Chat Room Activity

Questions addressed to John Keith

1. Is that 9000 trips or people?
   Answer: trips

2. How many buses do you have John?
   Answer: 4

3. Are you able to track ridership by municipality?
   Answer: yes
4. This is a fee-based service I see from the website and it costs $ to operate. Are there any supports/resources for folks who need transportation and cannot afford the fees?  
   Answer: yes

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   Answer: yes

6. Could such a rural transit commission be headquartered in Bancroft, John?  
   Answer: yes

7. What is the cost for the user? one price - no matter the distance?  
   Answer: $1.50 a ride in Bancroft. Average of $10 round trip to far reaches of catchment (unlimited free rides in town)

8. Do you get support from the Lhins ?  
   Answer: minimal for our door to door seniors pickups

9. How does your operational budget breakdown ---Costs ?  
   Answer: Please see "Report to Municipalities" at www.catchthetout.ca

10. Does the municipality own the buses and who employs the drivers?  
    Answer: CCNH owns the buses and employs the drivers.

Questions addressed to Jeannie Lee

1. Is there a population size limit to the grant?  
   Answer: No, there is not.

2. Duration of projects under the grant?  
   Answer: We are still working out the details of the grant program. The community transportation grants program is a three year pilot.

3. How do we get "invited" to apply for funding?  
   Answer: Any partnership comprising two or more organizations, that has the support of the municipality(ies) in which the coordinated service will be provided, is welcome to apply for funding. There will be an announcement prior to launch of the grant program and details will be communicated through the ministry website and industry organizations (i.e., Ontario Healthy Communities Coalition, LHINs, Ontario School Bus Association, Independent School Bus Operators
Association, Ontario Public Transit Association, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, etc.). Applicants do not need to be invited to apply.

4. Can we have the URL for information re this grant programme?
   Answer: When the program is launched, the communications of the program will be through the Ministry of Transportation website www.mto.gov.on.ca

5. Will multiple projects in same jurisdiction be eligible?
   Answer: Again, we are in the early stages of program development. One of the objectives of the program will be to test the applicability of community transportation coordination models across the province and as such it is unlikely that multiple projects within the same jurisdiction will be eligible.

6. Is the grant available for groups that already have a coordinated structure in place?
   Answer: Yes, funding could be available to enhance an existing coordinated transportation service that would result in increased rides, service improvements and cost efficiencies.

7. What is maximum funding amount?
   Answer: This has not yet been determined.

8. Not just rural communities then?
   Answer: No, it is not restricted to rural communities.

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