



**Transportation Services Department**

**Charter Service Information**

The Golden Crescent Regional Planning Commission (GCRPC) is a voluntary association of local governments, and special districts within the seven-county Golden Crescent region encompassing Calhoun, DeWitt, Goliad, Gonzales, Jackson, Lavaca, and Victoria counties. GCRPC provides public transportation services for the entire Golden Crescent Region and Matagorda County. Our mission is to provide public transportation for, and improve the quality of life in, the communities we serve.

Under 49 CFR Part 604, the Federal Transit administration (FTA) defines charter service as:


- Transportation provided by a recipient at the request of a third party for the exclusive use of a bus or van for a negotiated price. The following features may be characteristic of charter service:
  - A third party pays the transit provider a negotiated price for the group;
  - Any fares charged to individual members of the group are collected by a third party;
  - The service is not part of the transit provider’s regularly scheduled service, or is offered for a limited period of time; or
  - A third party determines the origin and destination of the trip as well as scheduling;
 or
- Transportation provided by a recipient to the public for events or functions that occur on an irregular basis or for a limited duration and:
  - A premium fare is charged that is greater than the usual or customary fixed route fare; or
- The service is paid for in whole or in part by a third party.

As a recipient of funding from the FTA, GCRPC’s Transportation Service Department may provide charter service only under the following exceptions:

1. Government Officials (limited to 80 hours annually)
2. Qualified Human Service Organizations (QHSEO) qualified groups serving elderly, disabled, and low income (qualified organizations listed in Appendix A of 40 Part 604)
3. Leasing
4. Agreement with other private operators
5. When no registered charter provider responds to a notice sent by recipient\*
6. Petitions to the Administrator

\*Exception 5 provides for notice to charter providers by recipient (i.e., GCRPC) of charter service request. GCRPC may provide charter services only if no registered charter provider responds to such notice.

**Published Charter Service Rates**

	<b>Vehicle Capacity*</b>	 <b>Available</b>	<b>Price Per Hour First Two Hours</b>	<b>Each Additional Hour</b>
<b>Van</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>\$190.00</b>	<b>\$80.00</b>
<b>Small Bus</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>\$185.00</b>	<b>\$80.00</b>
<b>Medium Bus</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>\$180.00</b>	<b>\$75.00</b>
<b>Large Bus</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>\$192.00</b>	<b>\$87.00</b>

\*excluding driver

\*social distancing may affect vehicle capacity.