

# Maryland Senior Rides Program

## Scoring Criteria Guide FY2025

The Senior Rides Demonstration Program (SRDP) Review Committee will evaluate each application based on the following criteria:

1. Ability to provide door-to-door transportation to low-income to moderate-income seniors **(up to 25 points)**
2. Projected volume of ridership **(up to 20 points)**
3. Marketing and outreach plan to attract riders and drivers **(up to 20 points)**
4. Ability to sustain door-to-door transportation for low-income to moderate-income seniors beyond the time when grants may not be available **(up to 10 points)**
5. Ability to coordinate its dispatcher system with a local central dispatch system and extent to which the program applicant encourages shared ridership; coordination between public and private sector transportation providers; and innovations in risk management for drivers and riders. **(up to 25 points)**

The reviewer should score each of the five (5) evaluation categories. A score of “0” in any category signifies the reviewer determined that the applicant’s response was unsatisfactory or non-responsive to the issue. The maximum average score an applicant can receive from an individual review is 100 points.

**NOTE:** It is incumbent upon all SRDP Review Committee members to disclose any existing professional relationship with program applicants. The Chairperson and the committee member will evaluate the significance of this relationship and the potential of a conflict of interest. If it is determined that there is a conflict of interest, the committee member will excuse himself or herself from scoring that particular application.

**Maryland Senior Rides Demonstration Program**  
**Review of Applications**  
**FY2025**

**AGENCY:** [REDACTED]  
**County(ies) Served:** Worcester County

**State Funds Requested:** \$15,375

Criteria	Score	Comments
Ability to provide door-to-door transportation to low-income to moderate-income seniors ( <b>up to 25 points</b> )	<u>25</u>	<u>Volunteer organization with low-income senior focus</u>
Projected volume of ridership ( <b>up to 20 points</b> )	<u>20</u>	<u>Current 312 trips a month, projected to end FY25 350 p/m</u>
Marketing and outreach plan to attract riders and drivers ( <b>up to 20 points</b> )	<u>15</u>	<u>Referrals, ads, and rack cards</u>
Ability to sustain door-to-door transportation for low-income to moderate-income seniors beyond the time when grants may not be available ( <b>up to 10 points</b> )	<u>7</u>	<u>Plans to ask county and seek sponsors</u>
Ability to coordinate its dispatcher system with a local central dispatch system and the extent to which the program applicant encourages shared ridership; coordination between public and private sector transportation providers; and innovations in risk management for drivers and riders. ( <b>up to 25 points</b> )	<u>20</u>	<u>Centralized dispatch but coordinates with SSTAP, local churches, etc. Satisfactory risk management plan</u>
<b>TOTAL Score:</b>	<b><u>87</u></b>	

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**Committee Member's Signature:** Jessica Richards  
Agency: Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland

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**Maryland Senior Rides Demonstration Program**  
**Review of Applications**  
**FY2025**

**AGENCY:** [REDACTED]  
**County(ies) Served:** Frederick County

**State Funds Requested:** \$37,500

Criteria	Score	Comments
Ability to provide door-to-door transportation to low-income to moderate-income seniors ( <b>up to 25 points</b> )	<u>20</u>	<u>New to Senior Rides but not to ride coordination</u>
Projected volume of ridership ( <b>up to 20 points</b> )	<u>15</u>	<u>50 rides per month currently, anticipates 210 rides p/m 06/26</u>
Marketing and outreach plan to attract riders and drivers ( <b>up to 20 points</b> )	<u>15</u>	<u>Media buys, social media advertising, production and distribution of print media</u>
Ability to sustain door-to-door transportation for low-income to moderate-income seniors beyond the time when grants may not be available ( <b>up to 10 points</b> )	<u>7</u>	<u>Charges clients and has a “Good Neighbor Fund” to subsidize rides</u>
Ability to coordinate its dispatcher system with a local central dispatch system and the extent to which the program applicant encourages shared ridership; coordination between public and private sector transportation providers; and innovations in risk management for drivers and riders. ( <b>up to 25 points</b> )	<u>20</u>	<u>Uses ride matching software shared with volunteers</u>
<b>TOTAL Score:</b>	<u>77</u>	

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**AGENCY:** [REDACTED]

**County(ies) Served:** Anne Arundel, Frederick, Washington, Montgomery, Talbot

**State Funds Requested:** \$150,000

Criteria	Score	Comments
Ability to provide door-to-door transportation to low-income to moderate-income seniors ( <b>up to 25 points</b> )	<u>25</u>	<u>Demonstrated arm in arm and door through door transportation</u>
Projected volume of ridership ( <b>up to 20 points</b> )	<u>20</u>	<u>FY2023 6,587 rides</u>
Marketing and outreach plan to attract riders and drivers ( <b>up to 20 points</b> )	<u>20</u>	<u>Robust volunteer network, community supports</u>
Ability to sustain door-to-door transportation for low-income to moderate-income seniors beyond the time when grants may not be available ( <b>up to 10 points</b> )	<u>5</u>	<u>Resale boutique</u>
Ability to coordinate its dispatcher system with a local central dispatch system and the extent to which the program applicant encourages shared ridership; coordination between public and private sector transportation providers; and innovations in risk management for drivers and riders. ( <b>up to 25 points</b> )	<u>15</u>	<u>Manual dispatch, satisfactory risk management</u>
<b>TOTAL Score:</b>	<b><u>85</u></b>	

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**AGENCY:** [REDACTED]  
**County(ies) Served:** Howard County

**State Funds Requested:** \$33,640.00

Criteria	Score	Comments
Ability to provide door-to-door transportation to low-income to moderate-income seniors ( <b>up to 25 points</b> )	<u>25</u>	<u>Up to 111 trips for 52 clients by 46 volunteers in a day – up to \$36.00 per trip (not person) for ridesharing</u>
Projected volume of ridership ( <b>up to 20 points</b> )	<u>20</u>	<u>720-760 rides per month</u>
Marketing and outreach plan to attract riders and drivers ( <b>up to 20 points</b> )	<u>20</u>	<u>Comprehensive advertising program</u>
Ability to sustain door-to-door transportation for low-income to moderate-income seniors beyond the time when grants may not be available ( <b>up to 10 points</b> )	<u>10</u>	<u>Funding comes from wide range of sources and has an extensive volunteer network</u>
Ability to coordinate its dispatcher system with a local central dispatch system and the extent to which the program applicant encourages shared ridership; coordination between public and private sector transportation providers; and innovations in risk management for drivers and riders. ( <b>up to 25 points</b> )	<u>20</u>	<u>Coordinator lead, risk plan sufficient</u>
<b>TOTAL Score:</b>	<u>95</u>	

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**Maryland Senior Rides Demonstration Program  
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AGENCY: [REDACTED]

County(ies) Served: Calvert & Charles Counties

State Funds Requested: \$39,937

Criteria	Score	Comments
Ability to provide door-to-door transportation to low-income to moderate-income seniors ( <b>up to 25 points</b> )	<u>20</u>	<u>91 % of requests, 4 wheelchair accessible busses</u>
Projected volume of ridership ( <b>up to 20 points</b> )	<u>20</u>	<u>241 riders in FY23</u>
Marketing and outreach plan to attract riders and drivers ( <b>up to 20 points</b> )	<u>20</u>	<u>Referrals, networking, presentations, flyers, etc.</u>
Ability to sustain door-to-door transportation for low-income to moderate-income seniors beyond the time when grants may not be available ( <b>up to 10 points</b> )	<u>10</u>	<u>Robust volunteer network, grant seeking successes</u>
Ability to coordinate its dispatcher system with a local central dispatch system and the extent to which the program applicant encourages shared ridership; coordination between public and private sector transportation providers; and innovations in risk management for drivers and riders. ( <b>up to 25 points</b> )	<u>20</u>	<u>In house dispatch and coordination, risk management such as wheelchair securement training, defensive driving, mental health first aid, etc.</u>
<b>TOTAL Score:</b>	<u>90</u>	

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**Maryland Senior Rides Demonstration Program  
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**AGENCY:** [REDACTED]

**County(ies) Served:** Harford and Cecil

**State Funds Requested:** \$21,000

Criteria	Score	Comments
Ability to provide door-to-door transportation to low-income to moderate-income seniors ( <b>up to 25 points</b> )	<u>20</u>	<u>Volunteer organization with low-income senior focus</u>
Projected volume of ridership ( <b>up to 20 points</b> )	<u>20</u>	<u>190 seniors registered, serves 89 seniors with 171 rides per month</u>
Marketing and outreach plan to attract riders and drivers ( <b>up to 20 points</b> )	<u>20</u>	<u>Presentations, rack cards, networking and website</u>
Ability to sustain door-to-door transportation for low-income to moderate-income seniors beyond the time when grants may not be available ( <b>up to 10 points</b> )	<u>10</u>	<u>Well developed plan</u>
Ability to coordinate its dispatcher system with a local central dispatch system and the extent to which the program applicant encourages shared ridership; coordination between public and private sector transportation providers; and innovations in risk management for drivers and riders. ( <b>up to 25 points</b> )	<u>20</u>	<u>Uses Assisted Rides software, satisfactory risk management plan</u>
<b>TOTAL Score:</b>	<u>90</u>	

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