

Transportation RFP Questions & Answers

Update 8/14/09

1. What is the process and timelines for the MAAA to request a waiver from the State to fund a for-profit organization?
 - a. If the MAAA Board approves the fund to a for-profit agency, MAAA must submit a waiver request to the Program & Operation Committee and Minnesota Board on Aging (MBA). MBA may take up to 2 months to make a decision. It is very likely that starting date will be delayed under this process.
2. Historical data on cost per ride?

Based on 2007 & 2008 - \$5.87 per one-way ride
3. Examples of "group rides" in this RFP include:
 - a. Pre-arranged service with another agency to transport their clients from a single or multiple pick-up points to a single or multiple destinations
 - b. A regularly scheduled trip from one single pick-up point to a single destination for two or more clients (e.g. Senior Hi-Rise to a grocery store)
4. Can a subcontracting agency be included in multiple applications responding to this RFP?

Yes
5. Is collaboration with other similar organizations to provide transportation considered "coordination" under this RFP?

No
6. Will the MAAA consider funding/contracting with agencies for direct transportation service only without the coordination?

No
7. What is the match requirement for an agency applying for Coordination agency who is currently a Title III funded subcontractor for direct service?
 - a. Coordination would be new thereby the 15% match requirement applies
 - b. Direct service match must be at level consistent with current contract (1st year 15%, 2nd year 25% and 3rd year 50%)
8. What is the match for an agency that currently has a 15% match requirement?

Year 2010 will be 25% and year 2011 & 2012 will be 50%

9. Can the match be revenue from advertising or other business and community support?

Match can be from any non-federal sources that are used to support the service for the targeted populations in this RFP and have not been used as match contributions for any other federally-assisted project or program.

10. Who has been providing rides in Ramsey County since American Red Cross ended the program?

- PRISM
- Roseville Area Senior Program
- Jewish Community Center
- CLUES

11. If the net cost per ride is bid at a price net of the matching funds, what is the consequence of missing the target for matching funds?

First of all, documentation/evidences that matching funds have been secured and/or promised need to be submitted with the proposal. Title III payment will be based on performance and agreed upon Title III unit cost so failing to secure match could mean less Title III reimbursement.

12. Historical data on number of rides and Title III cost/ride provided by past Title III Transportation Providers:

	2,007		2,008
Total One-Way Rides	158,445		128,358
Title III Cost/Ride	\$ 5.1193	\$	6.6290
Match Required	50/50		50/50

13. If the process of identifying sub-contractors is partially based on actions which will be taken between the date of grant award and the end of 2009, is it acceptable to include assumed projections for items such as fuel expenses, insurance costs, operational expenses, and other similar costs for sub-contracts responding to a performance based transportation RFP for expected sub-contractors, or should we include projections only based on our current known sub-contractor network?

Assumed projections are acceptable; however, historical data based on "true costs" should be used if available