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Hunterdon Gains Over \$1 Million NJ Transit Grant For County-wide LINK Transport System

Hunterdon County's LINK bus program is in line for an additional \$1,084,616 in funding, through a NJ Transit grant approved by the County's Board of Freeholders, at the August 4th meeting.

Freeholder Board Deputy Director Sue Soloway, the Board's liaison for the Department of Human Services, stated, "We all know the LINK bus operation is vital for many county residents, particularly our senior community.

At the January re-organization meeting I stated it was a chief goal for 2020 to seek increased grant funding to support the LINK system, in order to lower the county's cost share of the program. The NJ Transit grant award helps to meet that goal."

The grant is funded through the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) that was signed into law on March 27, 2020, by President Donald Trump, and, among other financial supports for the economy, provided economic assistance to public transportation providers.

"The added benefit for county taxpayers and LINK users is that the CARES grant provides 100% federal reimbursement and there is no requirement for the county to provide matching funds.

The award of this grant is a major achievement by our Human Services team. I extend our thanks for a job well done," Soloway concluded.