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CAR DONATION, REPAIR, DELIVERY PROGRAMS										
1	C.A.R.S.	Plattsburgh, New York	Car Distribution		Debbie Ciccone (p) 518-516-6310 (e) ciccone@jceo.org (w) www.jceo.org					Family contributes payments to an Escrow account until a balance of \$500 is reached. This serves as an account for future repairs and car insurance assistance.
2	Good News Mountaineer Garage (Non-Profit)	Charleston, West Virginia	Automobile donation, repair, and delivery (Statewide).	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Participants	Barbara Bayes, Executive Director (p) 304.344.8445 (e) bbayes@goodnewsgarage.org (w) www.goodnewsmountaineergarage.com	West Virginia Department of Health and Human Services	Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation Grant (\$250,000)	\$1.6 million	1,800 cars since 2001	(1) Must have liability insurance; and (2) Required to participate in GNMG maintenance and car care training.
3	Good News Garage	Burlington, Vermont	Automobile donation, repair, and delivery (Statewide – serves VT, CT, NM, and MA)	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Participants	Michael Muzzy, Director (p) 802-864-6601, ext. 18 (e) mmuzzy@goodnewsgarage.org (w) www.goodnewsgarage.org	TANF funds from VT, CT, NM, and MA	State TANF funds; Lutheran Social Services of New England	\$3.7 million	3,000 since 1996	(1) Must have liability insurance and driver's license; (2) Currently employed; and (3) Required to pay registration fees.



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4	Project HOPE	Cape Girardeau, Missouri	Car Distribution	People at or under 200% of poverty, being mentored by one of the program teams	Denis Rigdon (p) 573-651-0551 (e) phope@swbell.net	Assorted (one congregation, independent donors and car donors)	TANF from state of Missouri; the HUD Neighborhood Initiative	\$500,000 - \$1,000,000	220 Since 1998	Participants must be mentored by their trained teams, who develop a plan, employ their objective scoring tools and included financial education along with the progress of the mentoring life plan.
5	Vehicles for Change	Halethorpe, Maryland	Automobile donation, repair, and delivery (Statewide)	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Participants	Martin Schwartz, President (p) 410-242-9674 (e) vehfch@aol.com (w) www.vehiclesforchange.org	Car sales; Program participant fees; State welfare-to-work program	Precision CertiPro Warehouse Grant (\$30,000)	\$1.3 million	2,900 since 1999	(1) \$650 purchase fee; (2) Participant must be insurable; (3) Savings of \$400; (4) Must be working at least 30 hours; and (5) \$400 savings.
6	West Center Wisconsin Community Action Agency, Inc. – JumpStart Program	Glenwood City, Wisconsin	Automobile donation, and delivery program (Local)	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Participants	Peter Kilde, Executive Director (p) 715-265-7031 (e) pkilde@wcap.org (w) www.westcap.org	Car sales; Program participant fees; Foundation grants; State TANF funds	Otto Bremer Foundation; State TANF funds	\$7.5 million (includes all programs)	325 since 2000	(1) \$400 participant fee; (2) Maintain good driving record; (3) Must have liability insurance; and (4) Agree to own no other vehicles.



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7	Wheels to Work	Soperton, Georgia	Car Distribution		Donna Shurling (p) 912-529-6652 (e) dshurling@hotmail.com (w) www.pinecountryrcd.org				348	(I) Participant responsible for insurance, maintenance and upkeep of the vehicle.
8	Wheels for Work	Watertown, New York	Car Distribution; Local	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Participants	Penny Mosher (p) 315-782-8440 (e) imposdrm@gisco.net (w) www.geocities.com/watw_nurbanmiss/Wheels.html	NY State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance				
CAR LOAN PROGRAMS										
9	Central PA Community Action Inc.	Clearfield, Pennsylvania	Car Loan (up to \$1,300)	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Participants	Denny Demchak (p) 814-765-1551 (e) ddemchak@cpcaa.net (w) www.cpcaa.net	Department of Public Welfare	Department of Public Welfare	Variable	11	Participant locates the vehicle.
10	Clinch-Powell Resource Conservation and Development Council - Tennessee First Wheels Program	Rutledge, Tennessee	Car loans, and individualized support (Statewide)	Low-income individuals in danger of defaulting on their car loan(s)	Charles Ellis, Statewide Program Director (p) 423-926-7513 (e) cellis_37601@yahoo.com (w) www.clinchpowell.net/rcd/1stwheelshtml	Service income; Tennessee RC&D Council; Federal, state, and private partners.	Tennessee RC&D Council	\$1.2 million (includes all programs)	403 vehicles	(I) Participate in vehicle maintenance and personal finance class.



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11	Community Resources Group	Fayetteville, Arkansas	Car loans (revolving), donation, and delivery (Four County area)	TANF Participants & Other Low-Income Populations	John Squires, Executive Director (p) 479-443-2700 (e) jsquires@crg.org (w) www.crg.org	Arkansas Department of Human Services; Service fees	Arkansas Department of Human Services	\$4.9 million (includes all programs)	1,200 vehicles since 2001	(1) Participants accept interest free loan (\$2,500); and (2) Participants pay \$1,000 for donated vehicles.
12	Job Start Chautauqua	Mayville, New York	Car Loan, Local.	TANF 200% eligibility; employed for at least 3 months; have a child under 18.	Cindy Rockey (p) 716-753-4650 (e) cindy_rockey@chric.org (w) www.chric.org	NY State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance	Grant	Variable	28	(1) Financial literacy workshop; (2) \$500 contribution; and (3) Credit check and approval by both CHRIC and Credit Union.
13	Key to Success	Norwich, New York	Car Loan (up to \$500); Local	TANF eligible, with clean driving record and a resident of Chenango county for at least 6 months.	Gail Brantley (p) 607-334-7114 (e) gbrantley@ofcinc.org (w) www.ofcinc.org	NY State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance	NY State office of Temporary and Disability Assistance	\$112,633	100 Since 2000	(1) Must do a group fitness class; (2) Get individual credit counseling with their credit report; (3) Create a plan to repair credit; (4) Pay off loan within 12 months; (5) Meet with Ms. Brantley each month for review; (6) Take a defensive driving course; and (7) Take a basic car maintenance class.



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14	Keys to Work	Morrisville, New York	Car Loan (up to \$500)	TANF eligible, employed and in desperate need of a vehicle in a rural county that does not have public transportation.	Diane Ryan (p) 315-684-7862 (e) dryan@capmadco.org (w) www.capmadco.org	NY State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance	Local foundation	\$130,000	125 Since 1997	(1) Pay back the \$500 loan in 12 months; (2) Maintain current auto insurance; (3) Maintain the car; (4) Participate in 3 credit counseling sessions; (5) Attend an informative session regarding the care of their vehicle at the time of acquisition; and (6) Participant locates the vehicle.
15	Jump Start	Superior, Wisconsin	Car Loan (up to \$4,000); Local (Ashland, Bayfield, and Douglas Counties)	Be TANF eligible and be employed at least part time.	Brenda Kohel (p) 715-392-5127 (e) bkohel@northwest-csa.org (w) www.northwest-csa.org	JARC funding through the Wisconsin Department of Trans., Department of Workforce Development	WETAP funding through WI Department of Transportation /Dept. of Workforce Development and match money from Douglas county.	\$140,000	21 since 2001	(1) 5 percent administration fee paid at time of purchase; (2) Pay tax, title and license fees at time of purchase; (3) Income sufficient for monthly payments; and (4) Make monthly payments on time for 30 months.



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16	Opportunity Auto	Ogema, Minnesota	Car Down Payment Grant (\$500 – must be matched by participant)	Residents of the White Earth Nation and cannot have incomes exceeding 250% of the published federal poverty guidelines.	Audra Highelk (p) 218-983-4020 (e) ahighelk@arvig.net	Private foundation	Midwest Minnesota Community Development Corporation provided auto loans, Otto Bremer provided the down payment assistance, WESTCAP provided the vehicles to be purchased and TA to get the operation underway.			Each participant goes through one-on-one credit counseling and provide a grant match.
17	Ways to Work	Grandy, Minnesota	Car Loan (up to \$4,000); Local (Chisago, Isanti, Kanabec, Mille Lacs and Pine Counties).	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Participants	Kerry Fridstrom (p) 888-615-1384 (e) waystowork@investinfamilies.org (w) www.investinfamilies.org	Communities Investing in Families, The Greater Twin Cities United Way, and Community Banking Partners in Region 7E.				(1) Resident of participating county; (2) Have Drivers' License; (3) Employed for 20 hrs/week for last 6 months; and (5) Able to make monthly loan payments and actively participate in improving financial situation.



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18	Ways to Work	New Philadelphia, Ohio	Car Loan (up to \$3000)	TANF Eligible, live in Tuscarawas County, be a parent, working at least 20 hours/week.	Fred Weingarth (p) 330-340-8171 (e) fweingarth@pfcs1.org (w) www.pfcs1.org	Department of Trans. (grant – almost exhausted at this time – need to find new funding)	Grant from Tuscarawas County Job and Family Services	\$80,000	455 Since 2001	(1) Attend a two-hour vehicle maintenance class/money management class; and (2) Maintain insurance on vehicle.
19	Wheels for Work	Belmont, New York	Car loans, local (Allegany and Cattaraugus counties)	Household whose income does not exceed 200% of the Federal Poverty Level	Gretchen Hanchett (p) 585-268-7605 x. 1701 (e) ghanchett@accordcorp.org (w) www.alleganybusinesscenter.com	NY State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance	Grant		335 vehicles since 2001	(1) Receive credit counseling; (2) Attend driver's safety course; and (3) Attend car maintenance workshop.
20	Wheels for Work	Mount Morris, New York	Car Distribution and Car Loan Local	TANF up to 200% FPL.	Stephanie Swann (p) 585-658-4466 x 15 (e) scalmes@dor.org (w) www.dor.org	NY State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance	NY State office of Temporary and Disability Assistance	\$120,000	55 since 1998	(1) Maintain employment; (2) Keep a valid license; (3) Budget/financial counseling; (4) Make a down payment equal to their monthly payment; and (5) Be able to pay for insurance and registration.



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21	Wheels to Work	Auburn, New York	Car Loan, Local (Cayuga and Seneca counties)	Low income families and individuals.	Amanda Wetherbee (p) 315-252-0038 x240 (e) ahudson@cscaa.com (w) www.cscaa.com	NY State Department of Labor			22 in 2005	
PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION MODELS										
22	Community Action Transit (Northeast Iowa)	Decorah, Iowa	Regional Public Transportation system (Five Counties)	Open to all individuals needing transportation to meal sites, jobs, and medical visits.	Earl Henry (p) 563-382-4259 (e) earl@neicac.org (w) www.neicac.org	State TANF funds; Service fees; Local foundations	Local foundations	\$10.9 million (all programs) (2006)	246,605 one-way rides (2008)	(1) Participants pay service fee.
23	JAUNT Program	Charlottesville, Virginia	Fixed Route and Demand Driven - Regional Public Transportation System (Six Counties in Central Virginia). Participants provided transportation to job readiness and training classes, employment, and day care.	Virginia Initiative for Employment not Welfare (VIEW) Participants (TANF Participants)	Donna Shaunesy (p) 434-296-3184, ext. 101 (e) info@ridejaunt.org (w) http://www.ridejaunt.org/history.asp	Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) Program; State TANF funds; Service fees.	Department of Transportation – Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) Program; State TANF funds.	\$4.7 million (2008)	270,000 trips (2008)	(1) Non-agency users pay service fee.



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24	Shore Transit (Tri-County Regional Council)	Southern Maryland	Regional Public Transportation System – Specialized Routes and Curb-to-Curb Services for Rural Low-Income Individuals. Somerset, Wicomico, and Worcester Counties (Southern Maryland).	TANF Participants & Other Low-Income Populations	Teri Robinson, Worcester County Ride Program (p) 443-260-2300 (e) info@shoretransit.org (w) www.shoretransit.org	Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) Program; Maryland Department of Human Resources	Department of Transportation – Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) Program	\$1,138,000 (2003)	1,000,000 passengers served (2005)	(1) Participants must contact Shore Transit to confirm their transportation plans.
25	SAFE (Sylacauga Alliance for Family Enhancement) – Sylacauga’s Public On-Time Transportation (S.P.O.T.)	Sylacauga, Alabama	Free Van Services (Local – Talladega County)	Individuals at 200 percent of the poverty level.	Margaret Morton (p) 256-245-4343 (e) mortonm@safesylacauga.com (w) http://safefamilyservicescenter.com/	Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) Program; Alabama Department of Human Resources	Department of Transportation – Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) Program	\$1.5 million (includes all programs)	225-250 rides per month	(1) Participants must be employed, in job-training or seeking employment.



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26	Zuni Entrepreneurial Enterprises, Inc. (Z.E.E.)	Zuni, New Mexico (Zuni Pueblo)	Fixed Route and Demand Driven – Regional Public Transportation System (Northwestern New Mexico)	Zuni Pueblo members	Larry Alflen (p) 505-782-5798 (e) lalflen@zeeinc.org (w) www.zeeinc.org	Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) Program; Service fees.	Department of Transportation – Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) Program.	\$3 million (2008)	50,000 trips per year	(1) Participants pay service fee.