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Sun Metro Earns New Grant for Free Rides for Veterans and their Families

El Paso, Texas—Sun Metro once again invites veterans and their dependents/spouses to sign up for free rides under a returning program made possible through a Texas Veterans Committee General Assistance Grant.

The grant will cover up to a total of \$50,000 worth of rides on the Fixed Routes, Brio, and the LIFT paratransit service. These free rides will start on July 1, 2024.

Sun Metro received this grant as part of the Texas Veterans Commission's 2024-2025 awards, which included 181 grants aimed at providing direct services for 41,987 veterans and their dependents/spouses throughout Texas.

"Veterans comprise a significant portion of the City of El Paso's population, and we are proud to reinstate this program to support them and their families," said Sun Metro Director Anthony Dekeyzer.

To apply, veterans and their dependents/spouses can visit [Vets Ride Free \(sunmetro.net\)](https://sunmetro.net) or call Sun Metro at (915) 212-3333.

Individuals who previously participated in the program do not need to reapply.

The service offers rides in the form of 30-day passes. Qualified veterans and eligible dependents/spouses can request a new pass within one week of the current pass's expiration date.

The program is subject to funding availability, with funds distributed on a first-come, first-served basis.

Veterans currently receive a discount fare of \$1. Sun Metro's standard fare is \$1.50.

For more information about Sun Metro, visit <https://SunMetro.net/>.

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