

GRANT APPLICATION COVER PAGE (Attachment A)

Name of Applicant Organization: Southwest Iowa Transit Agency

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Contact Person: Jeff Beckner

Board of Directors Chairperson of Applicant: Richard Crouse

Is your organization

Private School

Public School

Private Not for Profit

Government

Private for Profit

Other _____

Tax Exempt Status [e. 501 C (3)]:

28E

Federal ID#: 42-1046043

Name of Project: Pre-school Transportation

Target Population of Project: All in need of transportation

Category New Project

Existing Project

Total amount requested from Boost4Families

\$36,000

In-Kind Contributions
Funding

local match, State / Fed

Other funding secured for this project
Funding

local match, State / Fed

TOTAL PROGRAM COST

\$ 51,490.05

I certify that I am duly authorized to commit and assurances for the applicant, and therefore agree to comply with all the provisions of the Request for Proposal, and to the best of my knowledge, the information contained in this application is correct and complete.

Signature of authorized Officer/Director of Applicant

Date

Budget Narrative

The attached Budget Detail (Attachment C) is based upon the current fiscal year budget. The current services are for the following preschools:

1. YMCA of Glenwood
2. Holy Cross of Glenwood
3. Building Bridges of Glenwood
4. Good Shepherd of Stanton
5. Little Tigers of Red Oak
6. Kaleidoscope of Red Oak
7. Right Start of Red Oak
8. Pooh Corners of Malvern

While we are aware that services can change from year to year, we are confident that we can continue to meet the needs.

April 7, 2009

Amy Chastain
Boost4Families
101 Central, Ste 124
PO Box 469
Glenwood, IA 51534

Dear Ms. Chastain,

Enclosed you will find our response to your Request for Proposal Application 2010 to provide transportation services. We based our request on 2009 current service data.

If you should have any questions, comments, or concerns please call me at 712-243-4196.

Sincerely,

Jeff Beckner
Transit Director

CC: File
Attachements

DETAILED BUDGET SAMPLE (Attachment C)

Please follow the budget format below. Each category must include detail line items such as the examples in italics.

DESCRIPTION OF EXPENSES	PROPOSAL REQUEST BOOST REV \$36,000	OTHER FUNDING (IDENTIFY SOURCE) FED TRANSIT REV \$9,367.14	OTHER FUNDING (IDENTIFY SOURCE) STATE TRANSIT REV \$6,122.91	IN-KIND MATCH
Salaries: <i>List # FTE & titles</i> <i>4 PT Drivers & 7 FTE</i> <i>Transit Director</i> <i>Transit Coordinator</i> <i>Mechanic</i> <i>3 Office Ass'ts</i> <i>Financial Director</i> SUBTOTAL \$19,908.11				
Benefits: <i>FICA</i> <i>IPERS/Retirement</i> <i>Health</i> <i>Dental</i> <i>Other</i> SUBTOTAL \$6,293.78				
Training/Travel: <i>Registration fees</i> <i>Out of area travel</i> <i>In area travel</i> SUBTOTAL \$1,276.64				
Office Supplies: <i>Postage</i> <i>Printing</i> <i>Supplies</i> SUBTOTAL \$8,243.41				
Program Materials: <i>Curriculum</i> <i>Participant materials</i> <i>Advertising</i> SUBTOTAL \$1,595.84				
Equipment: <i>Purchase</i> <i>Rental</i> <i>Maintenance</i> SUBTOTAL \$23,379.79				

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Request for Proposal Application FY2010

Project Narrative

Southwest Iowa Transit Agency is the designated Public Transportation Provider for Eight (8) Counties in Southwest Iowa, those counties include; Cass, Fremont, Harrison, Mills, Montgomery, Page, Pottawattamie, and Shelby. Southwest Iowa Transit Agency (SWITA) runs under the authority of the Southwest Iowa Planning Council in Atlantic, IA. SWITA receives financial assistance from the State of Iowa, Federal Transit Administration (FTA), our eight (8) counties, and the cities that we provide taxi service. SWITA has been the designated Public Transportation Provider since 1979.

SWITA requests funding of \$36,000, this is a 12% cut from last year's budget. SWITA is willing to take this large cut since Pooh Corners will not require transportation next school year.

With the amount requested, we plan to provide pre-school transportation to all children under transportation grants from B4F in the approved locations.

Our project is general in nature until each school year when the attendance and transportation needs are addressed. Routes are designed based upon each years individuals needs. Our goal is to provide safe, reliable transportation at an affordable cost.

Our target population is all pre-school students.

Our project outcome is to provide safe, reliable transportation to those in need. It has been shown that there is a need for transportation service options; many families do not have the solution to the transportation needs as well as most pre-schools not having the resources to offer transportation services on their own. This great coordination effort has proven successful going into its third year.

Strategies that SWITA requires to make this project successful are cooperation from each pre-school with obtaining transportation applications, full communication with the SWITA office when adding or deleting riders, not just the driver. Communications and support between SWITA and Amy Chastain have been great.

To date, the grant funds that we have received, in combination with our local, state, and federal funding have been able to keep the program running. Without the contribution from Boost4Families, the program would not be able to serve as many clients or for the duration of the school year.

If the Transportation Project is not fully funded, in the reduced requested amount, we cannot guarantee how many children will be able to be served. SWITA does not know how many children will require transportation, to what centers, how many drivers or how many buses will be required to perform the service until a few weeks prior to the year starting. SWITA has been more than cooperative to work under these time restraints, but a fully allocated cost cannot be determined until that time.

SWITA continually monitors the status of each route monthly. Factors that determine a success in the project are the financials for the routes, meeting the transportation requests for service and the fact that we have been able to expand the service to self-paying clients as well.

SWITA places coordinated projects such as this high on our priority list. Coordination between Health and Human Service Agencies and Public Transit Providers has been over-looked for many years. The efforts and successes of this project have been recognized throughout the state and has been a model for other agencies. We take great pride in the services that we have been able to provide through this effort.

Thank you for the opportunity to coordinate these services as well as to help fill in known transportation gaps. We look forward to many years of partnership.

Sincerely,

Jeff Beckner
Transit Director