

Cumberland County Community Development Program  
2012 CDBG General Program Application  
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**Project Title**                    “Bus” for Freeport Elders Association (FEA)

**Lead Community**                Town of Freeport

**Additional Communities**        Town of Pownal

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**Program Category**

Public Infrastructure / Facility    \_\_\_\_\_                    Downtown Revitalization \_\_\_\_\_

Public Service      X                      Housing \_\_\_\_\_                    Economic Development \_\_\_\_\_

**CDBG “National Objective”**

**Low / Moderate Income:**                    Area-Wide \_\_\_\_\_                    Limited Clientele   X  

**Direct Benefit:**                    Presumed Group    Elders of Freeport & Pownal (Identify Group)

**Slum / Blight:**                    Area Wide \_\_\_\_\_                    Spot Basis \_\_\_\_\_

**Amount of CDBG Funds Requested**                      \$32,000  

**Total Estimated Project Cost**                      \$65,000  

**Name of Authorized Official**                    Dale Olmstead, Town Manager

**Signature of Authorized Official**                    

## **1. Brief Summary**

The project for which "FEA" is requesting funds is to purchase a new specialty vehicle capable of transporting 15 passengers and equipped with handicap and wheel chair accessories. The elders of Freeport, Pownal, Durham and surrounding areas would be served by this transport vehicle. Most of these seniors are of low income, have health issues, and no means of transportation. There is no public transportation in these areas. The community and surrounding areas would benefit by all these seniors from what they have to offer. Over the past three years "FEA" has raised over \$30,000 through various projects and needs another \$32,000 to make this project a reality.

**2. a.** Over the last ten years, FEA has become an integral part of life to its members, enhancing the quality of life and providing services that have become a center of many of the member's lives. FEA's current vehicle has provided a means to enrich the lives of its members through trips to shopping areas, restaurants, entertainment and other activities that may not otherwise be at the reach of members. The current vehicle, has allowed FEA members the opportunity to continue improving their quality of life. In actuality, it can be considered that FEA is filling a void in public services not attended to directly through state or county programs or public transportation.

The current bus, purchases used in 1998 and reconditioned by 1999, is no longer reliable, FEA has had to limit the distances traveled for events to no more than 50 miles and, even then, has experienced frequent problems.

**2. b.** There are 350 members of the Freeport Elders Association, many affected by the lack of transportation not only to outside events but also to FEA's events at the Community Center. There are currently no fewer than 40 additional units of elder housing being constructed in Freeport which will further increase the need for transportation to all events. Nearly all members of the FEA fall in the low/middle income category.

**2. c.** This transportation enables regular trips by FEA members to restaurants, museums, parks, casino and theatres. This helps all these businesses economically and provides socialization for members of the FEA. One member commented at a recent event that it was nice to not be looking at the same four walls at home.

**3. a.** The Board of Directors under Town of Freeport supervision will manage the project. Since it is a one-time purchase, the "Bus Committee" of the FEA will make recommendations to the Board of Directors.

**3. b.** The Board of Directors and "Bus Committee" have managed the current bus for thirteen years.

**3. c.** The FEA budget (see attachment A: FEA Budget) provides for six different categories of bus expenses and has for a number of years. Donations are also accepted for special event trips.

4. The FEA has been raising funds particularly for this "bus" project for three years now. They do pancake breakfasts, a bottle return fund, donations, 50/50 raffles, quilt raffles, gift cards, special dinners, gift wrapping, etc. The Freeport Rotary Club has also done a special event and other groups (banks, churches, etc.) have done donations toward the bus.

Through all these activities, \$33,000 has been raised over these three years; a \$32,000 grant would complete the funding needed.

5. (see attachment B: Implementation Schedule)

6. (see attachment C: Budget)

7. N/A

8. a. The FEA has been raising funds specifically for this replacement bus for three years. During that time the bus has continued to deteriorate to the point where it is only useable for very limited purposes. In order to continue to transport elders in the greater Freeport area and get them safely to and from events further away, a new bus is needed now. Continued handicapped accessibility is also necessary.

8. b. Over half the needed funds have been raised by FEA and supporting groups over the last three years (see question 4).

8. c. Without the CDBG grant, it will take at least another three years to raise the remaining funds for the bus. This means little or no common transportation for elders in the greater Freeport area and beyond during that time period.

9. Distress Score                      3 – 4

10. a, i. Elders from both Communities are members of FEA and are, therefore, eligible for all activities of the organization including outings, trips, special events, etc. FEA members from both communities now participate in these activities.

10. a, ii. In addition to participation in activities, the FEA Board of Directors includes representatives from both Towns. The Board of Directors will be overseeing both purchase of the bus and its use.

*Approved*

FREEPORT ELDERS ASSOCIATION  
PROPOSED BUDGET 2011/2012

Approved at Annual Meeting

10/12/2011

INCOME	BUDGET
Appeal	\$ 3,000.00
Coffee, Etc.	\$ 100.00
Elder Bus Trips	\$ 500.00
Elder Bus Savings	\$ 3,500.00
Membership	\$ 200.00
Pennies	\$ 30.00
Fitness	\$ 4,200.00
Crafts	\$ 2,400.00
Pancake Breakfast	\$ 3,200.00
Craft Fair	\$ 500.00
Harvest Dinner	\$ 650.00
St. Patrick's Dinner	\$ 500.00
Town of Freeport	\$ 5,000.00
Organizations	\$ 100.00
Elder Bus Advertisement	\$ 150.00
Newsletter Advertisement	\$ 200.00
Bank Interest	\$ 60.00
	<b>\$ 24,290.00</b>

Letter sent to all members  
Donations in coffee can  
Donations for Gas  
Clynk, Bath Savings, Members, RADA  
Donation by members for our needs  
Penny jar on table with sign-in book  
Members pay monthly  
Sales  
Two per month except Dec (Craft Fair)  
Dec. (Comm. Ctr.)  
November - most everything donated by members  
March - donations requested from stores  
Yearly  
Lioness, etc.  
  
Businesses  
Savings Account, CD's

EXPENSE	BUDGET
Rent	\$ 7,500.00
Liability Insurance	\$ 625.00
Elder Bus Gas	\$ 760.00
Elder Bus Tolls	\$ 200.00
Elder Bus <del>Bus</del> Repairs	\$ 1,096.00
Elder Bus Inspection	\$ 100.00
Elder Bus Registration	\$ 38.00
Elder Bus Insurance	\$ 841.00
Elder Bus Savings	\$ 5,300.00
Fitness	\$ 4,200.00
Recognition	\$ 200.00
Annual Meeting	\$ 200.00
Newsletter Postage	\$ 600.00
Office Supplies	\$ 450.00
Subscriptions	\$ 85.00
Postal Fees	\$ 330.00
Computer	\$ 200.00
Corporate Legal Fees	\$ 320.00
Pancake Supplies	\$ 800.00
Memorials	\$ 50.00
Donations	\$ 100.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 295.00
	<b>\$ 24,290.00</b>

\$625 per month to Freeport Community Center  
Coverage for our area in Community Center  
Trips we take  
We are in process of getting EZ Pass for Bus  
Upkeep  
Yearly  
Yearly  
Coverage for bus - pay twice per year  
(See income information)  
Instructor (\$30 per session)  
Usually have a tea in April for all volunteers  
Pot Luck Lunch  
Cost offset by newsletter ads  
Whatever doesn't get donated  
BJ's and Sam's for supplies  
Bulk Mail Permit, P.O. Box Fee  
Service  
Annual Report, etc.  
Purchased at BJ's and Sam's  
  
To other organizations  
Items not covered



**Public Service Programs**

<b>Cost Category</b>	<b>CDBG Funds</b>	<b>Municipal Funds</b>	<b>Other Funds</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Equipment</b>	\$32,000	-----	\$33,000	\$65,000
<b>Materials/Supplies</b>				
<b>Operations</b>				
<b>Salaries</b>				
<b>Fringe</b>				
<b>Transportation</b>				
<b>Consultants</b>				
<b>Space/Rent</b>				
<b>Project Management</b>				
<b>Other – 1)</b>				
<b>Other – 2)</b>				
<b>Total Costs</b>	\$32,000	---	\$33,000	\$65,000

**Provide the basis for determination of budget amounts:** *Research to date.*

**Appendix V: Multi-Community Application Endorsement**

**CUMBERLAND COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**

**CDBG GENERAL PROGRAM APPLICATION – 2012**

Lead Community Applicant: Town of Freeport

Lead Community Authorized Official Dale Olmstead

Signature of Authorized Official 

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Additional Community Applicant: Town of Pownal

Additional Community Authorized Official Tina Ciddinger

Signature of Authorized Official 

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