

National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board

Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) & New Freedom

Project Solicitation

February 7 - April 17, 2013



Program Descriptions and Funding Available

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) programs provide federal grant funds to support transportation services for low-income workers and individuals with disabilities. All grants require matching funds, as described below.

Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) at a glance:

Goal: To assist low-income commuters in getting to jobs and to job-related activities, including training; also for reverse commute services.

Project Examples:

- Expanded vanpool service to suburban employment sites
- Car loan program for low-income workers

New Freedom at a glance:

Goal: To encourage transportation projects that remove barriers for persons with disabilities and provide transportation “above and beyond” what is required by the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Project Examples:

- Personalized travel training on using fixed-route service
- Escorted transportation or “door-through-door” service

*Each program has Federal program rules that limit project eligibility. For more information on which projects are eligible, please review the FTA program circulars, which can be found under the Resources page on www.tpbcordination.org.

	Federal Funding	If all projects are operating: Total Funding with 50% match	If all projects are capital or mobility management: Total Funding with 20% match
JARC	\$1,319,155	\$2,638,310	\$1,648,944
New Freedom	\$728,291	\$1,456,582	\$910,364

Match Requirement

Capital projects require a 20 percent match and operating projects require a 50 percent match. Mobility management projects, described as projects that improve access to existing transportation services, also qualify for a 20 percent match. Non-DOT federal funds can be used to provide the match for these programs (for example, TANF funds). There is no cap on the amount of funding for which applicants may apply, as long as appropriate match is provided. For more information on mobility management projects, go to www.tpbcordination.org.

Applicants are *strongly encouraged* to include at least four months of cash match when developing a budget for their applications. Applications without at least four months of cash match will score low on the feasibility criterion.

Application Deadline:

April 17, 2013
1pm or
postmarked by
April 12

Who Can Apply?

State or local
government
agencies

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Public
transportation
operators

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Nonprofit
organizations

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Private
transportation
providers

Pre-Application Conference and Deadlines

All applicants must attend one of the pre-application conferences the TPB will host. Pre-application conferences are scheduled for February 12, February 26 and March 6, 2013. Information on these conferences -- including locations and times and how to RSVP -- is available at www.tpbcoordination.org.

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Visit
www.tpbcoordination.org
for the application and other
important information

Applications must be hand-delivered by 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 17, 2013. Mailed applications will also be accepted and must be postmarked by Friday, April 12, 2013. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered - no exceptions.

Competitive Selection Process

Projects will be selected by an independent selection committee that will include members representing transportation, disability and workforce development organizations. The TPB developed criteria to guide the selection of projects. These criteria:

- Prioritize projects that address unmet needs
- Reflect the importance of coordination, innovation and replicability
- Stress the importance of serving a regional need and impacting the greatest number of people
- Encourage the involvement of private sector partners

Changes to JARC and New Freedom Programs

It is anticipated that the 2013 Solicitation will be the last one for JARC and New Freedom.

A new transportation authorization called Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21) went into effect on October 1, 2012. The new law creates significant changes to the JARC and New Freedom programs:

- **JARC:** Eliminated. Under MAP-21, job access and reverse commute activities are eligible expenses under the Section 5307 (Urbanized Area Formula) grants, which go to transit agencies in urbanized areas.
- **New Freedom:** MAP-21 combines New Freedom with the Section 5310 (Elderly & Disabled) program to create a new Section 5310 "Enhanced Mobility" program. The Enhanced Mobility program "is intended to enhance mobility for seniors and persons with disabilities by providing funds for programs to serve the special needs of transit-dependent populations beyond traditional public transportation services and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) complementary paratransit services."

The Designated Recipient for the Enhanced Mobility program has not yet been determined. More information on the proposed Designated Recipient arrangement is available at www.tpbcoordination.org.



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Addressing Transportation Needs

To encourage applications for projects that address unmet transportation needs, the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (TPB) develops priority projects, which are guided by the Coordinated Human Service Transportation Plan. Organizations may also submit applications for projects that are not priority projects. All applications for funding are evaluated through a competitive selection process. More information about the Coordinated Plan and the competitive selection are available at the TPB's coordination website, www.tpbcoordination.org.

JARC Priorities

- Taxi Vouchers*
- Low-Interest, Revolving Car Loan Programs in areas not well served by transit

New Freedom Priorities

- Travel Training
- Taxi Vouchers*
- Accessible Taxi Pilot

*Federal rules do not permit JARC or New Freedom funds to purchase transit fares.

Contact Us

TPB staff is available to provide technical assistance to applicants. Staff can help you navigate the application and the attachments, and can help you understand the federally required reporting requirements. Staff can also refer you to technical resources available to assist you in developing your program or your application. To contact TPB staff:

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Priority Projects