



EASTER SEALS BLAKE FOUNDATION

SAGE PROGRAM

Graham, Greenlee, Santa Cruz, and Cochise Counties

AT A GLANCE

General Services:

ESBF provides services including transportation for individuals with developmental disabilities, elderly and disabled, veterans and their families throughout Southern Arizona.

Applicant Status:

Private, Non-Profit

Primary Service Areas:

Graham, Greenlee, Santa Cruz and Cochise Counties

Service Days/Hours:

On-demand 24 hrs/day, 365 days/yr

Transportation Funding Sources:

5310, DDD, Rehabilitation Services Administration, and AAA

No. of vehicles: 20

No. of vehicles under lien: 17

No. of service sites: 10

Providing transportation services since: 1980

Annual Ridership: 32,500

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Easterseals Blake Foundation is a 501 (c) (3) that provides Employment opportunities, community day programs, residential services, transportation and behavioral health services throughout Southern Arizona. EBF's mission is to enable each individual served to discover and meet his/her maximum potential for independence, productive living and developmental growth. EBF has a history of providing innovative community services which enrich the lives of individuals we support.

EBF provides transportation that goes above and beyond ADA requirements and is based on the need of each individual. This transportation provides access to each individual's community in a safe and appropriate manner. We provide transportation management solutions that deliver the highest levels of quality and satisfaction to our consumers and partners, while making a continued effort to identify and address regional service gaps.

Due to the absence of cost effective transportation providers, EBF works with local transportation providers to build a network of transportation to outlying areas. EBF is at the forefront in developing a Mutual Aid Agreement with Graham/Greenlee Transit Coordination Team and has assisted in the development of several Memorandums of Understanding to provide back-up transportation. EBF is participating in the Rural Transportation Incubator grant to continue to build up ridership for older low income adults throughout Greenlee County.

EBF hosts the Area Transit Coordination meetings in Graham and Greenlee Counties for the SEAGO regional Mobility Manager. EBF is an active participant in mobility coordination throughout the SEAGO region.

EBF has an aging fleet of wheelchair accessible minivans. We will be requesting replacement vehicles.

UNMET NEEDS:

- Capital funds to replace 4 older wheelchair accessible minivans in 2021; Capital funds to replace 2 older wheelchair accessible minivans in 2022.
- Capital funds for preventative maintenance for all of our fleet vehicles and especially several vehicles that are having issues with the lifts.
- Operating Funds to assist in covering fuel, insurance and the rising cost of staff wages. There is increased ridership in all areas of Graham and Greenlee Counties especially the Graham/Greenlee Community Transportation Program that EBF took over in July 2017. We are requesting funds to meet the demand for rides. SEAGO/AAA operating funds have assisted in funding this gap, however additional funds are needed from ADOT to provide the number of rides that are critical for seniors and the disabled in these outlying communities for essential services. (Operating funds in order to fill the gap in transportation services for seniors in Safford, Morenci, Duncan, Clifton, Thatcher, Pima and the unincorporated areas of Graham and Greenlee counties.)