



SENIOR EXPRESS

January 21, 2016

County Supervisor Tommie Martin
Gila County Economic Development
610 E HWY 260
Payson, AZ 85541

RE: Request for Funding

Dear Tommie,

The SENIOR EXPRESS transportation program is respectfully requesting the opportunity for funding in the amount of \$20,000 to support our senior and disabled transportation program in our community.

Our Senior Express transportation is the only donation based transportation program in this area. Our days are filled with our senior and disabled riders going to various medical appointments, the stores and other business establishments. This program allows many seniors and disabled to remain independent when they are no longer able to drive or lack transportation. We currently serve about 450 people a month and make about 700 trips a month or approximately 8,400 trips a year. We offer services south to Gisela, north to Mesa Del and to the eastern outskirts of Star Valley.

The need for this transportation program continues to grow as our seniors age. Our program budget is \$90,000 and approximately 50% of it is funded through government agencies. Our donations are minimal from our clients because of the income-base we serve. With limited funds, we have limited hours. We cannot get our seniors and disabled to where they need to be and too many times we have had to tell them "no". It is an extreme hardship for our seniors when they have to take a taxi that costs \$20 round trip. This \$20 can be used to buy much-needed groceries and prescriptions.

We are committed to our seniors and understand how important it is maintain quality of life and independence for as long as possible. Our transportation services achieves their ability to be independent, to socialize and to continue being a thriving person.

Thank you for your consideration in funding \$20,000 for this vital program. Should you have any questions, please call me at 928-474-4876.

Sincere regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joanne Conlin".

Joanne Conlin
Director