



MEMORANDUM

Senior Services & LINX Transit

Date: May 4, 2026

To: Mayor Jackola and City Council

From: Kindra Oliver, Senior Center & LINX Transit Director

Subject: Monthly LINX Transit & Senior Center Report

LINX Transit:

ODOT and Linn County have recently published application due dates for the 2027-29 biennium public transportation grant solicitations for state and federal funding opportunities.

To date, we've applied for the following:

- FY2027-29 Federal 5310 for \$312,651 for operations and \$74,616 for preventative maintenance and mechanic services for the LINX fleet;
- FY2027-31 Federal 5339 for three replacement vehicles for 80% cost of vehicle; (capital improvement equipment agreement allows four years to complete purchase)
- FY2027-31 Statewide Transportation Improvement Funds (STIF) for 20% match for three replacement vehicles (capital improvement equipment agreement allows four years to complete purchase)
- FY2027-28 Statewide Transportation Improvement Funds (STIF) in the amount of \$222,400 for maintaining service for the second deviated fixed route to help meet the increased demand for service LINX Transit provides
- FY2027-29 Federal 5311 for \$287,714 for operations

The FY2027-29 Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund (STIF) payroll and population grant process will open up in August 2026.

Senior Center:

The annual 6-Week Food Gardening program has been under way all through April and will wrap up at in mid-May. Master Gardener, Sheryl Casteen, has been hosting this free education opportunity for our community for a number of years. There have been 100+ attendees at each of the Saturday sessions, held at the Senior Center. As economic times are challenging or desires to know food quality increase, Lebanon will have the information ready to benefit the well-being of those in our community.

One of our regular patrons approached staff about sharing his love for space in honor of Earth Day. This gentleman used his computer skills to create a video presentation that utilized NASA footage and other sources to share views of the Earth from a perspective that we do not often get to experience. When our community's most experienced share their passions some of the most authentic learning happens. Our community is so fortunate to have such unique experiences that can be shared.

The biggest event at the Center for April was the Tea Party. Staff got a little nervous when ninety people signed up, so we endeavored to hunt down additional tea cups to ensure everyone had a very special experience. The 2026 Strawberry Princesses joined us and were an absolute delight, as they interacted with attendees and swapped stories with some royalty from years gone by. Strawberry Dale Hall shared about the purpose of the Strawberrians and a bit of history around the parade and community festival. All the attendees reportedly had a delightful time.