



Orange County Enhanced Mobility for Seniors & Disabled Grant Program (EMSD)

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Statement of Issue

There is a need to adopt Resolution 2026-34 authorizing staff to apply to the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) for an Orange County Enhanced Mobility for Seniors & Disabled Grant (EMSD) to purchase accessible vans to transport older adults and people with disabilities for the Surf City Senior's on the Go! Senior Transportation program.



Financial Impact

The total project cost is \$435,600

- OTCA: \$392,040
- 10% match requirement: \$43,560

If awarded, sufficient funds are available in the Equipment Replacement Fund 325 fund balance to cover the 10% match requirement.



Analysis

The Orange County Enhanced Mobility for Seniors & Disabled (EMSD) Grant Program is administered through the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA).

The EMSD program is intended to support the needs of seniors and people with disabilities when transportation services are unavailable, insufficient, or inappropriate to meet these needs.



Analysis

Funding from the grant would be used to support the City's "Surf City Seniors on the Go!" Senior Transportation program.

"Surf City Senior's on the Go! is a donation-based program providing curb-to-curb transportation for Huntington Beach seniors aged 60 years and over from their homes to a variety of locations, such as nutrition services, medical appointments, shopping centers, social services, and the Senior Center in Central Park.



Analysis

The proposed grant application is to purchase three accessible vehicles to transport older adults and people with disabilities.

City staff propose purchasing:

- Two accessible vans each capable of seating seven passengers or a combination of seated passengers and wheelchair users.
- One small accessible bus designed to accommodate up to 9 passengers, including both seated and wheelchair passengers.



Analysis

Acquiring these three new vehicles would allow the City to retire one older bus currently kept on standby, shift another aging bus into standby status, and maintain reliable transportation services for the older adults of Huntington Beach.

In FY 2025/26, Surf City Seniors on the Go! Provided:

- 23,000 free trips
- Over 500 unduplicated passengers



Analysis

As part of the grant application, OCTA requires the City to:

- Publicly notice the intent to apply for the grant
- Directly notify private non-profit transportation providers via registered mail
- Conduct a public hearing
- Adopt a resolution



Recommended Action

- Adopt Resolution No. 2026-34 “A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Huntington Beach Authorizing City Staff to apply to the Orange County Transportation Authority for an Orange County Enhanced Mobility for Seniors & Disabled Grant Program to Purchase Accessible Vans to Transport Older Adults and People with Disabilities” for the Surf City Senior’s on the Go! Senior Transportation Program; and,
- Authorize the Appropriation of \$43,560 form the Equipment Replacement Fund 325 fund balance to fulfill the 10% grant match requirement.



Questions?

