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## Purpose

- 1 This policy establishes funding for specialized transportation providers operating within Rocky View County (the County).



## Policy Statement

- 2 Council recognizes the importance of specialized transportation that makes it easier for County residents to access medical and therapeutic services. Through this grant program, Council supports transportation providers who specialize in serving senior citizens and persons with disabilities.



## Policy

- 3 Council allocates the total amount of specialized transportation assistance grant funds available in its annual budget.
- 4 The grant funding awarded may vary in any given year due to the volume of applications.
- 5 Specialized transportation providers that provide County-wide service receive grant funding priority.
- 6 Grant payment to a particular specialized transportation provider in one year does not guarantee grant payments in the future.

- 7 Specialized transportation providers:
- (1) are eligible for grant funding to support transportation needs of seniors and individuals with disabilities who require transit to their medical or therapeutic appointments;
  - (2) must demonstrate fiscal responsibility through a cost recovery model that includes user fees or other forms of operational funding;
  - (3) shall enter into an agreement with the County outlining the terms and conditions of the grant funding; and
  - (4) must submit a grant completions report to the County no later than three months after the end of the calendar year. A grant completion report is required to be eligible for future grant funding consideration.

8 The following are ineligible for grant funding under this policy:

- (1) cost of transportation beyond medical or therapeutic services;
- (2) fundraising activities;
- (3) honoraria; and
- (4) retroactive expenditures.



## References

Legal Authorities	• N/A
Related Plans, Bylaws, Policies, etc.	• N/A
Related Procedures	• N/A
Other	• N/A



## Policy History

Amendment Date(s) – Amendment Description	• 2019 December 10 – Council amended to give fund allocation guidance, streamline the program, and align with current practices
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Review Date(s) – Review Outcome  
Description

- 2009 September 08 – Council amended
- 2019 November 27 – Minor changes recommended to align with current practices and policy standards



## Definitions

9 In this policy:

- (1) “Council” means the duly elected Council of Rocky View County;
- (2) “County” means Rocky View County;
- (3) “grant funds” means the amount of funds allocated annually to the specialized transportation grants component of the County’s budget;
- (4) “person with a disability” means:
  - (a) a person who has a substantial physical or mental impairment that is continuous or recurrent;
  - (b) the direct and cumulative effect of the impairment on the person’s ability to attend to his or her personal care, function in the community, or function in a workplace, results in a substantial restriction in one or more of these activities of daily living; and
  - (c) the impairment and its likely duration and the restriction in the person’s activities of daily living have been verified by a person with the prescribed qualifications;
- (5) “Rocky View County” means Rocky View County as a municipal corporation and the geographical area within its jurisdictional boundaries, as the context requires;
- (6) “senior citizen” means a person who is 65 years of age or older;
- (7) “specialized transportation” means transportation provided for medical or therapeutic services; and



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- (8) “specialized transportation provider” means an association, society, or group duly registered with the Province of Alberta as a non-profit organization that provides specialized transportation.