



City of Lawrence

2016 Social Service Funding Application – Non-Alcohol Funds

Applications for 2016 funding must be complete and submitted electronically to the City Manager's Office at ctoomay@lawrenceks.org by 5:00 pm on Friday, May 15, 2015. Applications received after the deadline or not following the attached format **will not** be reviewed by the Social Service Funding Advisory Board.

General Information: Each year, the City Commission considers requests for the allocation of dollars to a number of agencies that provide services benefiting the Lawrence community. These funds are to be used to support activities that align with the Community Health Plan which was developed with input from many people throughout the community. The five areas for the plan are listed below:

- Access to healthy foods
- Access to health services
- Mental health
- Physical activity
- Poverty and jobs

More information on the Community Health Plan can be found at <http://ldchealth.org/information/about-the-community/community-health-improvement-plan/>.

Applications will be reviewed by the Social Service Funding Advisory Board at meetings held from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on May 27. **Applicants are asked to make a contact person available by phone at that time in case questions arise.**

Following their review, the Advisory Board will forward recommendations for funding to the City Commission. Recommendations will be based upon the following criteria:

- availability of city funds
- the stated objectives of the applicant's program
- alignment of the program with the Community Health Plan
- the efforts to collaborate and create a seamless system of support for residents
- outcomes that move program participants from total dependency toward measurable levels of independence
- ability to measure progress toward the program objectives and the Community Health Plan
- past performance by the agency in adhering to funding guidelines (as appropriate)

The final decision regarding funding will be made by the City Commission when they adopt the Annual Operating and Capital Improvement Budget in August.

Please note that funds will be disbursed according to the following schedule unless otherwise agreed to in writing:

- First half of funds will not be disbursed before April 1
- Second half of funds will not be disbursed before October 1

Questions? Contact Casey Toomay, Assistant City Manager at ctoomay@lawrenceks.org or at 785-832-3409.



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SECTION 1. APPLICANT INFORMATION

Legal Name of Agency: Douglas County Senior Services, Inc.
Name of Program for Which Funding is Requested: Senior Wheels
Primary Contact Information (must be available by phone 5/27/15 from 8 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.)
Contact Name and Title: Kristin Scheurer, Executive Director
Address: 745 Vermont Street, Lawrence, KS 66044
Telephone: 785-842-0543 Fax: 785-842-0562
Email: kscheurer@dgcoseniorservices.org

SECTION 2. REQUEST INFORMATION

- A. Amount of funds requested from the City for this program for calendar year 2016: \$ 36,800
B. Will these funds be used for capital outlay (equipment or facilities?) If so, please describe: No
C. Will these funds be used to leverage other funds? If so, how: No
D. Did you receive City funding for this program in 2015? If so, list the amount and source for funding (i.e. General Fund, Alcohol Fund, etc.): No
1. How would any reduction in city funding in 2016 impact your agency?
2. If you are requesting an increase in funding over 2015, please explain why and exactly how the additional funds will be used:

SECTION 3. PROGRAM BUDGET INFORMATION

A.

Table with 5 columns: Description, Status, Total Cost, Medical Rides, and another column. Rows include Personnel (Dispatcher, Lead Driver/Backup Dispatcher, 7 P/T Drivers), Fringe Benefits (Taxes, Staff Development, Medical Exams), Travel, Office Space, Office Supplies, Equipment, and Other. Totals: 188,070 and 84,632.

B. What percent of 2016 program costs are being requested from the City?

DCSS is requesting 50% of the costs for medical rides.

- C. Provide a list of all anticipated sources of funding and funding amount for this program in 2016:
Funding Sources for medical rides

Donations	\$ 532
Rider Fares	\$10,500
Douglas County	\$36,800
Total	<u>\$47,832</u>

SECTION 4. STATEMENT OF PROBLEM / NEED TO BE ADDRESSED BY PROGRAM

- A. The operation of a private vehicle is essential for many adults in Lawrence. However, as people age one of the most difficult milestones is giving up driving. Older adults who no longer drive find it difficult and expensive to get to necessary medical appointments. The challenge is even greater when walking to a bus stop is impossible due to mobility limitations or if the client is in a wheelchair. Non-driving older adults have a significant barrier preventing access to health services.
DCSS Senior Wheels program provides adults over age 60, door-to-door transportation to/from vital medical appointments.
- B. How was the need for this program determined?
The Community Health Plan identified the need for affordable transportation to medical appointments.
- C. Why should this problem/need be addressed by the City?
The Community Health Plan identified that access to health services has a deep impact on quality of life.
- D. How does the program align with the Community Health Plan (see page one)?
Senior Wheels provides the communities most vulnerable older adults access to vital health services.

SECTION 5. DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM SERVICES

- A. Provide a brief description of the service you will provide and explain how it will respond to the need you identified in Section 4.
Senior Wheels provides door-to-door transportation service for riders age 60 or older. Service hours are Monday to Friday from 8:00 am – 3:00 pm. The service area for this request is within Lawrence city limits. Riders schedule a ride 48 hours in advance. Clients get assistance boarding and debarking the vehicles, and get a helping hand getting to their medical appointments. Approximately 400 clients rely on Senior Wheels to access medical appointments. Annually it represents 3,500 one-way trips. Cost for all rides within the City of Lawrence is \$3.00 each way.
- B. What other agencies in the community are providing similar types of services. What efforts have you made to avoid duplication or coordinate services with those agencies?
Independence Inc. provides transportation service to the public. Cost is \$3.00 for a one-way fare.

Lawrence Transit T Lift is a door-to-door, shared ride paratransit service. T Lift service is available for transit riders who, because of a disability, are unable to use the fixed routes. Cost is \$2.00 for a one-way fare.

Douglas County Senior Wheels continues to work cooperatively with other agencies, as demand for transportation service continues to increase in our community.

SECTION 6. PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

- Metric 1: Number of one-way medical trips
Objective: To deliver 3,500 one-way medical trips within the City of Lawrence in 2016.
- Metric 2:
Objective: Ensure 400 clients have access to medical services in 2016.
- Metric 3:
Objective: Increase demand for medical rides by 5% in 2016 versus prior year.