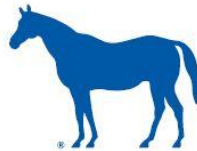


# upLIFT

Removing Barriers To Stable Housing And Self-Sufficiency  
Through Transportation Access

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## Background:

- *For the Grater Good: Report of the Mayor's Commission on Homelessness, January 2013*
- Recommendation V. b.2.a I.
  - ...the OHPI investigate a procedure that provides transportation assistance...
  - ...assistance given as an incentive for entering data into the HMIS.
  - ...can be free bus passes, and funding for a limited amount of cab vouchers.
- Recommendation V. b.2.a. II.
  - The OHPI explore partnerships....to establish funding and procedures for transporting individuals back to home counties.



## Goal:

To provide unlimited transportation access for those who are homeless; eliminating barriers to

- ✓ employment,
- ✓ medical services,
- ✓ child care,
- ✓ mental health services,
- ✓ daily living activities, and
- ✓ **most importantly.....obtaining and maintain housing.**



## Eligibility:

- Individuals and families **MUST** be currently residing in a Lexington emergency shelter or transitional housing program.
- Individuals and families **MUST** have a housing plan in place and actively be working with an agency case manager.



## Operations:

- The OHPI will purchase the amount of “tapcards” needed from LexTran.
- Client cards are generated from the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) by the OHPI. **Only agencies that participate in HMIS will be able to access this transportation program.**
  - See example
    - ID cards will contain an individual identifying picture.
    - ID cards will only be valid for fiscal year (July – June).
    - ID cards can be reissued at the first of each fiscal year if needed, i.e. client just received the card and has not yet been able to obtain housing.
- All organizations that participate must complete a quarterly survey for LexTran, provided by LexTran.
- This is a fixed route transportation service, no deviated route or “Wheels” rides will be included in this program.



## Operations:

- LexTran Shall:
  - Provide OHPI with 900 tap cards for the first six months of operation (soft roll out).
  - Provide OHPI with an additional 900 tap cards for the second six months of operation.
  - Provide an operations system for expiration dates of tap cards.
  
- OHPI Shall:
  - Provide ongoing training to LexTran supervisors on homelessness and local resources.



## Number Served:

- 1,200 Individuals
- 300 Families

## Investment:

- \$9,000 annually (Innovative and Sustainable Solutions to End Homelessness Fund can provide \$6,516.00)



## Outputs and Outcomes:

- Number of times passes were used?
- Most common routes for pass usage?
- Of the individuals issued an upLIFT card:
  - Exited to permeant housing?
    - Maintained housing at 6 months, 12 months, and 2-years post exit.
  - Obtained, maintained, or increased income?
  - Obtained, maintained, or increased mainstream benefits?



# Questions?



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