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**Greater Oshkosh Economic Development Corporation Awarded  
Commute to Careers Grant**

*A multi-agency grant initiative to eliminate transportation barriers for  
workers and job seekers*

OSHKOSH, WIS. – The Greater Oshkosh Economic Development Corporation’s foundation, GO-EDC Foundation, Inc., was awarded a Commute to Careers program grant for \$30,051 by the Wisconsin Departments of Workforce Development (DWD) and Transportation (WisDOT). The grant will provide 24/7, on-demand employment transportation services for workers throughout the greater Oshkosh area. Grant funds will be used to subsidize fares and mileage costs and make the available services affordable to unemployed, underemployed, disabled, and low-income workers through the Winnebago County Employment Transportation Feonix Mobility Rising Program.

“Greater Oshkosh EDC has been spending time with employers brainstorming alternative solutions for finding and retaining workers,” said Jason White, President and CEO of the Greater Oshkosh Economic Development Corporation. “As recruiting becomes more challenging, improving reliability in attendance becomes even more important. This grant will assist in ensuring that anyone who needs to get to work will have an affordable option to do so.”

In total, 29 grants have been awarded across Wisconsin under the Commute to Careers program, totaling more than \$5.1 million.

"These grants will give thousands of Wisconsin workers improved access to meaningful jobs or training opportunities that they need to enter the workforce," Governor Scott Walker said.

"Given Wisconsin's historically low unemployment rate, it is important that we eliminate these barriers to ensure that no workers are left on the sidelines."

The goal of the Commute to Careers program is to expand the pool of labor talent in the greater Oshkosh area by connecting workers with affordable transportation to and from work or training programs.

"The Commute to Careers program will build strong partnerships between the public and private sectors to address the needs of hard-working people who face barriers getting to and from work," DWD Secretary Ray Allen said. "With Wisconsin's unemployment rate at or below 3 percent for eight consecutive months, we need everyone in the game to keep our economy strong."

DWD has awarded 23 grants totaling \$4,338,350, while WisDOT made six grants totaling \$832,072.

"The Commute to Careers is a life-changing transportation solution," WisDOT Secretary Dave Ross said. "This is an essential effort to ensure Wisconsin workers have the means to get to and from work, benefiting themselves and their families."

For a full list of grant recipients, please visit <http://dwd.wisconsin.gov>.

*Greater Oshkosh EDC was established in 2015 and exists to preserve the health of existing companies, foster a positive entrepreneurial environment, connect companies to workforce and talent development resources, enhance the business climate and promote the quality of life in the greater Oshkosh area. For more information, visit: [www.greateroshkosh.com](http://www.greateroshkosh.com).*

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