

## **Life Circle New Mexico Program Coordination**

A letter soliciting collaboration and/or feedback on our application was sent to individuals who are government or non-profit managers of Santa Fe County transit or other senior services. A copy of this letter and our contacts (in alphabetical order) follows.

We received one response from Regina Wheeler, Director of Public Works in Santa Fe. She forwarded our letter to several other government managers and to Erick Aune, Officer of the Santa Fe MPO. Erick has written a letter of support (see separate document) and we are scheduled to present our application to the MPO Board on November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

We also received a letter of support from the Mayor of Santa Fe. We did not receive any other responses, however, we will continue to seek out collaborative transportation service opportunities, as appropriate.

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Dear \_\_\_\_\_

We are writing to inform you that Life Circle New Mexico ([www.Lifecirclenm.org](http://www.Lifecirclenm.org)) is applying for 2022 fiscal year funds under the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310 Program (Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities). If awarded, the funds would be used to purchase a van for our organization that will be used to transport seniors.

Life Circle New Mexico is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization whose mission is to provide senior services, including high quality adult day care, to older adults in Santa Fe and surrounding rural areas. A coordinated program of professional and compassionate services for adults who need assistance with independent living will be provided. Our Center is currently in the last stages of certification by the State and depending on the status of the COVID-19 pandemic, we anticipate opening in the spring of 2021.

Many of our clients will be unable to drive themselves to and from the Life Circle Adult Day Care Center because of age, disability, lack of a vehicle, unavailable, inappropriate or insufficient public transportation, and/or lack of friends or family who could transport them. In addition, some clients will be unable to afford alternative transportation that might be available. If our proposal for funds is successful, we plan to offer free, safe, and efficient door to door pick up and drop off services to those clients.

Federal and State required procedures include providing fair and timely notification to other transportation providers and local government entities of our intent to apply for these funds. We also would be pleased to coordinate services with other disabled and elderly providers, if possible.

We invite you to participate in the application process by providing feedback regarding our plan. Please send any comments by August 23, 2020, at the latest, in order for us to meet the August 31, 2020 application deadline. Thank you in advance for your response. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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