



La Crosse Area Planning Committee

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Sarah Probasco
Wisconsin Department of Transportation
4802 Sheboygan Avenue, Room 931
Madison, WI 53707

Dear Ms. Probasco:

I am writing to support the funding proposal submitted by Workforce Connections, Inc. for the WETAP program. Workforce Connections, Inc. has operated the WETAP program in La Crosse County for the past year providing valuable transportation services to low-income individuals.

Transportation continues to be an important issue in La Crosse County. The additional resources that WETAP funding brings to our area provide services that keep our citizens connected with employment and training that is vital to personal growth and the vitality of the county.

The Workforce Connections Mobility Manager assists with advocacy, case management, public outreach, referrals, and has a budget for miscellaneous transportation needs such as assisting with vehicle registration. The Mobility Manager coordinates services with existing and planned La Crosse County programs offered by the County Aging and Human Services Departments.

The La Crosse Area Planning Committee (LAPC) supports the efforts of Workforce Connections, Inc. to improve the opportunity for low-income individuals to obtain work related transportation and will assist with a \$10,000 in-kind match for the program through coordinated meetings and networking referrals.

These services are a valuable resource to our area and I recommend continued funding to Workforce Connections, Inc for the next program year.

Sincerely,

Tom Faella, Executive Director
La Crosse Area Planning Committee

cc: Lynnetta Kopp, LAPC Chairperson
