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Sun Metro Awarded Additional Grant Funding to Provide Free Rides for Veterans and their Dependents

El Paso, Texas— Sun Metro is proud to announce it has been awarded an additional \$50,000 to continue its free ride program for Veterans and their dependents/spouses.

The increase to the Texas Veterans Committee General Assistance Grant raises the total grant award to \$100,000. The initial \$50,000 award was announced earlier this year. The additional funds will be used to continue to provide free rides to veterans and their dependents on the City's Fixed Routes and the LIFT paratransit service.

"Our continued efforts to provide accessible transportation options reflect our commitment to serving the veterans in our community. We are proud to reinstate this program to support Veterans and their families," said Sun Metro Director Anthony Dekeyzer.

More than 250 veterans and their families have already received support, and many more are expected to benefit from this free-ride program.

The service offers rides in the form of 30-day passes on Fixed and Brio. Qualified veterans and eligible dependents/spouses can request a new pass within one week of the current pass's expiration date. The program is subject to funding availability, with passes distributed on a first-come, first-served basis. Eligible military veterans will also be able schedule and ride LIFT paratransit services for free.

Individuals who previously participated in the program do not need to reapply for the service; they can simply call (915) 212-3333 to confirm their information.

To apply, veterans and their dependents/spouses should call Sun Metro at (915) 212-3333 or visit bit.ly/VetsRideFree.

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