

FY26 Mental Health Transport

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Applications must be submitted via email to: CriminalJustice.Program@tn.gov

The purpose of the Mental Health Transport (MHT) program/ Humane Transport of Patients Grant is to provide funding to offset the costs for Sheriff's Offices that:

- 1.3.1 Conduct mental health transports pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 33-6-406; or
- 1.3.2 Designate a secondary transport agent pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 33-6-901.
- 1.3.3 This grant may not be used to pay for the transportation of inmates to or from a jail or workhouse even if the inmate is being transported under §33-6-404.

This grant is for non-custodial individuals only. Any individual transported under this grant from a jail or workhouse must be on cash bond or Release on Recognizance Bond.

Eligible subrecipients are limited to: Sheriff's Offices in the State of Tennessee who conduct secondary transports as described under TCA § 33-6-406.

Sheriff's may designate other entities, to include municipal law enforcement agencies or other third-party providers that meet the requirements for secondary transportation agents under TCA § 33-6-901 to provide the transportation on their behalf. Sheriff's Offices must apply for this funding and then subcontract with other municipal law enforcement agencies or third-party providers.

Funding shall be provided under this program in the following manner:

- 1) **Non-Variable Amount:** All qualifying local governments shall receive an amount equal to \$20,000.00 for the purpose of providing humane transports under this program.*
- 2) **Variable Amount:** All qualifying local governments shall receive an additional amount that shall be determined as follows:

Data received from qualifying applicants shall be aggregated in order to determine the total volume of secondary transports performed by the applicant pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. §33-6-406 that occurred in FY24. This aggregate number of transports shall be divided against allocated state funding for transportation as a first step in determining a "**transport rate**". These rates shall then be multiplied by the number of transports reported by each qualifying applicant in order to determine the **variable amount** which shall be added to the **non-variable** amount to determine the amount that each applicant shall receive.

Funding shall be made available to qualifying local government entities. When received this funding can be used towards allowable expenditures for the period of July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026. The funding *can be used retroactively* towards costs the county incurred for transports beginning July 1, 2022.

* The **non-variable amount** is not guaranteed for future solicitations / funding years.