

# TRANSIT EMPOWERMENT FUND

FOUNDED IN 2011

**Mission:** Empowering people by increasing access to transit options.

**Focus:** Increasing access to education, employment, healthcare and social services for low-income individuals and families.

## ACTIVITIES & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

### Demonstration Projects

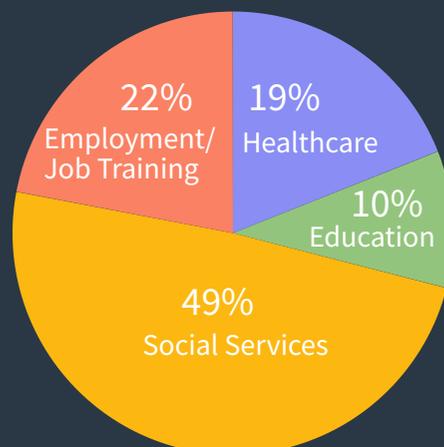
Funded **9** demonstration projects:

-  Pilot program through which low income Travis County residents can request a ride to and from a medical clinic
-  HACA program that uses a peer to peer approach to train residents how to use various forms of transportation
-  Address the transportation needs of local older adults
-  Provide transportation in Far Northeast Austin & Del Valle to access Parent-Child Education programs
-  Development of a pilot addressing the intersection of food access and transportation needs
-  Development of a pilot to reduce barriers for HATC residents participating in workforce development & higher education
-  Created a mobile ecosystem to coordinate access to services to underserved communities in the Eastern Crescent.
-  Provided medical rides for five local nonprofit organizations
-  Development of a pilot to address transportation needs of clients with criminal justice involvement

### Transit Pass Program

**101** partner organizations since Fund was created in 2011

In 2021, passes distributed provided access to:



### Microgrants

Offered **\$1,000** microgrants supporting:

-  Homeless Point In Time Count
-  Afterschool Program
-  Transportation Literacy
-  Access to Schools for Displaced Youth
-  Workforce Pilot
-  Summer Youth Program
-  Peer to Peer Mental Health Support
-  Transportation to healthcare & social services
-  2020 Census Incentives
-  Get Out the Vote
-  Transportation to Health Education
-  Recovery Community Events

# IMPACT

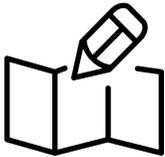
Averaged  
**2,278**  
Rides/Month  
in 2021

Provided  
**7 MILLION +**  
Rides  
since 2011

Served  
**84,938**  
Clients  
since 2013

## 2022 WORKPLAN

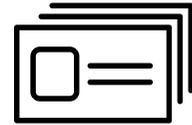
Fund new  
demonstration  
projects



Distribute bus  
passes through  
the Transit Pass  
Program



Increase  
distribution of  
microgrants



## ABOUT

The Transit Empowerment Fund was established in 2011 through a partnership between Capital Metro, Austin's regional public transportation provider, and One Voice Central Texas, a coalition of more than 100 health and human service nonprofit organizations. The goal was to address the impact of rising public transit fare costs on low-income individuals.

In 2016, the Fund began offering microgrants that are designed to provide additional opportunities to meet the mission of enhancing access to transportation for low-income, transit-dependent individuals in the Austin area. They can be used to support an event or short-term innovative project that advances the TEF mission by assisting individuals access education, employment, healthcare, or social services.

[www.transitempowermentfund.org](http://www.transitempowermentfund.org)

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