

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE >**



**S**HORE UP! Inc. is proud to be a subrecipient of an emergency assistance grant, thanks to Wicomico County and the Department of Housing and Community Development.

The agency recently announced that it is the recipient of \$1,075,000 to provide the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP). ERAP offers emergency rental and utility assistance to Wicomico County residents. To be eligible for this opportunity, a household must meet the following criteria.

- The tenant must be obligated to pay rent on a residential dwelling.
- Household income must be at or below 80% of the Area Median Income as defined by Housing and Urban Development (HUD).
- To demonstrate financial hardship, one or more individuals must have qualified for unemployment assistance, or families may have experienced a reduction in household income directly or indirectly related to COVID.
- Finally, there must be a demonstrated risk of housing instability, such as an eviction notice or past due utility notice.

Applications and additional information about the program may be found in English, Spanish or Haitian Creole at [www.shoreup.org](http://www.shoreup.org). You may also call 410-749-1142. SHORE UP! is here to help, and ERAP will provide the needed support for many of the agency's customers.

Sincerely,  
**Freddy L. Mitchell**  
Executive Director

**CHANGING LIVES >**

**SHORE UP! IS HIRING**



**S**pread the word, because SHORE UP! is currently hiring. If you are looking for a career change or a first-time opportunity, there are a variety of positions to choose from at the agency.

SHORE UP! is currently searching for the following: a Head Start site coordinator, Housing and Community Development director, substitute teacher, nutrition aide, bus aide, bus driver, secretary for Head Start and Early Head Start, Child Development Associate trainees, family services worker/family advocate, center aide, custodian, teacher, teacher's aide and a Health Services assistant.

For job qualifications and additional information, visit <https://shoreup.org/employment/join-our-team/>.

SHORE UP! pays 78% for employee only plan premiums and 77.7% for employee plus one child plan premiums. There is also employer-paid short-term disability insurance and employer-paid basic group life insurance. The agency is a member of the State of Maryland Retirement System Pension Plan, and pays 93% of the contributions.

**HELPING PEOPLE >**

**CFES GRANT OFFERS ASSISTANCE**



In March 2021, the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore (CFES) awarded SHORE UP! Inc. a \$5,000 grant for the purchase of pandemic related supplies.

The Head Start (HS) and Early Head Start (EHS) program received 933 cloth face masks and 1,000 disposable face masks for children, as well as 1,000 bottles of hand sanitizer with the SHORE UP! logo.

Adults in the Foster Grandparents Program and Adult Day Services received disposable face masks, gloves and Clorox disinfecting wipes. All items were placed in a bag with the SHORE UP! logo. Bags also included postcards with vaccination and other important COVID information.

While the grant's purpose was to focus primarily on customers, CFES did allow SHORE UP! to also purchase 240 isolation gowns for HS and EHS staff. Any remaining supplies will be provided to the public when the agency reopens. Thanks to CFES for their continued assistance!

MAKING A DIFFERENCE>

## CLIENTS TO GAIN MORE MOBILITY WITH SHORE TRANSIT DONATION



**S**HORE UP! Inc. was recently the recipient of a generous donation from Shore Transit. The public transit agency donated two buses to SHORE UP! Both buses are equipped with a wheelchair lift, two wheelchair seats and seating for eight. According to Brad Bellacicco, director for the Shore Transit Division, the buses were donated because they had exceeded the Federal Transit Administration's useable life criteria. They were provided to SHORE UP! primarily because of the agency's mission of revitalizing communities and empowering individuals and families to achieve economic security. Shore Transit, a division of the Tri-County Council for the Lower Eastern Shore of Maryland, is the regional public transportation agency for Somerset, Wicomico and Worcester counties.

"SHORE UP! has served the Lower Shore community well," says Bellacicco. "These buses are in relatively good shape. We are pleased to pass them to SHORE UP! Inc. to support their important mission. Since SHORE UP! is a Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) 5310 grant recipient, we are allowed to pass these surplus buses to them as another MTA approved transportation provider."

The additional buses will be utilized to serve clients in SHORE UP!'s Adult Day Services program, operating in the Shady Pines Center located in Salisbury, Md. The program offers daily care to individuals with disabilities, ages 16 and up, and the elderly. Buses will be added to the agency's current fleet to transport Adult Day Services program participants to and from home and on other occasional local trips. Although the center is currently closed due to COVID-19, Executive Director, Freddy L. Mitchell, says the buses will be put to good use once the center safely reopens.

"We are so appreciative of this donation from our community partner, Shore Transit," says Mitchell. "These additional buses will significantly impact the lives of clients who lack transportation and need medical supervision throughout the day, as well as their caregivers. Once we transport our clients to the center, they will engage in meaningful activities involving and improving their mental and cognitive processes. Care throughout the day will also ease the burden on their families and/or caregivers."

For more information on SHORE UP!'s Adult Day Services program, visit <https://shoreup.org/healthcare-adult-day-services/>

**Pictured (l-r)** Brad Bellacicco, director of the Shore Transit Division, and James Trafton, director of Transportation for SHORE UP!



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