

Carter Friend, Executive Director
York County Community Action Corporation
6 Spruce Street
Sanford, ME 04073

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Dear Mr Friend,

On behalf of Alpha One, I am pleased to voice my support for York County Community Action Corporation's proposal for funding from the Federal Transit Administration's ICAM Program to support the Mobility Management Hub's for Maine Project. This project will enable York County and the state of Maine to design a coordination approach that is tailored to Maine's unique needs and policy landscape.

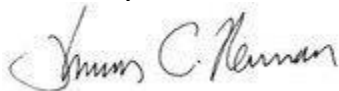
Alpha One is Maine's sole Center for Independent Living. We offer a wide range of programs and services for people with disabilities and older adults throughout the entire state. Our Independent Living philosophy empowers individuals with a disability to take charge of their own choices and achieve their goals for independence. We advocate for consumer programs and services as well as access and change within society throughout Maine.

Transportation access is a barrier that most consumers face. Options for accessible and reliable transportation are often limited, especially in rural areas. A consumer's ability to access their community is often limited to going to medical appointments, leaving little ability to pursue vocational or educational goals or recreational and social activities.

Alpha One would like to see this project and the proposed Mobility Management Hub funded. Locating and understanding transportation options can be confusing and often frustrating, and the concepts of the Hub would improve access to and awareness of available services. For those living with a disability or aging in the community, equitable access to transportation is a need in Maine, and this program will work to address this.

As Alpha One continues our work to ensure people with disabilities can live full and independent lives, we are excited about partnering on the Mobility Management Hub Project. We enthusiastically support York County Community Action Corporation's proposal.

Sincerely,



Executive Director
Alpha One

