

# QUADCO REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION

## Application for SFY12/13 UPWP Transportation Planning Project Funding

**Due: 3:00 p.m. March 18, 2011 - To Be AT LEAD AGENCY (not postmarked)**  
Applications can be submitted by single signed hard copy by mail, OR signed copy (signature in colored ink) scanned in PDF format and submitted by email to:  
[dpohle@co.grant.wa.us](mailto:dpohle@co.grant.wa.us)

**Applications must be Signed by Appropriate Agency Representatives**  
**(NO Faxed Copies shall be accepted)**

Agency Name: Lincoln County – Acting as Lead Agency for People For People

Project Name: Lincoln County Transportation Feasibility Study

Road/Street Name: 27234 SR 25 N. Davenport, WA 99122

Location Map Included  Yes  No

### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

PROVIDE A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF YOUR PROJECT INCLUDING WORK ITEMS ANTICIPATED AND TIMELINES FOR COMPLETION.

A Public Transportation Feasibility Study would provide the following:

1. A review of existing transportation services – identification of the type, level and usage of service provided.
  - *Expand information on existing services include personal vehicles, vanpools, special needs transportation, volunteer programs and school district transportation.*
  - *Description of destinations within Lincoln County and beyond for employment, medical, recreation and daily living activities.*
2. Community meeting and surveys which would serve to identify unmet transportation needs.
  - *Conduct surveys and community meetings that gather input from the general public.*
  - *Summary of the surveys and community forums utilized for the Human Services Transportation Plan indicating the special needs populations.*
3. Recommendations on the types and levels of transportation service needed to fully address the needs.
  - *Description of how transportation needs are addressed in similar counties in other parts of the country and Washington state.*
  - *Based upon the needs, indicate types of service that would best address the needs.*
4. Cost estimation for the services recommended and revenue estimation.
  - *Indicate funding necessary to implement suggested types and levels of service.*
5. A Summary Report providing recommendations to elected officials on future actions.
  - *Summary regarding how to move forward to implement the recommendations.*

Timeline: The project would begin July 1, 2011 with the final Feasibility Study completed by June 1, 2012.

**Total Project Cost: \$ 21,776.00**

## **BENEFITS TO REGIONAL SYSTEM**

### **Transportation System Operation and Safety**

#### **1. HOW DOES THE PROPOSED STUDY PROVE TO BENEFIT IN THE SOUND, EFFECTIVE, AND SAFE OPERATION OF THE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM?**

There is a perceived lack of transportation service to several populations within Lincoln County. Filling some of that unmet need could remove drivers from the road and improve the safety of the system. Examples include:

1. A transportation system could allow persons of diminished driving skills to leave the car at home.
2. Persons needing employment or educational opportunities but are legally restricted from driving would have transportation.

### **Supporting Livable Communities**

#### **2. HOW DOES THE PROPOSED STUDY PROVE TO BENEFIT THE TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS OF THE REGION'S MAJOR SOURCES OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT?**

The proposed feasibility study provides the ability to design and coordinate a public transportation system that:

1. Reduces vehicle miles for travel and reduces highway wear.
2. Provides individuals with access to employment, health care, shopping, education, and services for increased independence.
3. Allows individuals to continue residing in the rural and remote areas of the four-county region.
4. Provides employers with a workforce that has transportation options to employment opportunities.

Improved transportation will encourage the current workers to have more economical transportation options. The Census survey<sup>1</sup> asked in what industry the person worked. The top answer, at 26.6%, was in the field of "educational services, health care and social assistance." The second field, at 13.4%, was in the areas of "agriculture, forestry, fishing/hunting and mining." With the mean travel time to work at 21.5 minutes, the majority of people are working locally.

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<sup>1</sup> U.S. Census Bureau, Lincoln County, Washington 2005-2009 American Community Survey

**Enhanced Mobility**

**3. HOW DOES THE PROPOSED STUDY PROVE TO BENEFIT INCREASED TRAVEL OPTIONS, EASY CONNECTIONS, AND/OR REDUCE DELAYS FOR PEOPLE AND GOODS?**

A coordinated public transportation system is, by its nature, an increase in the travel options. People have better access to jobs, education, shopping, medical and legal business. A public transportation system provides dependability for people in lower paying jobs who might not be able to afford to maintain and operate a vehicle. Senior citizens can have lower cost access to medical, shopping and social opportunities which improve the quality of life and allow them to stay in their homes for added years.

The recent Census indicated that within Lincoln County, 72.8% of workers 16 years and over drove alone to work, .3% took Public Transportation, and 10.4% walked to work. With 4,943 people in the labor force, and 72.8% of them traveling alone, there is significant potential for implementing increased travel connections.

**Investment Value, Local Support, Multi-jurisdictional Coordination, & Partnerships**

**4. HOW DOES THE PROPOSED STUDY DEMONSTRATE A COST-EFFECTIVE MANNER TO ACHIEVE A VIABLE SOLUTION TO A POTENTIAL OR RECOGNIZED PROBLEM? (ATTACH LETTERS OF LOCAL SUPPORT, COLLABORATIVE DECISION MAKING BETWEEN JURISDICTIONS AND PARTNERS, AND HOW THE STUDY COSTS WILL BE USED TOWARDS THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN. LIST SOURCES OF ALL FUNDS THAT WILL BE USED, INCLUDING THOSE FROM PARTNERSHIPS).**

The project cost is for People For People to conduct the study. Having completed two Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plans, People For People has the expertise to compete the study efficiently and provide elected officials with a timely opportunity to discuss the recommendation and take action. People For People also coordinates the 4-County Community Transportation Planning Team. This group represents the four-county area, including Lincoln County. The members are well connected regarding the transportation needs in the area, and therefore their input and advice would be utilized when completing this feasibility study.

CERTIFICATION IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED IS ACCURATE AND ALL INFORMATION IS COMPLETE AND INCLUDED AS PART OF THE APPLICATION

Date: 3/16/2011

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