

CITY OF CRETE, NEBRASKA
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
August 17, 2021

Notice of the meeting was given by posting and publishing in The Crete News, the appointed method for giving notice as shown by the Proof of Publication attached to the minutes. Advance notice of the meeting was also given to the Mayor and City Council. Pursuant to Section 84-1412(8) of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act, the City has posted a current copy of the Open Meetings Act, Laws of the State of Nebraska in the back of the Council Chambers. Additional copies are available to read. The City may consider items listed on the agenda in random order. All proceedings shown were taken while the meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

Those in attendance pledged allegiance to the flag.

1. Open Meeting
2. Roll Call
 - Kyle Present
 - Frans:
 - Dan Present
 - Papik:
 - Travis Present
 - Sears:
 - Present: 3.

3. Items of Business

- A. Review and consider a recommendation for the City Council on the SCAT request for fiscal year 2022 funding.

Recommend to the council to accept SCAT's request for \$8,382 for fiscal year 2022 funding and revisit the Crete surry request in two weeks. Carried with a motion by Kyle Frans and a second by Dan Papik. Kyle Frans: Aye, Dan Papik: Aye, Travis Sears: Aye
Aye: 3, No: 0

Scott Bartels with Saline County Area Transit (SCAT) attended the meeting requested \$17,248 from the city for funding. City Administrator Tom Ourada let the committee know that the city no longer has an agreement of any kind with SCAT for funds. Different ways for SCAT to raise funds were brought up and discussed, including raising transportation rates, applying for any grants available, and talking with Farmland and other industries whose employees use SCAT to get to and from work about possibly getting funding from them. The committee suggested that we provide the base amount of \$8,382 and reconvene in two weeks, at the next meeting, to assess if Mr. Bartels has found or attempted to find any other way to receive funding.

4. Officers' Reports
5. Adjournment

Mayor

(SEAL)

City Clerk-Treasurer

I, Jerry Wilcox, City Clerk for the City of Crete, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the proceedings had and done by the Mayor and Council. I hereby certify that a copy of the Open Meetings Act was posted in the back of the Council Chambers. I certify that all of the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the agenda for the meeting, kept continually current and available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk. I certify that such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least twenty-four hours prior to said meeting and that at least one copy of all reproducible material discussed at the meeting was available at the meeting for examination and copying by members of the public. I certify that the minutes were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days and prior to the next convened meeting of the City Council. I certify that all news media requesting notification concerning meetings of the City Council were provided with advance notification of the time and place of said meeting and the subjects to be discussed.

City Clerk-Treasurer

(S E A L)



Crete City Hall
241 East 13th Street
P.O. Box 86
Crete, NE 68333

Dear Mayor Bauer and Crete Council,

Attached is a copy of the Budget Summary for fiscal years 2022 and 2023. Also attached is a funding chart that shows each town's share of the local matching funds. Note that although the Summary reflects a two-year budget as is now required by Nebraska Dept of Transportation, the funding chart is only allocating local match for one year (half of the total local match on line 14). Please use the funding chart as the invoice for your town.

It was a difficult year to assure health safety for passengers and staff while dealing with Covid 19 under continuously changing information and CDC recommendations and requirements. SCAT adopted a stringent new protocol for disinfecting vehicles numerous times a day, requiring masks be worn by all drivers and passengers, and adding a professional disinfecting service to help protect everyone concerned. Still, it became necessary to temporarily close some or all routes and quarantine on a couple occasions. None the less we attempted to continue providing essential services for medical and employment transportation throughout the pandemic. Under the President's current directive, masks will continue to be required until September 13, 2021.

For fiscal year 2021, over 8800 trips were provided and more than 79,000 miles were driven.

Any new ideas for fund raising opportunities are welcome and should be forwarded to SCAT board members or myself at the Western office.

SCAT strongly encourages communities to make known any transportation needs that are going unmet. We are interested in seeking out opportunities to meet your needs.

Sincerely,

Scott Bartels
Director

Summary Page



5311 Funding Application
for Public Transportation Operating Assistance
Fiscal Year: 2021-2023



For any questions please email : marisue.wagner@nebraska.gov

Federal Reimbursement Calculation

1	Operating Costs (total from Page 3)	\$	298300
2	Project Income (From above)	\$	28800
3	Estimated Net Operating Deficit (Line 1 minus Line 2)	\$	269500
4	Federal Funds Requested (50% of Line 3)	\$	134750
5	Remaining Net Deficit (Line 3 minus Line 4)	\$	134750

State Reimbursement Calculation - Operating Costs

6	State Funds Requested (50% of Line 5)	\$	67375
7	Local Matching Funds Required (Line 3 minus Line 4 minus Line 6)	\$	67375

Federal Reimbursement Calculation - Non-Operating Costs

8	Non-Operating Costs (Total from Page 4)	\$	398125
9	Federal Funds Requested (80% of Line 8)	\$	318500

State Reimbursement Calculation - Non-Operating Costs

10	State Funds Requested (10% of Line 8)	\$	39813
11	Local Matching Funds Required (Line 8 minus Line 9 minus Line 10)	\$	39812

Funds By Source

12	Federal	\$	453250
13	State	\$	107188
14	Local Match	\$	107187

Local Matching Funds Source

In kind parking in Crete, Snow removal in Western, Saline County Area Transit, Saline County and all towns within the county, DHHS,

Authorized By:

⁴Scott Bartels

Certification of Equivalent Service

Name of Agency: Saline County Area Transit certifies that its demand responsive service offered to individuals with disabilities (as defined in 49 CFR 37.3), including individuals with disabilities (as defined in 49 CFR 37.3), including individuals who use wheelchairs, is equivalent to the level and quality of service offered to individuals without disabilities. Such service, when viewed in its entirety, is provided in the most integrated setting feasible and is equivalent with respect to:

1. Response time,
2. Fares,
3. Geographic service area,
4. Hours and days of service,
5. Restrictions or priorities based on trip purpose,
6. Availability of information and reservation capability, and
7. Constraints on capacity or service availability.

Public Demand Responsive Agencies: In accordance with 49 CFR 37.77, FTA funded entities operating demand responsive systems for the general public which receive financial assistance under Section 5311 of the Federal Transit Act must file this certification with the NDOR Transit Section annually.

This certification is valid for no longer than one year from its date of filing.

Section 5311 Subrecipients non-ADA accessible vehicles. By returning this certification to the NDOR Public Transit Division, the above-named agency is certifying that it has a mechanism in place to provide rides to individuals with disabilities. The ride must be provided in a manner equivalent to the service provided by the above named agency to individuals without disabilities.

Name of Authorized Official:	Scott Bartels
Title:	Director
Date:	

I certify by my signature, either written or electronic, this certification of equivalent service is accurate to the best of my knowledge.

All 5311 Section Agencies:Please provide a brief description of transit services to the elderly and disabled in your service area and include an approximate number of wheelchair passengers per year. This certification is required annually as long as the vehicle remains in service:

Saline County Area Transit provides portal to portal transportation service using a fleet that includes three handicap accessible vehicles. Two hundred seventy five wheelchair passengers were served in FY 2020.
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§37.5 Nondiscrimination:

- a. No entity shall discriminate against an individual with a disability in connection with the provision of transportation service.
- b. Notwithstanding the provision of any special transportation service to individuals with disabilities, an entity shall not, on the basis of disability, deny to any individual with a disability the opportunity to use the entity's transportation service for the general public, if the individual is capable of using that service.
- c. An entity shall not require an individual with a disability to use designated priority seats, if the individual does not choose to use these seats.
- d. An entity shall not impose special charges, not authorized by this part, on individuals with disabilities,

- including individuals who use wheelchairs, for providing services required by this part or otherwise necessary to accommodate them.
- e. An entity shall not require that an individual with disabilities be accompanied by an attendant.
- f. Private entities that are primarily engaged in the business of transporting people and whose operations affect commerce shall not discriminate against any individual on the basis of disability in the full and equal enjoyment of specified transportation services. This obligation includes, with respect to the provision of transportation services, compliance with the requirements of the rules of the Department of Justice concerning eligibility criteria, making reasonable modifications, providing auxiliary aids and services, and removing barriers (28 CFR 36.301-36.306).
- g. An entity shall not refuse to serve an individual with a disability or require anything contrary to this part because its insurance company conditions coverage or rates on the absence of individuals with disabilities or requirements contrary to this part.
- h. It is not discrimination under this part for an entity to refuse to provide service to an individual with disabilities because that individual engages in violent, seriously disruptive, or illegal conduct. However, an entity shall not refuse to provide service to an individual with disabilities solely because the individual's disability results in appearance or involuntary behavior that may offend, annoy, or inconvenience employees of the entity or other persons.

Saline County Area Transit
Town Allocations
Fiscal Year 2022

CITY	BASE	CITY SHARE	TOTAL
Crete	500	7882	8382
DeWitt	500	914	1414
Dorchester	500	854	1354
Friend	500	1829	2329
Swanton	500	167	667
Tobias	500	233	733
Western	500	456	956
Wilber	500	2703	3203
Saline County	5750	<u> </u>	<u>5750</u>
Total Local Funding	9750	15038	24788
Fund Raising			11558
Crete for Crete city survey			<u>17248</u>
Total local match for fiscal year 2018			53594