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RAHALL FINDS FUNDS FOR ELDERLY AND HANDICAPPED

WASHINGTON, D.C.-- U.S. Rep. Nick Rahall (D-WV) announced today that the Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA), a division of the U.S. Department of Transportation, has awarded the West Virginia Department of Administration a grant in the amount of \$386,720.

The funds will go toward the purchase of twelve 15-passenger replacement vans, two 12-passenger replacement vans, one expansion station wagon, and three 15-passenger expansion vans. The remainder of the funds will be applied towards the purchase of communication equipment and for state administration.

"These vans and various equipment will be used to help assist the elderly and handicapped of West Virginia in their day to day needs. Whether it be a trip to the store or a ride to the health clinic, this money will pay for the vans and the people to see that our elderly and handicapped communities gets there," said Rahall.

Rahall added that this was part of a continuing effort between Transportation Secretary Sam Skinner and himself to see a nationwide network of "ride" vans provided to aid the elderly and handicapped.

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