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GLENDALE RECEIVES GRANTS TO FUND TRANSIT SERVICES FOR RESIDENTS

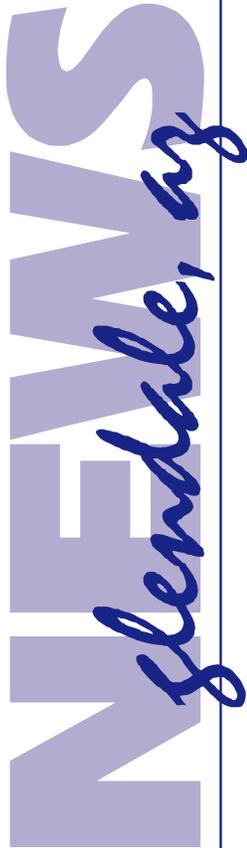
GLENDALE, Ariz. – The city of Glendale received federal grant funding for transit projects that otherwise may have been cut as fixed route bus service was impacted in all Valley cities recently.

City staff aggressively went after this grant funding, which is targeted to lower-income, unemployed or elderly or disabled residents. The funds total just over \$1.5 million for a period of two years. Glendale's projects were awarded through a competitive process against other Valley cities.

The first project was funded through Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC), which is for programs providing transit service to below-average income individuals who are unemployed or under-employed. The city's existing services on Bethany Home Road (Route 60) and Gus Bus routes 1 and 2 qualified for this program; the grant was awarded in the amount of \$1,170,753.

The second portion of grant the city received was awarded through the New Freedom program, which funds programs providing services to persons with disabilities, encouraging public transportation alternatives to address needs beyond the American with Disabilities Act (ADA.) The existing Glendale programs that will continue to be funded now through this grant, which totaled \$342,179, are the Taxi Subsidy Program, the Bus and Gus Individual Training (BAGIT), the Bus Buddies Program and Gus Bus, route 3, which primarily serves disabled and elderly riders.

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The Taxi Subsidy Program provides a three-quarter subsidy for persons with special transportation needs, assisting those making repetitive trips for medical treatments and therapies, such as dialysis and chemotherapy. The BAGIT and Bus Buddies programs educate residents, particularly seniors and those with special needs on how to use the public fixed route bus system and the Gus Bus.

For more information on Glendale's transit services, visit www.glendaleaz.com/transit, or call 623-930-3501.

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