



Town of Simsbury

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Social Services Department

BOARD OF SELECTMAN MEETING AGENDA SUBMISSION

1. **Date of Submission:** November 15, 2013
2. **Date of Board Meeting:** November 25, 2013
3. **Entity making Submission:** Social Services Department
4. **Action Requested:** Approval of purchase of new Dial-A-Ride vehicle
5. **Responsible for Submission:** M. Lecours-Beck, Director
Social Services Department
6. **Summary of Submission:** We are in desperate need of a new vehicle, and are unable to obtain it through the usual Section 5310 federal transportation program. Therefore, we will use donated funds from the Darling Trust and donations made to the Dial-A-Ride Revenue Account. The cost of this vehicle is \$52,887.

By ordering this vehicle by December 31st, we are able to Use the State Contract for a savings of over \$8,000.

SIMSBURY DIAL-A-RIDE PROGRAM

VEHICLE PURCHASE

Current Vehicle Mileage

2006 Ford Econoline	164,756 Miles
2010 Ford E450 Supreme	87,542 Miles

- Federal Transportation Program current being revamped. No date for applications for new vehicles.
- Even if we were able to apply and be approved for federal transportation program today, it would be 2 years before we would get a vehicle.
- Will use State Bid Contract and save over \$8,000 on price of vehicle.
- Dial-A-Ride provides approximately 753 rides to 90 unduplicated residents per month.
- Beginning 7/1/13, we started selling Dial-A-Ride passes for \$25 per person. 227 people have purchased passes for a total of \$5,700 in additional revenues.
- We have received a bequest in the amount of \$86,472 from Simsbury resident Miriam Nichols.

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22 November 2013

Mickey Lecours-Beck
Director Town of Simsbury
Social Services Department
754 Hopmeadow Street
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Dear Mickey:

The Housing Authority of the Town of Simsbury endorses the Social Services Department's purchase of a new vehicle for the Dial-a-Ride program.

This program is essential to the residents of the Dr. Owen Murphy Apartments as well as the Virginia Connolly residents. The Dial a-Ride program affords the residents the ability to attend necessary medical appointments in addition to providing an opportunity for shopping and attending events at the Senior Center.

A new vehicle will continue to provide a safe and reliable service.

I thank you for providing this service to our residents.

Sincerely,



Edward J. LaMontagne
Executive Director

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