Federal Transportation Authority (FTA) 5310

**2023-2025**

Applications Summary

**AS PROPOSED BY THE APPLICANTS**

Elkhorn Taxi

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| **Project Description** | **Funding Requested** |
| Elkhorn Medical Express: This project will continue and increase the rides to wellness program from the FY 2021-2023 FTA 5310 funds. Elkhorn Taxi has renamed this service “Elkhorn Medical Express”.  This is for seniors and people with disabilities. Currently, our medical transportation program for in town is running 7-days per week, and can be called when needed for medical transport for seniors and individuals with disabilities. Our out of town medical transport typically runs Monday-Friday when the out of town specialty clinics are open.  We provide service to Baker City residents as well as community members from Halfway, Richland, New Bridge, Huntington, Sumpter, Haines, Keating, Medical Springs, and Wingville.  In town transport may be provided any day, at any time, to any authorized destination, from any authorized pickup address.  Elkhorn Medical Express program will provide a demand/response for in town medical transport as well as support for out of town regional transport.  From July 2021 until Sept. 2022, we have completed 919 rides in town totaling 3,533 miles. In addition to 174 medical rides out of town, which includes the rural bedroom communities, totaling 26,407.92 miles. We expect to increase these numbers next biennium. | FY 2024  $126,000  FY 2025  $126,000 |
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| **FTA 5310 – Project Biennium Total** | **$252,000** |
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| **Ranking** |  |
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| **Elkhorn Medical Express Vehicle Maintenance and Operating Costs:** Funding is needed to cover partial costs for vehicle maintenance such as oil changes, tires, rotation, insurance, and fuel for transportation of seniors and disabled citizens only. | FY 2024  $35,350  FY 2025  $35,350 |
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| **FTA 5310 – Project Biennium Total** | **$70,700** |
| **Ranking** |  |

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| **Project Description** | **Funding Requested** |
| **Community Connection:**  Community Connection of Baker County maintains nine ADA cutaway buses, three ADA minivans, one ADA Econoline van and one sedan in their fleet. Demand Response service is offered Monday through  Friday from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. utilizing the ADA cutaway buses. Although this service is offered to the general public, the majority of this service is for seniors who can no longer drive and disabled individuals who require our ADA vehicles for their transportation needs who no longer access the deviated fixed route.  The transportation service includes rides to and from health care appointments, shopping, social engagements, and any other desired destination. In FY2022, Community Connection provided 8,448 rides to  seniors or individuals with disabilities. 5310 was a huge portion of why we were successful in supporting Baker County seniors and people with disabilities with the freedom that public transportation provides.  Our current rider trends anticipate roughly 434 rides a month just for seniors and disabled individuals.  Our buses accommodate up to 12 riders at one time which helps alleviate greenhouse gases, and promotes ride share. |  |
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| **FTA 5310 – Project Biennium Total** | **$162,148.00** |
| **Ranking** |  |