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FTA's Enhanced Mobility Program Case Study

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Background

Capitol Hill Village was established in 2007 and is one of 74 Villages in the DC, Maryland, and Virginia area. Capitol Hill Village is a non-profit organization serving older adults in Capitol Hill and surrounding neighborhoods who are aging-in-place in their community. Capitol Hill Village helps older adults navigate and embrace the opportunities of aging. Through the efforts of volunteers, members, partners, and staff, CHV provides a wide-range of services and programs that promote the well-being of all older adults in our community.

Capitol Hill Village's programs are driven by the passion, interests, and needs of our members. The programs fall under three categories: health and wellness, educational, and social and recreational. CHV offers frequent courses on managing finances, establishing living wills, powers of attorney, and related topics for members.

Village Voices is a free monthly series showcasing the lives and expertise of Capitol Hill residents through discussions and presentations on a range of historical, political, cultural, or policy issues. Topics have included political media, religious architecture, American foodways, archives from war-torn areas, the U.S. military's evolution through accepting LGBTQ individuals, and more. CHV have over 40 affinity group activities a month including games, walking groups, pétanque, movies, lunches, museum-going, book groups, poetry and more! Nearly every day there is at least one activity.

Project Description

Capitol Hill Village's Passport to Independence: DC Villages' Ambassadors to Mobility project built on past successes carrying out similar activities under the Enhanced Mobility Program. CHV worked in close coordination with the other DC Villages, as well as transportation partners, including the Yellow Cab Company of DC. The overarching aim was to ensure that a diverse group of older adults and individuals with disabilities in the District are able to access a variety of transportation options, fostering independence and dignity.

Impact

This project raised awareness of existing transportation options, increased participants' confidence in using these options, increased the availability of volunteer drivers, and helped transportation stakeholders identify gaps in existing services. Through these efforts, CHV aimed to bolster collective volunteer driver rosters, strengthen network of volunteer driver programs, engage the community, ensure long-term success in supporting those who rely on services, and continue to increase ridership to pre-pandemic levels. The goals of the project were to increase awareness of transportation options, teach how to research and access these options, and provide opportunities to ask questions, practice skills, and receive real-time assistance.

Next Steps

Capitol Hill Village has entered a new round of funding within the Enhanced Mobility Program (EM6). CHV has launched a new project titled Passport to Independence: DC Villages' Ambassadors to Mobility. This project seeks to continue the initiatives described in the previous project.

More Information

COG served as the designated recipient for the NF program in the Washington DC-VA-MD Urbanized Area. The National Capital Transportation Planning Board (TPB) at COG solicited and selected projects that aimed to improve mobility for transportation-disadvantaged groups. Currently, COG helps administer the Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities grant program in the region.

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