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Roberta (Bert) Olsen
Finance Director
400 Main Street
Cottage Grove, OR 97424

Dear Ms. Olsen:

We wish to acknowledge another successful year as a rural public transportation agency because of our partnership with the City of Cottage Grove. Our leadership benefited from the assistance and counsel that Community Development Director Howard Schesser provided as grant administrator of 5311 and 5310 federal funds that finance services provided by South Lane Wheels and your invaluable participation on the SLW Finance Committee.

With the City's support in 2015, these funds subsidized approximately 10,291 one-way trips that originated or terminated in Cottage Grove or 68% of the total one-way rides. These general public, senior, and persons with a disability riders and attendants were transported to their destinations using Route Around Town within the Cottage Grove city limits, local Door to Door service, and Metro Shuttles that connect residents to Creswell and Eugene/Springfield areas.

In our mission to provide safe, reliable, and accessible transportation to empower people of all capabilities while strengthening connections between individuals, businesses, and non-profit organizations, we transported riders for general purpose tasks (44%), to medical appointments (39%), to work (11%), for recreational pursuits (4%), and to shop (3%).

We hope that a grant for \$5,000 from the city's 2016-17 budgets and continued staff support will be the city's investment in our programs that significantly serve Cottage Grove residents and businesses.

Thank you for your partnership in our success.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ruth Linoz".

Ruth Linoz

Executive Director

Wheels of life, wherever life takes you!