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Dr. Kathryn Nichol President, CEO Veterans Health Administration 810 Vermont Ave NW Washington DC., Washington, United States, 20420

RE: Grants for Transportation in Highly Rural Areas

Dear Dr. Nichol,

The Oklahoma City Vet Center is pleased to present this this proposal for your review. We look forward to partnering with you to provide a transportation program for rural areas for our veterans who live farther away from the office. Oklahoma City Vet Center has over 50 veterans who live too far away from the Vet Center to get treatment. The objective for the Oklahoma City Rural Transportation program is to give these select veterans the resources to reach our office here in Midtown Oklahoma City.

During the last year, we have been piloting the Oklahoma City Rural Transportation program with a small number of veterans living in rural towns, and have seen dramatic improvements to quality of life. Most of the veterans in the program were able to get the therapy and medication they needed to thrive post-discharge. We accomplished this by using a bill-to Uber account to get the veterans from point A to point B.

We have seen measurable success, and we are now seeking to expand our Oklahoma City Rural Transportation program to address the needs of all of our rural veterans. Our proposal requests \$35,000 in funding to obtain adequate amounts of transportation from point A to the Oklahoma City Vet Center, using transportation services like Uber.

We appreciate the Veterans Health Administration taking an interest in helping our veterans improve their quality of life by helping them get to our registered veteran's centers. Please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX if you require any further information or have any questions concerning this proposal.

Thank you,

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