



PATH

Partnership for Accessible Transportation Help

2026 DRPT Grant Application

PATH is a Mobility Management program hosted by the TJPDC and funded by community partners, The Federal Transit Administration and the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation.

PATH aims to be a one stop entity for all the transportation providers in the Charlottesville Region.



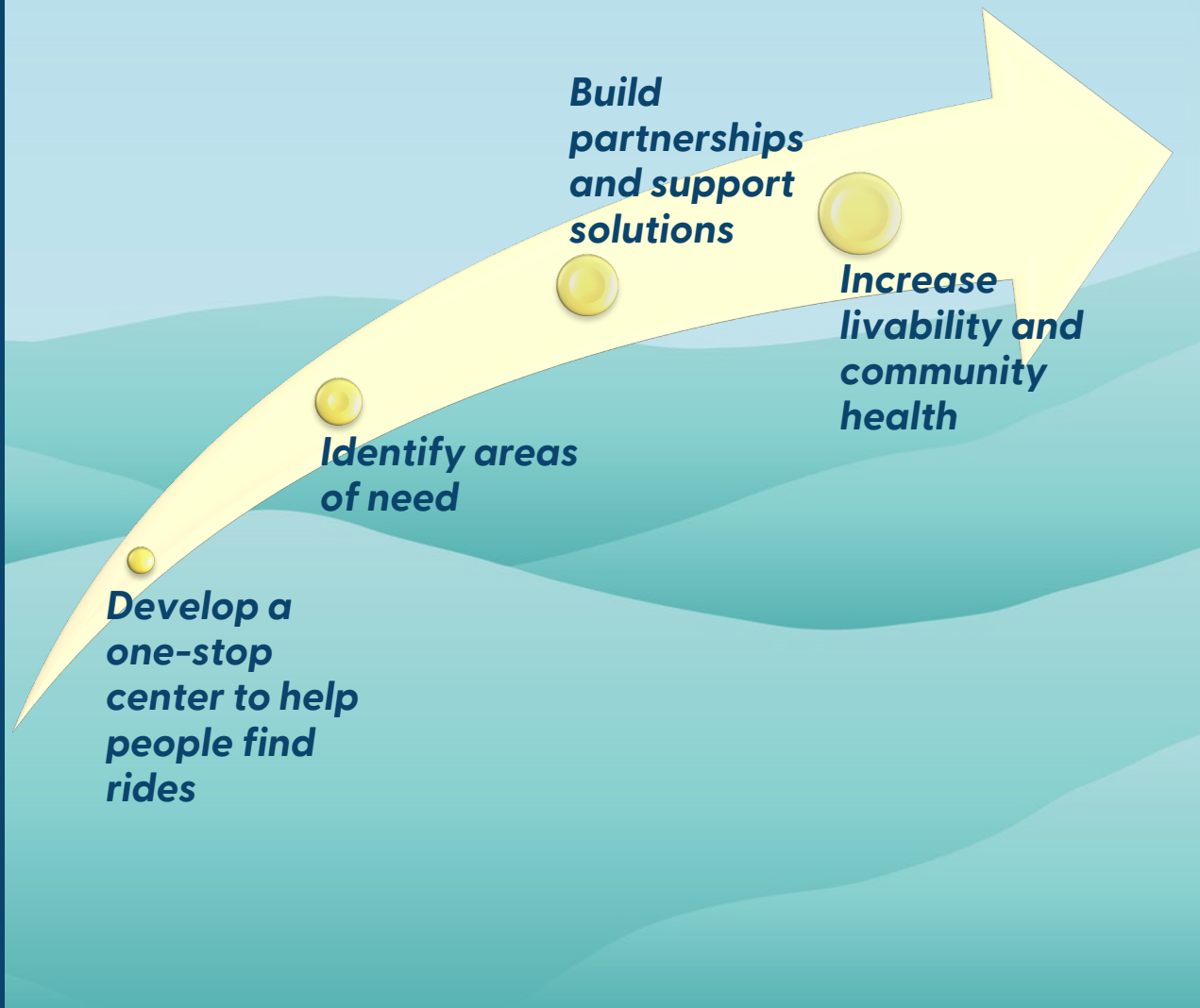
PATH's Goals



Build coordination among transportation providers and human service agencies



Expand and improve the availability of services for seniors and people with disabilities



Program Start Up

PATH's first fiscal year started on October 1st 2023 when DRPT's funds became available. TJPDC staff formed an agreement with JABA to staff and host a transportation help line.

Winter 2023

Secured funding and partnerships with multiple agencies

Spring 2024

Designed and implemented data collection system

Conducted marketing study

Developed PATH brand.

Summer 2024

Hired and trained Transportation Counselor

Marketed program and provided transportation counseling

Fall 2024

Conducted bus field trip

Started travel training

Secured funds to start a Transportation Assistance Fund

PATH Activities 2025

Winter 2024	Spring 2025	Summer 2025	Fall 2025
Onboarded new staff Developed partnership with Village Centers Applied for FY26 funding	Provide I&R services Conduct Transportation Solutions Workshops Support volunteer driver programs	Provide travel training Develop the Transportation Assistance Fund	Develop additional partnerships and support the growth of transportation services for older adults and people with disabilities .

PATH Annual Budgets and Programs

FY2024

Sept 2023 – Oct 2024

FY24 Budget \$110,000

4% local match \$4,400

Halftime manager 12 months

Partnership with JABA

Fulltime specialist 9 months

FY2025

Sept 2024 – Oct 2025

FY25 Budget \$223,888

4% local match \$8,956

Halftime manager 12 months

Fulltime specialist 12 months

Fulltime specialist 6 months

PATH Annual Budgets and Programs 2026

FY2026 Other Capital

Sept 2025 – Oct 2026

FY26 Budget \$324,654

4% local match \$12,986

Halftime manager 12 months

2 fulltime specialist 12 months

Volunteer driving program
staff support

FY2026 Operating

Sept 2025 – Oct 2026

FY26 Budget \$4,750

10% local match \$475

Mileage reimbursement \$0.50

Driver training

Background checks



PATH Services

PATH is a free informational hub for all transportation options in the City of Charlottesville and Albemarle, Nelson, Greene, Louisa, and Fluvanna counties.

Reliable

Accessible

Flexible

By centralizing assistance through an accessible and user-friendly platform, PATH aims to ensure that every individual can navigate their journey with confidence and ease.

Anyone can call 888-879-7379 or visit www.pathva.org to find their ride.



New Services



Transportation Solutions Workshops



Travel Training and fieldtrips



Partnerships building transportation services



Transportation Assistance Fund

Community Benefits



- a single centralized phone number and website to connect community members with all available transportation options in the region
- Support for and connection to local non-profits and human service programs
- Increasing livability and support for living at home longer
- Complex data collection to frame informed decisions, expansions, and changes in transportation services
- Infrastructure and funding foundation for an 'expandable model' that serves multiple stakeholders and programs in the future





Find *Your* Path



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Community Partners

Instead of creating new services, PATH aims to assist existing transportation providers and human service organizations with improving and increasing transportation options for older adults and people with disabilities.

PATH will act as a public transit information hub. People will have one place to call for information on all the transportation options available to them. PATH can act as a liason to transit providers and the public.

Active Partners & Supporters

JABA, BRHD, DRPT, CAT, Charlottesville Area Alliance, Jaunt, InnoVage, UVA Parking and Transportation, Charlottesville Area Community Foundation

Future Partners

Charlottesville Redevelopment & Housing Authority, HSW, Cville Village, The Center at Belvidere

Partner Projects

Assisting CAA's AARP's Livable Community Grant projects

- Walk Audit
- Bus field trip
- Transportation workshops for senior groups

Future Projects

Continue current activities and add

- Support volunteer driver programs
- Work with partners to improve the transportation network
- Survey & additional data analysis
- Voucher program for low-income people with a critical transportation need