PROJECT FACT SHEET: Transportation (Hobart, Indiana)

**Overview**
Transportation is a challenge for many senior citizens. The city of Hobart, Indiana, has offered senior transportation services for several years through an endowed fund, but the service is underutilized for the funds expended. Hobart has engaged The Center to assess the transportation needs of seniors residing in the city as well as identify best practices for the delivery of transportation services. The findings will improve the quality of life for senior citizens in the community of Hobart. This project also will result in a senior transportation assessment model for use by other communities.

**Scope**
Under the leadership of faculty from Indiana University Northwest’s School of Business and Economics and School of Public and Environmental Affairs, The Center is conducting surveys of Hobart seniors and leaders to assess transportation needs. The information will be used to develop a best practices transportation model to serve seniors in Hobart. The model will include an improved voucher and tracking system for users of the transportation services; a pricing scheme; and policy manual. The initiative will result in increased availability of resources for seniors’ activities, enhanced delivery of services, and improved communication to citizens about the program.

**Community Partners**
City of Hobart; Maria Reiner Center; Legacy Foundation, Inc.

**Long-term Outcomes**
- Senior citizens in Hobart, Indiana, will be best served by an enhanced transportation system dedicated to their needs. The program will be based at the Maria Reiner Center, a hub of senior activities in the community, and will utilize an improved voucher and tracking system to better serve both users and the city.

**About The Center**
The Center for Urban and Regional Excellence at Indiana University Northwest engages the university and the community in partnerships that jointly formulate programs and policies to support thriving Northwest Indiana communities. The Center works collaboratively with organizations in all sectors to address challenges and co-create solutions in diverse areas including economic development, government efficiency, nonprofit leadership development, public safety, transportation policy, environmental sustainability, health disparities, and arts and culture.

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