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Santa Cruz County, CA — Lift Line, a program of Community Bridges, has been awarded \$292,605 by the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) to purchase an additional electric vehicle (EV). LCTOP funds public transportation agencies to implement projects that will reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Earlier this year, Lift Line became the first paratransit entity in Santa Cruz County to implement EVs and the addition of the new EV will make the fleet 15% electric.

“This award is key in helping us build a greener future by converting our Lift Line fleet to electric vehicles,” says Raymon Cancino, Community Bridges CEO. “Community Bridges is committed to being good stewards of the environment and supporting clean air technologies within our community we live in and serve. That is why we are willing to invest in reducing greenhouse gas emissions, ensuring that we are unleashing our full potential by investing our agencies funds toward a healthier future.”

Community Bridges worked in partnership with the Regional Transportation Commission to redistribute their local allocation of these funds to Community Bridges to improve and strengthen our communities local paratransit transportation system.

The new vehicle will be purchased upon approval from the CalTrans and will be on the road in early 2020, providing seniors and persons with disabilities with free and clean transportation to medical services.

Photos available upon request.

ABOUT LIFT LINE

Lift Line, a program of Community Bridges, provides 62,000 door-to-door rides a year to seniors and people with disabilities; allowing these Central Coast residents to maintain their independence. Lift Line services include medical transportation and rides to Meals on Wheels dining sites and Elderday. Lift Line services are also available for private events.

ABOUT COMMUNITY BRIDGES

Community Bridges envisions a thriving community where every person has the opportunity to unleash their full potential. Together, our family of programs delivers essential services, provides equitable access to resources, and advocates for health and dignity across every stage of life. To learn more, please visit www.communitybridges.org.

The Community Bridges family of programs includes the Child & Adult Care Food Program, Child Development Division, Women, Infants and Children (WIC), La Manzana Community Resources, Live Oak Community Resources, Mountain Community Resources, Nueva Vista Community Resources, Elderday Adult Day Health Care, Lift Line and Meals on Wheels for Santa Cruz County.

ABOUT CALIFORNIA CLIMATE INVESTMENTS

California Climate Investments, a statewide program that puts billions of Cap-and-Trade dollars to work reducing greenhouse gas emissions, strengthening the economy, and improving public health and the environment — particularly in disadvantaged communities.

The Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) is a cap-and-trade program established in 2014 that provides funds to public transportation agencies throughout California for operations that reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

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