



MADISON COUNTY CITIZENS SERVICES AGENCY

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January 6, 2020

Mr. Karl Banks, President
Madison County Board of Supervisors
District 4
P.O. Box 608
Canton, MS 39046

Dear Mr. Banks:

Thank you for your continuous support and assistance. On behalf of the citizens of Madison County, Madison County Citizens Services Agency (MCCSA) would like to apply for continued funding for general public transportation services through MDOT. Please find attached an Abstract/Summary of our MDOT Proposal and a Notification of Intent to Apply. Please complete, sign and return the **Notification of Intent to Apply Form by Wednesday, January 20, 2021.**

Thank you for your attention and assistance. Please call Annie Jackson or myself at 601.391.1993, if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Mary Sims-Johnson, MSW, LCSW
Executive Director of MCCSA

Enclosures

Board of Directors

Timmy Pickett - Chairman Neal Riley-Vice Chairman
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Dr. Mary Sims-Johnson, Executive Director

NOTIFICATION OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR FEDERAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC OR PRIVATE NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS TO PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION SERVICES TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC IN NON-URBANIZED AREA

Applicant Organization: Madison County Citizens Services Agency

1005 W. Peace Street P.O. Box 1358 Canton, MS 39046
Street Address or P. O. Box; City; State; Zip Code

Dr. Mary Sims-Johnson, MSW, LCSW (601) 391.1993
Name of Contact Person; Telephone Number

I have been afforded the opportunity to review the transportation service proposal of the above named organization. Based on the review: (check one)

- I do believe that this type of service is needed at this time.
- I do **not** believe that this type of service is needed at this time.

Comments: _____

Reviewer: _____
Signature Title Date

Name of Organization

Address City State Zip Code

Telephone Number _____

NOTE: Notification of Intent to Apply for Federal Assistance must be submitted to the city and county elected officials of all counties served. A copy of responses must be included with the application package. The applicant must include a list of all city, and county elected officials sent Notice of Intent to Apply.

Project Summary/Abstract

Please summarize the proposed project by providing at least the following information: applicant name, type of organization, total cost (including federal 5311 share requested), service area, type of services, hours of operation, number of vehicles operated, number of proposed passenger trips, proposed changes in type or level of service(s), documentation of need that supports the application and relationship of this application to the local coordinated planning efforts.

The Madison County Citizens Services Agency (MCCSA), a public governmental agency, is proposing to continue to operate its 5311 Rural General Public Transportation Program serving the general public, persons with disabilities, and the elderly populations in Madison County, MS. We are proposing to operate commuter work routes, flexible routes and demand response services Monday through Friday, from 6:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. We will provide demand response services on Saturdays from 6:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. Additionally, we will provide demand response services on Sunday 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Demand response services will be targeted to the general public as well as the elderly and persons with disabilities, including persons with developmental disabilities with a 24 hour advanced call in. We are proposing to operate twelve (12) vehicles with a (185) passenger capacity. MCCSA has (7) ADA accessible vehicles. We are requesting a total budget of **\$951,950.00** of which **\$664,150.00** in 5311 funds is requested, **\$227,800.00** from Madison County Board of Supervisors and **\$60,000.00** in contracts. Our office hours for daily call in demand services will be Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. MCCSA observes all Madison County holidays. Madison County Citizens Services Agency is proposing to provide approximately 29,300-31,200 passenger trips in 2022.

Goals and Objectives for 2021-2022 are:

1. Due to the extraordinary circumstances surrounding Coronavirus (COVID-19), we will decrease estimated trips for 2021-2022 to 29,300-31,200. This projection is based on the 2019-2020 program year total trips reported. Ridership decreased tremendously due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Objectives:

- A. We will initiate and provide a continuum of community awareness regarding transportation services. It will include the dissemination of transit brochures, and "Hop On Board" pamphlets. This material will be distributed at employment sites, medical facilities, retail stores, Madison County WIN Job Center Partners, grocery stores, colleges, hotels, restaurants, libraries as well as other places of high general public concentration. "Hop on Board" pamphlets will also be displayed at our (10) Bus Shelters across Madison County. We will advertise transit services on our website, on our Agency Facebook page, and through radio public service announcements, monthly, ongoing.
- B. To implement the activities of our Marketing Plan monthly with businesses, agencies, schools, retails and hotels across Madison County to increase awareness and transit ridership, monthly, ongoing.

- C. To evaluate current flexible routes and schedules regarding most accessible services to general public users, on an annual basis, ongoing.
- D. To continue to solicit program support funds from MDOT, RTAP, contracts, Memorandum of Understanding, and other funding resources to enhance MCCA Transportation, ongoing.
- E. To discuss and plan coordinated transportation services with all TRANSCON MDOT providers across the region to provide seamless transportation service linkages, ongoing.
- F. To be innovative and creative with diversifying types of transportation services based on needs identified during a pandemic.

Need For Transportation Services

Madison County has a total estimated (7-1-2019) population of 106,272 persons (Quickfacts.census.gov). According to the 2019 Census Report, 14% of the population in Madison County is age 65 and over. A total of 10% of the population in Madison County lives below the poverty level. In Canton, Mississippi 25% of the population lives in poverty. According to www.city-data.com/countyMadison-County-MS (11%) of the population in Madison County used some other means of transportation other than drive a car alone to work. Also, DataUS, estimates that 1,724 workers by household in Madison County, Mississippi have no vehicle.

This data and census information suggest a desperate need for public transit services in Madison County. Also, this data implies that there is a targeted population that needs transportation services. Madison County Citizens Services Agency proposes to provide dependable affordable public transit services for the elderly, persons with disabilities and those in the Madison County area who need transportation services. MCCA plans to provide **29,300 – 31,200** transportation trips in 2021 - 2022.

Expansion in Services as a result of ARRA Funds:

MCCA received \$200,855 in ARRA funds for the purchase of (1) 17/21 ADA passenger bus, (1) 5/7 passenger van and 10 passenger shelters for the expansion of transportation services in Madison County. Transportation services have been expanded utilizing flexible routes for the (10) passenger shelters across rural Madison County. We have added (5) new flexible routes across Madison County. Reliable transportation services will be provided to impact accessibility to jobs and to address the personal transportation needs of the citizens in Madison County, MS.

NOTICE

Public Hearing

Transportation Services

Madison County Transportation Public Hearing



* MDOT *

Via ZOOM

Tuesday, January 26, 2021

5:30 p.m.

Please see below login information to join the Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4129938243?pwd=ZytZRWY2S25ZZ0VYdHYzVOlsUiBKUT09>

Meeting ID: 412 993 8243

Passcode: kArbB6

Thank you
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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE RURAL AREA PROGRAM

The Madison County Citizens Services Agency of Canton, Mississippi, is considering applying to the Mississippi Department of Transportation, Public Transportation Division, for assistance through its Rural Area Program to provide public transportation services within Madison County. Funding is available to state agencies, local public bodies and agencies thereof, non-profit organizations, operators of public transportation services in locations other than urbanized Area, and, under special circumstances, private operators of public transportation on a competitive basis to undertake eligible transportation activities.

The goals of the Rural Area Program are: to enhance the access of people in non-urbanized Area to health care, shopping, education, employment, public services and recreation; to assist in the maintenance, development, improvement, and use of public transportation systems in rural and small urban Area; to encourage and facilitate the most efficient use of all Federal funds used to provide passenger transportation in non-urbanized Area through the coordination of programs and services; and to provide for the participation of private transportation providers in non-urbanized transportation to the maximum extent feasible.

The purposes for which these funds can be used are capital purchases that include such items as support vehicles, communication equipment, wheelchair lifts, etc.; administrative costs that include such items as salaries, office supplies, insurance, etc.; and operating expenses that include such items as driver's wages, fuel, oil, etc. More specific details regarding eligible activities, program requirements and the program criteria will be provided at a public hearing which will be held at Via Zoom, on Tuesday, January 26, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. .

The purpose of this hearing will be to obtain citizen input into the development of the application.