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PATH Receives \$50,000 to Expand Transportation Assistance for Seniors and People with Disabilities

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Beginning October 1, 2026, more older adults and people with disabilities in the Charlottesville region can receive transportation assistance when no other transportation option is available.

The **Partnership for Accessible Transportation Help (PATH)**, a program of the **Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission (TJPD)**, received **\$50,000 from the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT)** to expand its **Transportation Assistance Fund (TAF)**.

Transportation can be a significant barrier to healthcare and other essential services, particularly in rural communities where public transportation is limited, and other transportation providers may not be available. PATH's Transportation Assistance Fund serves as a safety net for people facing these situations.

The fund can help cover transportation costs after other options - including public transit, paratransit, volunteer driver programs, family support, and insurance-covered transportation - have been explored and found unavailable or unsuitable.

The additional DRPT funding will significantly expand PATH's ability to assist eligible residents throughout **Charlottesville and the counties of Albemarle, Fluvanna, Greene, Louisa, and Nelson**.

Eligible applicants include **adults age 65 and older and people with disabilities** who meet income guidelines and lack another suitable transportation option. PATH reviews each request individually to determine whether assistance is available and appropriate.

Know Someone Who Needs Transportation? Contact PATH.

PATH encourages **healthcare providers, social workers, case managers, local governments, aging and disability organizations, community organizations, caregivers, and other service providers** to refer individuals who may be struggling to reach an important appointment because they lack transportation.

Residents and their families are also encouraged to contact PATH directly.

To learn more about the Transportation Assistance Fund, request assistance, or refer someone who may need help: Call the PATH Helpline: 888-879-7379, Visit: <https://pathva.org/taf>



About PATH

The Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission (TJPDCC) operates the Partnership for Accessible Transportation Help (PATH), a mobility management program that helps residents navigate and access transportation options throughout Virginia's Planning District 10.

PATH serves Charlottesville and the counties of Albemarle, Fluvanna, Greene, Louisa, and Nelson, with a special focus on older adults and people with disabilities. Through personalized transportation counseling, workshops, travel training, and coordination with community partners, PATH helps residents identify transportation solutions that support mobility and independence.

PATH also works with transportation providers, local governments, community organizations, and volunteer driver programs to strengthen the region's transportation network and address transportation gaps.

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