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SCM Community Transportation has been awarded a grant of \$35,000 by the Boston Foundation. According to Reed Cochran, Executive Director, the grant will be used to fund a part-time financial strategist to begin positioning the agency for a new business model.

Somerville - "SCM has dutifully served area seniors and persons with disabilities for nearly 25 years," Cochran said. "Still, the need for creative mobility solutions will skyrocket as our population ages and more of us have to consider giving up the car keys. The grant from the Boston Foundation will give us additional resources to start planning for that future."

The communities of Somerville, Cambridge and Medford founded SCM Community Transportation in 1983. Today, SCM keeps thousands of Greater Boston residents living independently by



keeping them moving - to doctors' offices, grocery shopping, adult daycare facilities, meal sites, and on excursions. John Keegan, President of SCM's board of directors said, "The time has come, though, to find a way to do more. We want to expand our services by being more creative. For example, we could introduce hybrid vehicles or enlist more volunteers so that we can do more with less, especially less dependence on government revenues."

The Boston Foundation, one of the nation's oldest and largest community foundations, has an endowment of close to \$770 million. Last year, the foundation made grants of \$63.9 million to nonprofit organizations and received gifts of \$73.6 million. The Boston Foundation is made up of more than 850 separate charitable funds, which have been established by donors either for the general benefit of the community or special purposes. The foundation also serves as a civic leader, convener, and sponsor of special initiatives designed to build community. For more information about the Boston Foundation and its grant making, visit www.tbf.org or call 617-338-1700.

SCM promotes the independence of seniors and people with disabilities through community-based transportation. Its friendly, safe and reliable services help people maintain healthy, mobile and connected lives.

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