



MEMORANDUM

Senior Services & LINX Transit

Date: December 1, 2025

To: Mayor Jackola and City Council

From: Kindra Oliver, Senior Center & LINX Transit Director

Subject: Monthly LINX Transit & Senior Center Report

LINX Transit:

LINX Transit posted RFQ's to three vendors on the Oregon State Price Agreement for two buses. We had to time the RFQ's in order to take possession of the buses when Oregon Department of Transportation Public Transit Division will have the federal dollars on hand to reimburse funds right away, which should be late spring 2026. We are not sure if the buses will arrive at the end of FY25-26 or beginning of FY26-27, but will keep all apprised of that timeline along the way. Vendor quotes are due back on December 3, 2025.

- We have a federal 5310 grant for up to \$179,460 for a replacement for our oldest CDL bus. We also have a Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund (STIF) Discretionary grant for up to \$18,486 in match for this bus.
- We have a federal 5339 grant for up to \$170,000 for a non-CDL bus to assist our LINX team with keeping up with the increased demand for transportation service in our community. We also have a STIF Discretionary grant for up to \$27,000 in match for this bus.

Senior Center:

The Veterans Recognition event was a wonderful time of remembrance, honoring our Veterans and connecting generations. Over 60 seniors, along with middle school leadership class students and the high school JROTC students came together for the event. Students shared some pieces they wrote in their class about military connections in their family and what our Veterans mean to them. Some Veterans shared stories and thoughts on service, including a 105-year-old World War II Veteran that survived the sinking of two of the ships he was on during that time! Staff and others in attendance were "moved" throughout the program.

Our Annual Thanksgiving Banquet was held on November 20th. With the help of The Oaks of Lebanon, Willamette Manor and the Gillott Home Team, we were able to serve 261 meals to seniors in our community. This number of meals served starts to rival the numbers we saw five years ago, pre-Covid. Seniors are back! We've seen similar increases in number with other classes and programming. Many seniors are working their way back from isolation and trying to make new connections. Others are experiencing greater needs as costs of living go up and their income

does not. We had 35 volunteers that helped to make the Thanksgiving meal special, including the Lebanon High School Varsity Cheer Team. Thank you to all who helped with this event!

Medicare Open Enrollment is a busy time at the Senior Center. Seniors are looking for information about Medicare plan changes and updated options in order to make decisions about changes or new enrollment for the 2026 calendar year. Many insurance representatives rent a room in the Senior center over the open enrollment period to share the benefits and details of the plan(s) that they represent. SHIBA (Senior Health Insurance Benefits Assistance) is the non-profit volunteer program out of OCWCOG that helps answer Medicare questions year-round; they too request more dates to use space to meet with seniors one-on-one to help them get accurate information for their individual needs. Connecting seniors to information and resources is a vital benefit to our community that the Senior Center provides.