

CAROLINE COUNTY PRESS RELEASE



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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CREATES FUND TO ASSIST COUNTY RESIDENTS WITH RELIABLE TRANSPORTATION

The Caroline County Board of Supervisors has agreed to provide \$20,000 to establish a Transportation Assistance Fund to assist eligible County residents with obtaining reliable transportation. The fund is not designed to replace the discontinued FRED Transit System bus service in Caroline and would not provide public transportation. However, it will provide assistance to Caroline residents who fall below established income standards but are not eligible for TANF/VIEW (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families/Virginia Initiative for Education and Training) or SNAP employment and training. The goal of the fund is to remove transportation barriers for individuals and move them toward self-sufficiency and independence where possible.

Eligible costs include assistance with gas cards, vehicle repairs, vehicle purchases, insurance, taxes, DMV fees and court fines. Gas cards may be issued at a rate of \$50 every 30 days. Vehicles may be purchased at a maximum of \$4,000. Repairs can be approved if the condition of the vehicle justifies the cost of repairs.

To be eligible, income must be at or below 50% of the state median income scale based on household size. Assistance is limited to once per calendar year.

To access assistance from the fund, Caroline residents should apply at the Department of Social Services during regular business hours. For more information about eligibility and options for assistance, contact the Department of Social Services at (804) 633-5071.

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