

2007 - 2011 Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) and New Freedom Projects

The TPB Coordinated Plan and Project Selection

The Coordinated Plan

As the federally-designated Metropolitan Planning Organization charged with coordinating transportation planning and funding for the Metropolitan Washington Region, the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (TPB) has developed a Coordinated Human Service Transportation Plan under the guidance of a Human Service Transportation Coordination Task Force. The Plan, which was updated by the TPB on December 16, 2009, identifies the unmet transportation needs of low-income workers, people with disabilities and older adults; lists priority projects for addressing those unmet needs; and specifies criteria for a federally-required competitive selection of projects under the JARC and New Freedom programs.

Competitive Selection Process

Projects were selected competitively by an independent selection committee that includes members representing transportation, disability and workforce development organizations. The selection criteria approved by the TPB as part of the Coordinated Plan encourage applications that:

- Prioritize projects that address unmet needs
- Reflect the importance of coordination, innovation and replicability
- Serve a regional need and impact the greatest number of people
- Involve private sector partners

Program Goals

The Federal Transit Administration's JARC and New Freedom programs provide the Washington region with approximately \$1 million per year for each program, which must be matched with local funds (50 percent for operating projects and 20 percent for capital projects), to support the program goals.

Job Access Reverse Commute

The goal of the JARC program is to improve access to job sites and employment-related activities for people who are transitioning from welfare to work or for others with limited incomes.

New Freedom

The New Freedom program provides funding for transportation capital and operating projects that go above and beyond what is required by the Americans with Disabilities Act.



15 Projects are approved for funding in the 2011 Solicitation.

Funding recommendations were made by a Selection Committee based on responsiveness to and consistency with the priorities in the Coordinated Plan. The TPB is approved these projects on June 15, 2011.

JARC Projects

Doorways for Women & Families Temporary Assistance Vouchers: Funding to assist residents of shelters and transitional housing programs in Arlington with taxi vouchers to attend job training, conduct job searches or reach employment locations.

Recommended	
JARC Funds	\$39,936
Required Match	\$39,936
Total Project	\$79,872

Home Care Partners Transportation Assistance Program: Funding to provide transportation subsidies for home care aides who commute by personal vehicle to the homes of their clients in the DC metropolitan area not conveniently located with respect to public transit. The gas cards will provide approximately \$16 per month to the aides in transportation assistance.

Recommended	
JARC Funds	\$ 140,000
Required Match	\$ 140,000
Total Project	\$ 280,000

Northern Virginia Family Service Ways to Work Program: Funding to continue the Ways to Work program, which provides low-interest loans to low-income working families. The project has operated throughout Northern Virginia since 1998 and benefits families with limited access to transit.

Recommended	
JARC Funds	\$ 58,382
Required Match	\$ 58,382
Total Project	\$116,764

Skill Source Group, Inc. Road to Employment Project: Funding to support the operating costs only of a vehicle to provide transportation to and from job sites in Northern Virginia for low-income individuals re-entering the community after incarceration.

Recommended	
JARC Funds	\$ 53,580
Required Match	\$ 53,580
Total Project	\$107,160

University of Maryland Public Transportation Capacity Study: Funding for a regional study that would conduct a socio-demographic and geographic analysis of low-income individuals in the Washington region and the locations of entry-level jobs; measure their accessibility to private and public transportation and look at how issues like trip chaining impact the ability to use public transportation; and propose recommendations

for improving transportation options based on the empirical analysis. The capacity study was a priority project in this year's solicitation.

Recommended	
JARC Funds	\$159,189
Required Match	\$ 39,797
Total Project	\$198,986

Dulles Area Transportation Association Rotating Rideshare Coordinator project: Funding to establish a mobility management coordinator to serve up to 20 employment sites in the Dulles corridor who will provide assistance to low-income employees in forming or maintaining carpools, and who will meet with employers about the viability of forming vanpools and improving transit use, where appropriate.

Recommended	
JARC Funds	\$181,878
Required Match	\$ 45,470
Total Project	\$227,348

Montgomery County Department of Transportation Bike Sharing Project: Funding to establish a bike sharing pilot project, in partnership with Capital Bikeshare, to install 20 bike sharing stations and 200 bicycles within the Rockville and Shady Grove areas. Annual membership and usage fees will be waived for low-income workers who meet program guidelines. Funding would be granted for capital purchase and operating costs.

Recommended	
JARC Funds	\$1,288,000
Required Match	\$ 688,000
Total Project	\$1,976,000

Prince George's County Department of Public Works & Transportation Oxon Hill Circulator: Funding to establish early morning shuttle service on Oxon Hill Road and Indian Head Highway. The service will connect to the National Harbor shuttle that serves the Southern Avenue Metrorail station and National Harbor.

Recommended	
JARC Funds	\$ 548,000
Required Match	\$ 548,000
Total Project	\$1,096,000

New Freedom Projects

Prince William County Area Agency on Aging Vehicle:

Funding to purchase a 12-passenger accessible bus to be used by the Agency on Aging and its Human Services Transportation Initiative partners: Prince William Community Services and the Prince William Department of Public Works to provide persons with disabilities with transportation to agency services.

Recommended	
New Freedom Funds	\$40,000
Required Match	\$10,000
Total Project	\$50,000

DC Office on Aging Door-Through-Door Service:

Funding for continuation of the Caregivers Respite Escort Service for Transportation (CREST) program, which provides a certified home care aide to accompany and assist older adults who have a disability to prepare for and to travel to and from medical appointments. Door-through-door service was a priority project in this year's solicitation.

Recommended	
New Freedom Funds	\$ 91,468
Required Match	\$ 91,468
Total Project	\$182,936

Skill Source Group, Inc. Ticket to Work Initiative:

Funding for taxi vouchers and gas cards to support the employment-related transportation needs of jobseekers who have disabilities throughout the metro region. Ticket to Work is a program of the Social Security Administration that provides support services to individuals with disabilities to assist them in obtaining employment.

Recommended	
New Freedom Funds	\$41,000
Required Match	\$41,000
Total Project	\$82,000

Boat People SOS Transportation for Seniors with Disabilities:

Continuation of funding for the agency's senior transportation program that provides individualized travel training and taxi vouchers for individuals in need of same-day transportation services to Vietnamese seniors with disabilities in Northern Virginia.

Recommended	
New Freedom Funds	\$203,600
Required Match	\$ 52,400
Total Project	\$256,000

Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind Travel Training project:

Funding for the continuation of the mobility and travel training project for visually impaired and blind consumers, and adding travel training for deaf-blind consumers throughout Northern Virginia, Suburban Maryland and DC. The project also includes funding to introduce an internship program to train Orientation & Mobility Specialists in providing specialized travel training services to visually impaired and blind consumers.

Recommended	
New Freedom Funds	\$184,413
Required Match	\$ 46,104
Total Project	\$230,517

Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Regional Bus Stop Accessibility and Access Improvement Program:

Funding to hire a consultant to prioritize a list of bus stops for completion and for funding to make improvements to 50 bus stops. Highest priority will be given to bus stops for which specific requests for improvements have been received by WMATA's Office of ADA Programs. Improvements include accessible pathways, improved lighting, installation of bus shelters and/or benches and better signage and information, including real-time information about when buses will arrive. The funding was reduced to an amount identified in the application due to the very competitive nature of the New Freedom proposals in this solicitation.

Recommended	
New Freedom Funds	\$ 996,200
Required Match	\$ 249,050
Total Project	\$1,245,250

Accessible Taxi, Inc. Accessible Taxicab for Prince George's County:

Funding to procure seven modified minivans to operate as wheelchair accessible taxicab service throughout Prince George's County. The grant award is contingent upon: a) obtaining the appropriate operating licenses within nine months of the date of the TPB's award letter; and b) demonstration by the applicant and the County regulatory body of coordination on operational and institutional parameters to ensure private-pay customers have access to the accessible taxi service. The award has been scaled from the original request to test the service as a pilot project and due to the competitive nature of the New Freedom proposals in this solicitation.

Recommended	
New Freedom Funds	\$339,067
Required Match	\$ 84,766
Total Project	\$423,833



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JARC Projects		
2007 Solicitation		
Grantee	Project	Total Project
Northern Virginia Family Service	Ways to Work Program	\$102,768.00
Montgomery County RideOn	Isolated Communities Taxi Vouchers	\$70,000.00
Prince George's County Department of Public Works & Transportation	UPS Shuttle	\$75,971.00
2008 Solicitation		
Northern Virginia Family Service	Continuation of Ways to Work Program	\$230,714.00
DDOT/Georgetown BID	Georgetown Metro Connection Job Service	\$607,500.00
MWCOG	Regional Transportation Information Clearinghouse	\$583,750.00
Boat People SOS	RISE Employment Support Project	\$168,349.00
2009 Solicitation		
Northern Virginia Family Service	Continuation of Ways to Work Program	\$75,000.00
Prince George's County DPWT	Continuation of UPS Shuttle	\$423,898.00
Family Matters of Greater Washington	Ways to Work Program	\$673,710.00
Doorways for Women and Families	Taxi Voucher Program	\$83,180.00
2010 Solicitation		
Northern Virginia Family Service	Vehicles for Change Program	\$817,422.00
Metropolitan Washington COG	Regional Clearinghouse Maintenance Project	\$100,000.00
Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind	Taxi Voucher Project	\$200,010.00
Boat People SOS	RISE Employment Support Project	\$327,488.00
SkillSource Group	Transportation to Work Initiative	\$228,000.00
Prince George's County DPWT	National Harbor Shuttle	\$222,700.80
New Freedom Projects		
2007 Solicitation		
Arlington Agency on Aging	Door-through-Door Service Pilot	\$288,000.00
Jewish Council for the Aging	Travel Training for Seniors	\$82,561.00
2008 Solicitation		
Yellow Cab of DC	Wheelchair accessible cabs for DC	\$525,000.00
Arlington Agency on Aging	Door-through-Door Service	\$528,191.00
DC Office on Aging	Door-through-Door program	\$184,650.00
O'Donnell + Company	Coordinated Marketing for wheelchair accessible taxis in DC	\$62,500.00
Diamond Transportation Education & Training	Coordinated driver training for wheelchair accessible taxis in DC	\$53,750.00
Liberty Transportation Mgmt Corp	Wheelchair accessible cabs for DC	\$526,575.00
2009 Solicitation		
Prince William County AAA	Mobility Management Plan	\$250,000.00
Boat People SOS	Transportation for Seniors with Disabilities	\$207,310.00
DC Office on Aging	Aging & Disability Resource Center	\$33,000.00
Melwood Horticultural Training Center	Direct Ride to Worksite	\$267,000.00
Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind	Travel Training Project	\$323,750.00
2010 Solicitation		
DC Office on Aging	Wellness Vehicles and Taxi Vouchers	\$223,800.00
Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind	Door to Door Transportation	\$153,000.00
Prince William County	Taxi Voucher Project	\$60,000.00
Prince George's County DPWT	Voice Annunciation System Pilot Project	\$296,000.00
Joint JARC and New Freedom		
2009 Solicitation		
WMATA	Comprehensive, Individualized Level of Travel Training Project	\$ 1,234,466.00