Service Need

Residence in the rural areas of Delaware County in need of transportation to wellness appointments

Agency(s)

RTA, Delaware County Connections

Project

FTA Rides to Wellness grant expanding the service area and hours within Delaware County. The project was to be sustained by volunteer drivers.

PROJECT COMPLETED

Status

Grant awarded and implementation began FY17 with purchase of minivan using FTA grant funding. As of FY20 RTA had four volunteer drivers supporting the program with intentions of adding more. Implementation; ongoing, now through Technical TAG.

Improve attendance and RTA, TAG action from the TAG. More accountability and influence as a group

Form a TAG Technical Group to identify gaps in transportation within structure, roles and each County, devising strategies to address the gaps, and obtaining the meetings. funds to support creative transportation solutions. **PROJECT**

Status as of March 2020. Determined new TAG responsibilities by County, and timing and process for

Implementation; ongoing

COMPLETED

Identify every potential RTA community in the region that may need transportation, but is not utiliziing RTA (growth potential) e.g. Amish

Seniors needing rides with little or no money and not a member with **NEIAAA**

RTA, NEIAAA

Conduct a Transit Self-Assessment; data collection for a demographic analysis and transit demand estimation **PROJECT NOT COMPLETED**

Status as of March 2020. Compiled list of all senior living/assisted living/nursing homes in the region. Implementation; ongoing

RTA to complete NAPIS Process outlined and immediate ride accomodations. Bill NEIAAA for the rides within 30 days. **PROJECT NOT**

COMPLETED

NEIAAA partnering with Status as of March 2020. intake form to allow for awaiting approval from NEIAAA to move forward. too expensive, particularly for working Supervisors, NEIAAA parents needing help with transportation for children, and for senior citizens. Delaware County volunteer drivers also having concerns about the cost to their passengers.

RTA gereral public rates Delaware, Dubuque, and Jackson County Board of Service Improvement Plan: all three counties agreed to subsidize the cost of rides, reducing the cost to the individual riders making will re-evaluate future public transit more accesible. **PROJECT COMPLETED**

Reduced general public rates in all three counties, and children age 15 and under ride for free. Once funding is depleted, County Boards funding.

Consumers can be anxious on the bus and sometimes act out. Provide activities to keep them occupied and entertained.

RTA, ARC, Hills & Dales, Iowa **Voc Rehab Services**

high-functioning consumers to conduct find volunteers; retired teachers (who can also develop a program/activities for consumers to follow)

Bus Buddies. Either hire Pending identification of consumers interested in being a Bus Buddy, and activities on the bus, or identifying funding to sustain paying them. IVRS can pay some individuals who qualify for the short-term.

PROJECT NOT COMPLETED

Maquoketa receive vouchers for Farmer's Market, but no transportation (RTA after hours)

Low income residents in Maquoketa Farmers Market, Maquoketa Community Services

Maquoketa Farmers Market Transportation for Low-Income Residents funded by a grant from Maquoketa **Community Foundation** & Community Foundation of Jackson County; deviated fixed route targeting lowincome housing units (open to general public) **PROJECT COMPLETED**

Implemented FY19; continue annually as grant is awarded.

Possible need to get low- Dubuque Main Street income Dubuque County residents to **Dubuque Farmers** Market

Work with Dubuque Main Street to determine the need for Dubuque Main Street transportation for residents in the rural Dubuque areas and downtown Dubuque Farmers Market on Saturday mornings. Also for Dubuque Winter Farmers' Market. PROJECT NOT **COMPLETED**

Status as of March 2020. August - October 2019 suveyed everyone who came to their booth for Food Bucks as part of their regular Asbury/West end to the list of questions. Asking if the individual would use transportation if available. Concluded that most are from the downtown area and walk. Next step is to survey rural Dubuque, west end/Asbury area as it doesn't seem they are attnedning Farmers Market.

Improve RTA's reliability RTA, TAG of service and wait times

Develop an App, a Portal and re-designed Website to improve coordination and (potentially improve) availability, and provide the project costs. better communication **PROJECT NOT**

COMPLETED

August 2020 Awarded FTA "Accelerating Innovative Mobility Challenge Grant" (AIM) to fund the project. reduce wait time, show Waiting on decision for DRA grant award to supplement

other areas to come to Maquoketa to help fill open positions

Recruit employees from Family Dollar in Maquoketa, Iowa Works in Davenport, Riverbend Transit, MTA in Clinton

Partner with Family Dollar and transit providers in Davenport area and Clinton to obtain Iowa Economic Development grant to aid in bringing employees to Maquoketa's Family **PROJECT** Dollar

NOT COMPLETED

RTA will provide Family Dollar with employee and potential employee surveys to determine interest/need at request of IEDA.

Free rides for lowno other funding

United Way, Operation New income individuals with View, Visiting Nurses Assoc., **Delware County Community** Services, Chamber of Commerce and RMC

Vouchers - grant from United Way under Health Pillar PROJECT **COMPLETED**

Rides for Wellness Ride Implemented; FY17, FY18-19 (two year cycle), FY 20-21 (two year cycle)

Good will gesture by RTA to community partners

ARC, Hills & Dales, Goodwill, Imagine the Possibilities

RTA Christmas Bus Decorating. Consumers 2017. Yearly event. and staff come to RTA garage at noon to decorate their bus with home-made or purchased decorations. In the evening gather again to ride the bus to dinner, then to Reflections in the Park, with a "winner" announced at dinner **PROJECT COMPLETED**

Implemented; December

Farley area needing transportation, and employers need help recruiting and retaining employees

Seniors in Dyersville and Dyersville Area Community Foundation

City Grant funds and local matches for five for volunteers to drive/share PROJECT **NOT COMPLETED**

Considering using Small Status as of March 2020. In September 2019, RTA and DACF conducted two cities to purchase a van surveys; an employment transportation needs survey and a survey targeted at seniors. DACF and RTA did not receive enough completed surveys to implement the project. DACF put the project on hold and will revisit in 2020.

Transportation for Major League Baseball game at Field of Dreams, Dyersville Dyersville Area Chamber of Commerce (DACC), Major League Baseball Potentially provide transportation into Dyersville from surrounding area, and/or a shuttle service from pop-up parking areas, hotels, etc. In addition to Game Day, plan to have other activities throughout the week PROJECT NOT COMPLETED

Potentially provide Implementation; 2020 transportation into cancelled, potential for Dyersville from 2021. Service pending surrounding area, decision by MLB on which and/or a shuttle service providers to utilize and for from pop-up parking what type of service