

Addressing Transportation Challenges identified by EnVision Centers

Designated by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), [EnVision Centers](#) are centralized “one-stop” hubs that serve as an incubator to support four key pillars of self-sufficiency - (1) Economic Empowerment, (2) Educational Advancement, (3) Health and Wellness, and (4) Character and Leadership. For individuals served by EnVision Centers, the attainment of self-sufficiency across these pillars is reliant, in part, on having access to safe, flexible, and reliable **transportation options**. However, far too often, mobility options are limited, particularly for our most vulnerable citizens, including individuals with disabilities, older adults, Veterans, and those with low income. Fortunately, partnerships across Federal and state agencies, such as the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and HUD, create an opportunity to identify networks and services that can be leveraged by HUD’s EnVision Centers to facilitate the economic, education, health, and leadership attributes of all communities – supporting independence, prosperity, and empowerment that all of us deserve.

Transit planning organizers and providers partner with local businesses, chambers of commerce, health care, and non-profit – human service organizations to implement mobility services aligned with the needs of a community. The networks that develop are called **mobility management networks** – and are simply, a way to build coordinated transportation service in an area to ensure that individuals can get to jobs, health care, education, and community settings – in inclusive ways. HUD and EnVision Center staff can leverage transportation options in these networks to support economic advancement for their stakeholders. Learn about whether a state or region has a mobility management network through the National Center for Mobility Management, a technical assistance center, funded by the Federal Transit Administration (www.nc4mm.org).

Cross-agency Partnerships to Support Transportation

Collaboration across Federal agencies and their state counterparts is supported through a Federal initiative called the **Coordinating Council on Access and Mobility (CCAM)**. Through a strategic plan, eleven Federal agencies, and over 130 programs are encouraged to work together to accomplish:

- ✓ Goal 1: Improve access to community through transportation.
- ✓ Goal 2: Enhance cost-effectiveness of coordinated transportation.
- ✓ Goal 3: Strengthen interagency partnerships and collaboration with state, local, and industry groups.
- ✓ Goal 4: Demonstrate innovative coordinated transportation.

CCAM enables Federal agencies and their grant programs, including the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to share financial resources through matching funds.

Learn about how transportation services can be paid for or matched by over [130 Federal grants and programs](#).



The CCAM strategic plan, approved in October 2019, aims to improve access to jobs, health care, education, and community services through better access to transportation and coordinating 130 government-wide programs.

For technical assistance contact your [NCMM Regional Liaison](#), who can work with EnVision Centers to identify mobility management and transportation supports, including funding opportunities in your community.