



## News Release

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### **1 in 3 Coulee Region Residents May Have Qualifying Income for 0% Interest Vehicle Loan**

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, one major barrier to employment is a lack of affordable and accessible transportation. Couleecap's Work-N-Wheels program is designed to help those who require transportation to get to and from work and who cannot access traditional loan programs. Couleecap's Work-N-Wheels Program Specialist helps participants secure a zero interest vehicle loan of up to \$4,500. Funding for the Work-N-Wheels Program is provided by Department of Transportation.

Eligible applicants for Couleecap's Work-N-Wheels program will have a household income of 200% Federal Poverty Level or below and have permanent employment. Eligible loan applicants need to have been with their current employer for 90+ days, have a valid driver's license, no DUI related incidences in the past 3 years, have a need for transportation to work, and demonstrate that they can afford the car payment and insurance, along with basic maintenance costs. Other qualifications may apply. Interested applicants can secure an application by stopping by any Couleecap office or by downloading the application from Couleecap's website: [www.couleecap.org](http://www.couleecap.org).

Couleecap, Inc. is a private non-profit 501c3 charitable organization. Couleecap helps people in need with housing, food, transportation, and more. Created in 1966, we are a community action program that fights poverty and promotes self-sufficiency in Crawford, La Crosse, Monroe, and Vernon counties.

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