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Page 1: Award Categories

Q1

Directions: Read the descriptions below and select a category for which you would like to make an award nomination.

Community Transportation System of the Year - Small System
Defined as providing service in areas and places of a rural setting where the population is 50,000 and below AND/OR the agency receives 5310 or 5311 funding. Typical CTAA membership demographics that would apply for this award include: NEMT/specialized transportation services, rural and tribal transit systems. Recognizes a community transportation system for:- Innovative and creative services in the community;- Being responsive to its customers' and community needs;- Actively coordinating and collaborating with other public and special services transportation;- Effectively helps the community accomplish their goals;- Creates partnerships with a wide-range of organizations, both public and private;- Providing accessible transportation service;- Building transportation alternatives that are intended to meet a wide range of the communities' needs.

Page 2: Why is This Nominee Outstanding?

Q2

Innovative and creative services in the community.

Respondent skipped this question

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Being responsive to its customers' and community needs.

Respondent skipped this question

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Actively coordinating and collaborating with other public and special services transportation.

Respondent skipped this question

Q5 Respondent skipped this question

Effectively helps the community accomplish their goals.

Q6 Respondent skipped this question

Creates partnerships with a wide-range of organizations, both public and private.

Q7 Respondent skipped this question

Providing accessible transportation service.

Q8 Respondent skipped this question

Building transportation alternatives that are intended to meet a wide range of the communities' needs.

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Q9

Innovative and creative services in the community.

Champlain Islanders Developing Essential Resources (C.I.D.E.R.) does so much more than public transit, running a meals on wheels programs, congregate meals, an accessibility lending closet and building accessibility projects for the community. All of these projects are built by volunteers and are built without charge to the homeowner. Additionally, C.I.D.E.R. proudly takes no government dollars for any of these programs, relying solely on grants and fundraising. In an island community, consisting of only 7,000 people, contractors are virtually non-existent and without C.I.D.E.R. and its services, home-bound individuals would remain isolated, home-bound, and suffering for a lack of quality of life.

Q10

Being responsive to its customers' and community needs.

C.I.D.E.R. recognized in 2022-2023 that its transit services were no longer representing the demographic needs of the community, in addition to the 5310 vehicle backlog, C.I.D.E.R. purchased five new SUVs, all American-made, all with its own capital dollars. This has allowed us to double our fleet, provide a more flexible service, and be responsive to the community.

Q11

Actively coordinating and collaborating with other public and special services transportation.

Green Mountain Transit, the public transit provider in Grand Isle County, provides no service in our county and contracts with C.I.D.E.R., as a subrecipient, to deliver services in our community. Additionally, due to capacity flexibility, C.I.D.E.R. is often able to help Green Mountain Transit in its other regions, including Franklin County.

Q12

Effectively helps the community accomplish their goals.

C.I.D.E.R. is very responsive to community needs. When the meals on wheels provider decided to change vendors and the community was not satisfied, C.I.D.E.R. created its own meals on wheels program, to serve the community and respond to their needs. Additionally, due to the growth in need of services of the local food shelf, C.I.D.E.R. has pledged and provided nearly \$5,000 worth of products to the food shelf this fiscal year.

Q13

Creates partnerships with a wide-range of organizations, both public and private.

C.I.D.E.R. partners with the local public transit provider, our local council on aging, the regional economic development corporations, especially in regards to housing, sits on the board of the local food shelves and senior centers, and is very active with our regional United Way

Q14

Providing accessible transportation service.

C.I.D.E.R. is the only public transit provider in our region and we have a fleet of cutaways, ramp equipped mini vans, traditional SUVs, and an army of volunteers to actively respond to each passengers individuals needs.

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Building transportation alternatives that are intended to meet a wide range of the communities' needs.

C.I.D.E.R.'s efforts to invest in non-federal vehicles and SUVs has allowed us to service other pockets of the community that we would not be able to otherwise, including school children. Additionally, C.I.D.E.R. helps coordinate and provides transportation to, walking groups.

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Have demonstrated an extensive history of community engagement;

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Have created long-standing partnerships with other stakeholders that allow its residents to flourish.

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Providing creative, effective and continuing training and technical assistance programs.

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Using new concepts, strategies, procedures and policies to provide support to local transit systems.

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Communicating local transit systems' concerns and issues at the state and national level.

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Advocating for public and community transportation at the state and local level.

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A record that reflects ongoing and exceptional growth in contribution to the profession and increased levels of leadership, responsibility and sphere of impact

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A recent track-record in the transit field reflects a strong career trajectory with the possibility of forward advancement and potential for appointment at the highest levels of the profession

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Go that extra mile time and time again, encapsulating the spirit and professionalism of the workplace and the community transportation industry.

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Exudes the spirit and professionalism of community transportation at its best

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Respondent skipped this question

This award can include nominations from any of an agency's frontline positions (examples include drivers, dispatchers, etc.)

Page 8: Tell Us About Your Nominee

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Page 9: Tell us about yourself: who is submitting this nomination?

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