



Ohio · Kentucky · Indiana  
Regional Council of Governments

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
**July 31, 2008**

## **OKI Awards \$446,000 for Transportation Projects**

**Money will provide transportation services to the elderly and disabled**

**Cincinnati, Ohio** – The Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments (OKI) announced today that \$446,000 will be distributed to 10 organizations throughout the Greater Cincinnati area to help meet the transportation needs of the elderly and disabled.

“OKI is committed to this project because it allows us to help those who need transportation options most,” said OKI Board President and Liberty Township Trustee Christine Matacic. “The importance of serving these populations in a safe and effective way can not be stressed enough.”

The funds were allocated from the Ohio Department of Transportation’s 5310 Specialized Transportation Program grant and will be used by the area organizations to purchase accessible vehicles to transport elderly and disabled passengers. There are four types of vehicles available for purchase by the organizations, and each vehicle is specially designed to accommodate different types of wheelchair and ambulatory passengers.

The converted van can fit up to 12 ambulatory passengers and one wheelchair passenger. The light transit vehicle can accommodate up to 16 ambulatory passengers, as well as two wheelchair passengers. The standard minivan can accommodate up to six ambulatory passengers. Finally, the modified minivan is similar to the standard minivan but it can also accommodate two wheelchair passengers.

“The accessible vehicles will help these organizations provide their passengers with safe transportation,” said OKI Executive Director Mark Policinski. “This project will have a huge impact on the elderly and disabled who were previously unable to travel.”

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.

**For Additional Information Contact: Brian Cunningham (513) 619-7670**  
**Sarah Fry (513) 621-6300 ext. 141**

**- attachment -**

*Christine L. Matacic*  
President

*Mark R. Policinski*  
Executive Director



Ohio · Kentucky · Indiana  
Regional Council of Governments

### 5310 Specialized Transportation Program Grant Recipients

Project Sponsor	Description	Federal Funding Amount
Abilities First Foundation	One Converted Van	\$30,006
Anderson Senior Center	One Converted Van	\$29,468
Cincinnati Area Senior Services, Inc.	One Light Transit Vehicle	\$35,118
Clermont Senior Services, Inc.	Two Light Transit Vehicles	\$68,882
Clifton Senior Center	Two Converted Vans	\$55,589
Community Services West	One Converted Van	\$28,443
LifeSphere d.b.a. The Knolls of Oxford	One Light Transit Vehicle	\$48,479
LifeSphere d.b.a. The Sycamore Senior Center	One Light Transit Vehicle; One Converted Van	\$78,117
Warren County Community Services	One Standard Minivan; One Modified Minivan	\$43,416
Wesley Community Services	One Converted Van	\$29,468

###

*Christine L. Matacic*  
President

*Mark R. Policinski*  
Executive Director