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OKI Awards More Than \$2.2 Million for Much Desired Transportation Options

Cincinnati, OH – The Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments (OKI) announced today that more than \$2.2 million will be awarded to various transportation providers throughout the region. These projects will better develop transportation access for welfare recipients, low-income individuals and the disabled.

“This funding will increase transportation availability and provide alternatives for individuals with limited options for mobility,” said OKI Board President and Clermont County Ohio Commissioner Edwin Humphrey. “These projects will positively affect participants and give them multiple opportunities for a better quality of life and well-being.”

A total of eight projects will receive federal funding totaling \$2,223,021:

Butler County Regional Transit Authority – Job Shuttle	\$620,000
Everybody Rides Metro	\$580,682
Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority (SORTA)	\$134,339
Butler County Regional Transit Authority – Medical Shuttle	\$287,099
Clovernook Center	\$47,097
Senior Services of Northern Kentucky	\$268,050
Towne Taxi	\$112,945
Wesley Community Services	\$172,809

Funding was made possible through two federal programs: Section 5316 Job Access/Reverse Commute (JARC) and Section 5317 New Freedom. The goal of JARC is to improve transportation access to employment and related activities for welfare recipients and eligible low-income individuals. The goal of New Freedom is provide additional tools to overcome existing barriers facing Americans with disabilities seeking integration into the work force and full participation in society.

“Providing transportation options gives populations that are typically underserved, access to something so simple but also life changing,” said OKI Executive Director Mark Policinski. “It brings great satisfaction to help these communities that need the extra transportation push to assist with everyday situations.”

OKI is a council of local governments, business organizations and community groups committed to developing collaborative strategies, plans and programs to improve the quality of life and the economic development potential of the Tri-State.

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