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## FTA AWARDS ENVIDA \$250K FOR INNOVATIVE TRANSPORTATION

[COLO SPRINGS, COLORADO, June 5, 2019--] On May 22, 2019, the Federal Transportation Authority (FTA) announced the 2018 recipients of its Innovative Coordinated Access and Mobility (ICAM) grant program. **envida** of Colorado Springs is proud to receive nearly \$250,000 for its project Mobility as a Service (MaaS): Changing and Saving Lives.

“**envida** is excited about the opportunity we have to impact health outcomes and address the devastating consequences of severe mental illness and addiction through innovative transportation technology by easing access for people to receive the healthcare they need,” said Gail Nehls, CEO of **envida**.

The grant will fund **envida**’s next generation of software and transportation delivery, coordinating and focusing its efforts on Teller County, which has the highest per capita rates of suicide and substance abuse in Colorado. **envida**’s goal is to coordinate with transportation and healthcare providers to improve health outcomes, reduce the need for emergency services, and, ultimately, save lives.

**envida** received letters of support for its grant submission from Colorado Department of Transportation, Cripple Creek Transit, Teller Senior Coalition, Ute Pass Regional Health Service District, Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments, and Peak View Behavioral Health. The agency has also worked closely with representatives of the National Alliance for Mental Illness, AspenPointe, and others in Colorado Springs, and it welcomes including more providers as it moves forward with implementing coordinated transportation delivery service in the next year.

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**Disability Services Inc., dba envida**, formerly Amblicab, was founded in 1971, and its mission is to promote access and support independent living with dignity. It accomplishes its mission through transportation and in-home support services for older adults, those with disabilities and low-income individuals. It began its public transportation service in October 2018 from Calhan to Colorado Springs to increase access for residents seeking medical, educational, employment, and other services. The organization’s vision is to lead the nation in integrating services that connect people to community.

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