

Hello there,

I represent the communities of Molalla, Colton, and Oregon City on the south end of the Portland area. I am the secretary at the Molalla Christian Church, and the last 3 years we have received transportation help for folks in these areas to get to Portland for jobs, looking for work, social services, doctor's appointments, etc. , through Ride Connection. Many of the folks in our area do not have jobs or vehicles and it is a huge hardship for them to find transportation. In fact they catch the Tri-Met bus at Clackamas Community College and then can get into Portland. Often times to get into their Portland destination it can take up to 1 1/2 hours depending on the transfers, wait times, etc. Our church provides 2 \$1.00 tickets occasionally to help people get at least to the college, which is a roundtrip fare. This grant money is essential in helping low income folks in our part of Clackamas County improve their quality of life. The Molalla Christian Church received a Clackamas County Community Action award this year because of our help with low income folks, and a big part of that is the Ride Connection grant we have received. Thank you so much for your consideration in continuing the Ride Connection assistance.

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