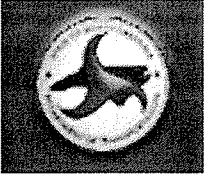


NC Rural Vanpool Program



Do I qualify?

Do you have...

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Unmet transportation needs

Workers in rural areas

Staff with unreliable transportation

Recruitment assistance needs in distant counties

Groups of workers traveling from similar areas, at similar times

Workers commuting more than 15 miles one-way?

and

Five or more employees interested in vanpooling?

ABSOLUTELY!

Commuter vanpooling is a creative, long-term transportation option that is efficient, safe, and reliable in getting employees to and from work. Vanpooling provides increased access for individuals to employment sites located within and outside their county of residence. Regional vanpooling promotes growth for residents and businesses by providing increased mobility and more employment opportunities.

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) along with the Federal Transit Agency (FTA) has funded a special program to create Rural Vanpools to assist workers with transportation. This program incorporates a multi-county partnership with local job placement offices and businesses, in order to utilize vanpools as a cost-effective option for many rural vanpool groups. 2Plus, the contracted organization, is a national non-profit Transportation Demand Management (TDM) provider.

Vanpooling is an arrangement whereby a minimum of five persons are taken to and from pickup sites, to their places of employment and returned to the place where the trip originated. Each vanpool must have at least one volunteer driver.

This program is eligible for the federally funded and supported Commuter Choice Program, a program that saves thousands of dollars for businesses and employees every year. For more information about Commuter Choice visit www.commuterchoice.com.

Roles & Responsibilities

Employer

- Identify riders
- Identify volunteer driver
- Optional: Payroll Deduction
- Optional: Commuter Choice participation
- Optional: Incentives/Fare support

Volunteer Driver

- Maintain Rider Log
- Collect fares
- 150 personal miles per month
- Be a safe and responsible driver
- Coordinate maintenance

Rider

- Commit to ridership
- Pay fare based on distance traveled

NCDOT-PTD

- Provide "capital" and "administrative" costs

2Plus, Inc.

- Formation of routes
- Screening/orientation of drivers
- Monitor ridership totals
- Generating monthly rider reports and invoices for each vanpool
- Provide maintenance and repair, insurance, and indemnification from liability
- Provide corporate gas card for all vans in service

Program Benefits

Employee Benefits

- Reduced personal transportation expense
- Reduced mileage on personal vehicle
- Reduced waits in traffic
- Less stress/more relaxed at work

Employer Benefits

- Guaranteed means of transportation for employees
- Reduced parking congestion
- Increased on-time arrival of employees
- More relaxed employees leading to increased productivity
- Ridematching services for employees
- Local support for formation and management of vanpool routes
- Commuter Choice tax incentives

Vanpool Advantages

- Regional multi-county coverage
- Availability for all shifts
- Weekend and holiday services
- Vehicle cost sharing



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