



Municipal District of Bighorn Transportation Assistance Program

- This transportation program is for MD residents who
 - are over the age of 65 or
 - have disabilities
 - and have no or very limited access to transportation.
- Income thresholds apply, and participants must complete an application to determine eligibility. Eligibility is based on the same criteria as the Alberta Seniors Benefit Program, which is income and residency. *For example, in 2020-21 the annual income must be \$28,785 or less for a single person and \$46,745 or less for a couple.*
- The program will help to pay for the transportation costs of eligible MD residents as either a refund for transportation expenses incurred by MD residents or provides Taxi Passes as required.
- Eligible trips are for medical, shopping and social trips.
- Travel to or from the MD of Bighorn may include Canmore, Cochrane and Calgary. Trips to Calgary are for medical purposes only.
- Notwithstanding the residency requirements of this Program, in specific cases seniors who no longer reside in the MD and live in either Canmore or Cochrane may access this program to attend social functions held within the MD at the discretion of the Community Services Coordinator. In such cases only two one-way trips per month are permitted.
- Local trips reimbursement will be to a maximum of 65 km per one-way trip using the current MD kilometer rate to a maximum of \$40 per trip. Participants will be required to submit a monthly expense form for reimbursement of kilometers or use MD issued Taxi Passes.
- There is a reimbursement limit of 4 one-way trips per month, or an equivalent in mileage claims, to a maximum of \$200 per month for the Program. In cases, where the monthly maximum has been reached, and there is need for emergency use of the Program by a qualifying MD resident, the Director of Planning Services may approve a one-time only use of funds up to the maximum of \$100 to aid the participant.
- Enquiries about this program can be made by phoning or emailing the MD's Community Services Department.

This program relies on a budget approval by the MD Council and therefore is subject to annual review, changes, updates or cancellation.

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