

February 19, 2025

Ryan Collins
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Re: Letter of Support 2025-2027 Grant

Mr. Collins,

On behalf of the City of Manor serving as the Mayor, I am supportive of Senior Access applying for Federal Transit Administration (FTA) 5310 grant funding to help sustain their level of service to our community and neighboring communities that provide transportation for their senior residents. In 2024 Senior Access provided over 14,000 rides to seniors in the communities they serve. The funding Senior Access received in the past helped support their operations and expanded their service programs and transportation schedules to meet the growing demands of the senior residents who depend on this level of transportation living here in Central Texas.

Over the past few years, Senior Access' transportation program has provided reliable service and has maintained a consistent level of access for the organization to schedule healthcare appointments weeks in advance without inconveniencing the senior residents or their family members to assist them with this transportation request. The organization has built a level of trust with the Manor citizens, and we are very fortunate to have the organization include our community in their service territory.

Our current demographics are 55% Hispanic, 25% African American, and the remaining 20% include our senior age group population. In 2020, the city approved a number of senior living complexes and will add more living units as the demand for this age group continues to increase.

It is my hope that the City of Manor's support of transportation needs for our rural, suburban communities in the region is considered during this application process. The growth demands throughout Central Texas require more collaborative and coordinated approaches to addressing transportation services for communities that are experiencing an increase in their senior age group population that would utilize the local and regional public transportation services options that are accessible to them. Senior Access and its partners are committed to taking care of its senior residents and working with CAMPO and other regional agencies has helped the organization achieve its mission on an annual basis.

Always working to make the world a better place,

Dr. Christopher Harvey
Mayor