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FTA's Enhanced Mobility Program Case Study

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Background

CHI Centers, Inc. is a leading provider of comprehensive, customized support for individuals in the Maryland area living with intellectual and other developmental challenges. With roots as an organization founded in 1948, they make it possible for the people served to live and work as fully integrated members of their community — feeling valued and enjoying the friendship of others. CHI Centers, Inc. is a nonprofit service provider to approximately 400 individuals serving Montgomery and Prince George's counties through a variety of supports, including the following programs: Supported Employment provides community based supports and contracted services on the federal, state and local levels; Competitive Employment places individuals into

competitive jobs in the community; Community Residential support includes medical appointments, healthcare issues, activities of daily living, living a life with purpose and meaning; Personal Supports provides an individualized array of supports customized to meet the needs of individuals living in their own home; and lastly, Day Supports serves people in exploring a variety of activities in the community including volunteering, recreational, and others based on each person's interests.

As part of the Transportation Planning Board's (TPB) fiscal year 2019 solicitation for applications, CHI Centers, Inc. received \$240,161 (\$192,129 Federal) in Enhanced Mobility funding for their Mobility 2019 project.

Project Description

The Mobility 2019 project's objective is to provide improved mobility through a day program for individuals with disabilities and seniors supported through the expansion of their residential fleet and replacement of aging vehicles. The minivans are placed at homes where seniors and wheelchair bound individuals reside in order to provide safe and improved accessible transportation to their medical appointments, community outings, exercise programs, grocery shopping and vacations.

Impact

CHI Centers, Inc. has provided on average 500 rides per quarter; this increased to 700 in the first quarter of 2023. These rides transport individuals with disabilities and seniors to daily community activities, medical appointments, social events, etc.

Next Steps

In the future, CHI Centers, Inc. plans to continue providing trips to individuals who need support in attending appointments and events that are vital to their lives.

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