

Loveland Center, Inc.
Ride Together, Rise Together

Loveland Center, Inc. executes its mission to help individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities to live their lives to the fullest by creating access, independence and connection for individuals who too often face barriers to fully participating in their communities. Its proposed ***Ride Together, Rise Together*** initiative would ensure that Loveland Center residents have dependable transportation to live active, connected lives with the purchase of four additional pre-owned wheelchair accessible vans and minibuses.

The additional transportation would impact the approximately 200 individuals with disabilities and seniors living at the Senator Nancy C. Detert Residential Community. Of the 200, Loveland Center would be able to expand community access from 20 at a time to 70 at a time, increasing individuals served from 60 to 120, including up to 60 seniors. Our grant would fund the \$108,000 total initiative budget, which includes \$46,000 for two minibuses, \$44,000 for two passenger vans, \$10,000 for gas, \$2,000 for branded sides of the vehicles and \$6,000 for insurance and registration fees.

This expanded access would allow both seniors and individuals with disabilities to actively participate in the community in activities such as shopping, attending art classes, volunteering and visiting local attractions. These individuals with disabilities may build the confidence and real-world experience needed to pursue employment, increased independence and long-term volunteer roles. Seniors would benefit from continued involvement in the community, which supports emotional well-being, cognitive health, and a sustained sense of purpose.

All support staff at Loveland Center are trained as drivers and caregivers; therefore, it would not require any additional staff for this initiative. The Recreational Manager and Day Program Manager would be responsible for managing the activities and coordinating the vehicle routes.

Ongoing operational costs, including maintenance, insurance, and gas would be sustained through rental revenue generated by the newly expanded Senator Nancy C. Detert Residential Community. As this housing community becomes fully occupied, the consistent rental income will create a reliable funding stream to cover transportation-related expenses.

Many individuals with disabilities and seniors face mobility challenges that make accessing social events, volunteer opportunities, and essential services difficult without support. The opening of the Senator Nancy C. Detert Residential Community will more than double the number of residents at Loveland's Venice campus, requiring the increase of supports and vehicles that help individuals access the community. *Ride Together, Rise Together* would change that, ensuring all residents, regardless of age or ability, have dependable transportation to live active, connected lives.