



DOUGLAS ARC

AT A GLANCE

General Services:

Providing transportation to individuals with developmental disabilities.

Applicant Status:

Private, non-profit

Primary Service Areas:

Douglas, Bisbee, Double Adobe, McNeal & Elfrida

Service Days/Hours:

365 days/yr, 24 hrs/day for agency clients

Transportation Funding

Sources: 5310

No. of vehicles: 23

No. of vehicles under lien: 13

No. of service sites: 1

Providing transportation

services since: 1958

Annual Ridership: 18,481

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Located in Douglas, a rural community located in southeastern Cochise County, Douglas ARC has been serving the community for the past 60 years. Douglas ARC's mission is to support and involve citizens, with developmental disabilities, in the community. With the variety of programs, participants are guided in their efforts to learn, work, and live without undue restrictions while maintaining their safety and dignity.

With a highly trained staff, participants are guided in daily living activities. Douglas ARC has woven its transportation services into a trans-disciplinary approach with its clients. Using 5310 funds to purchase vehicles, Douglas ARC is able to provide a wide variety of services to consumers. Transportation is provided to appointments, medical care, shopping, and recreational outings.

In addition, a vocational program allows consumers to participate in meaningful employment opportunities. Staff transport participants to and from workplaces using trucks purchased from the past 5316 grant program.

Douglas ARC participates regularly in Transit/Transportation Coordination meetings. Jointly we are able to address transportation gaps and creative means of cost reduction. We are also able to consolidate our training programs, vehicle maintenance and repair. We also work closely with local transit providers when our services can complement other agency services.

The next two years we will use the award from the 2019 grant cycle. The operating funds we received will be used to buy vehicle insurance, fuel, vehicle repair and maintenance. The preventive maintenance funds we received will go toward two complete wheelchair lift replacements. Our plan is to take two of our vans that have less than 100,000 miles on them but have wheelchair lifts with issues and replace these lifts with new lifts. These new lifts will allow us to get the full vehicle life out of these vans. For less than the cost of one van with a wheelchair lift we will be able to keep two vans with new wheelchair lifts in service.