

## **News Release**

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## Couleecap, Inc. Zero Interest Vehicle Repair Loan Funding Available

Couleecap, Inc. currently has funding available through the Work-N-Wheels program to provide 0% interest vehicle repair loans for Vernon, Crawford, La Crosse and Monroe County residents. Applicants must be securely employed and meet income requirements. The repair loan program is for applicants who:

- Have been with their current employer for 30+ days OR self-employed for 6+ months OR consistently employed by a temporary employment agency for 12+ months
- Have a valid WI driver's license
- Have not had any drinking & driving violations in the past 3 years
- Have income under the 150% federal poverty guidelines (see chart on website)
- Need a vehicle to get to/from work because public transportation (i.e. bus) doesn't work for their location, schedule, or job duties
- Do not currently owe the State of WI (fines, back taxes, child support, etc.) for anything NOT on a payment plan
- Do not currently have a loan/lien on the vehicle they want to repair because Couleecap will put a lien on it until the loan is paid in full
- Their vehicle registration is current and in their name
- Can afford \$50/month payment if approved
- Repairs cost less than 50% of the vehicle's value
- Participant must pay 50% of repairs (plus all taxes) to the shop at the time of repair and then finance the other 50% through Couleecap
- Loan amounts range from \$100-1000
- You must be approved for assistance prior to repairs taking place.
- No body work, accidents, towing, or "tune-ups" will be covered.

More information can be found online at <a href="https://www.couleecap.org/transportation.html">www.couleecap.org/transportation.html</a>



For more information on the Work-N-Wheels loan or repair program, please contact the Couleecap Work-N-Wheels Program Specialist, Krista Heinz, at 608-423-6624.

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## About Couleecap, Inc.

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. Learn more at couleecap.org, Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube.

Media Outlets are encouraged to contact Couleecap for additional information