

# Call for Applications

## MOBILITY LIAISONS

The Greater Portland Council of Governments (GPCOG) is seeking people who have experienced transportation barriers to join in our Mobility and Access initiatives. GPCOG is the regional planning organization for Cumberland County and the organizational home to the region's metropolitan planning organization - the Portland Area Comprehensive Transportation System (PACTS). Each year, GPCOG works with municipalities, transit agencies, partner organizations, and the Maine Department of Transportation to plan and program the region's transportation investments.

### GPCOG's Mobility and Access initiatives

- **Transportation & Community Well-Being Network**  
Convened by GPCOG, the Network includes more than 80 stakeholders from sectors affected by transportation barriers, as well as individuals with first-hand experience, including older adults, people with disabilities and people of color.
- **Inclusive Transportation Planning Project**  
GPCOG is engaging underrepresented communities – including older adults, people with disabilities, and people of color – so they can have a stronger voice in regional transportation planning. In 2019, GPCOG will develop and pilot the *Community Transportation Leaders* training program. The training program will help community members gain the knowledge and tools needed for meaningful participation in transportation planning and decision-making.
- **Shopper Links**  
GPCOG is working with partners in South Portland to pilot a city-wide program that provides free and low-cost, door-to-door rides to grocery stores and food pantries for older adults and people with disabilities – using a weekly shopper shuttle and the GoGoGrandparent service.

## **Mobility Liaison Expectations**

Mobility Liaisons will share their expertise and ideas with GPCOG through:

- Attending a monthly Mobility Liaison check-in with GPCOG staff and other Mobility Liaisons (1 hour each – call-in option will be available).
- Completing at least two hours per month of activities related to the GPCOG initiatives. Examples include recruiting other stakeholders, collecting feedback, assisting with a focus group, or promoting a survey.
- Participating on the Transportation & Community Well-Being Network email group.

## **Preferred Skills and Qualifications**

To be considered as a Mobility Liaison, individuals must have:

- Personal experience with mobility and transportation challenges (this might be because of disability, age, income, language, or other reasons).
- The ability to describe challenges faces by themselves and their peers
- A solutions-oriented and problem-solving mindset.

## **Stipend**

Mobility Liaisons will be eligible for a monthly stipend of \$50 from June-Dec 2019 (up to a total of \$350). Payment of the stipend will depend on completion of responsibilities. Stipends beyond March may be offered if additional funding is secured.

## **To Apply**

Up to four people will be selected. Send your name, address, phone number and a brief statement (500 words or less) describing:

- a) Why you are interested.
- b) How your personal mobility/transportation challenges will inform this effort.
- c) The skills you will bring to the initiatives.

Submit an application to: Zoe Miller, [zmiller@gpcog.org](mailto:zmiller@gpcog.org), 774-9891 ext. 227

Deadline: Friday, May 24th, 2019 by 5pm