not own their own vehicles and need transportation to and from work. Each trip costs \$2.25 one way and is provided by vans which operate from 5 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday.

“We are very pleased that with this federal funding we are able to assist rural residents with getting to their jobs,” said Kristine Wagner, transportation program coordinator. “This transportation service can have a big impact.”

All clients must complete an application process to determine eligibility. Applications can be processed over the telephone and the applicant’s workplace must be eligible. Only residents who live outside Fayetteville, Hope Mills and Spring Lake can use the rural transportation service.

Community Transportation also offers several other programs. The Urban Employment Transportation program provides job transportation for citizens who live in Fayetteville, Hope Mills or Spring Lake but do not have access to bus routes. The Elderly and Disabled Transportation Assistance Program provides transportation services for elderly and disabled residents who need rides for non-emergency medical appointments, pharmacy trips and grocery shopping. Eligible riders must be 60 years of age or older or disabled with doctor’s verification.

Transportation is made possible by the Rural Operating Assistance Program (ROAP) grant, which is distributed by the North Carolina Department of Transportation.

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