

National Capital Region  
Transportation  
Planning Board



**Project  
Solicitation**

**Job Access Reverse  
Commute & New Freedom**

Improving  
Mobility  
for All



**February 2 – April 16, 2010**



# Opportunities for Innovation

## Program Descriptions and Funding Available

### JARC at a glance:

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

- Project Examples:
  - Expanded transit in underserved neighborhoods
  - 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:
  - Same Day Service
  - Personalized travel training on using fixed-route service
  - Escorted transportation or “door-through-door” service

	Federal Funding	<i>If all Projects are Operating</i>	<i>If all Projects are Capital or Mobility Management</i>
		Total Funding with 50% match:	Total Funding with 20% match:
JARC	\$2,354,261	\$4,708,522	\$2,942,826
New Freedom	\$1,369,213	\$2,738,426	\$1,711,516

### Who Can Apply?

Organizations eligible to apply for JARC or New Freedom funding include:

- State or local government agencies
- Public transportation operators
- Nonprofit organizations
- Private transportation providers

Application  
Deadline:  
April 16, 2010, 2pm  
or postmarked by  
April 13

# How to Apply



## Pre-Application Conferences and Deadlines

All applicants **must** attend one of the pre-application conferences the TPB will host. Pre-application conferences are scheduled for February 2, February 23, March 18 and March 31, 2010. Information on these conferences—including locations and times and how to RSVP — is available at [www.tpbcoordination.org](http://www.tpbcoordination.org).

**Applications must be hand-delivered by 2:00 p.m. Friday, April 16, 2010.** Mailed applications will also be accepted and must be postmarked by Tuesday, April 13, 2010. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered—no exceptions.

## Competitive Selection Process

Projects will be selected competitively 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

## Match Requirement

Capital projects require an 80/20 match and operating projects require a 50/50 match. Mobility management projects, described as projects that improve access to existing transportation services, also qualify for an 80/20 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 the appropriate match is provided. For more information on mobility management projects, go to [www.tpbcoordination.org](http://www.tpbcoordination.org).

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

Visit

[www.tpbcoordination.org](http://www.tpbcoordination.org)  
for the application and  
other important  
information



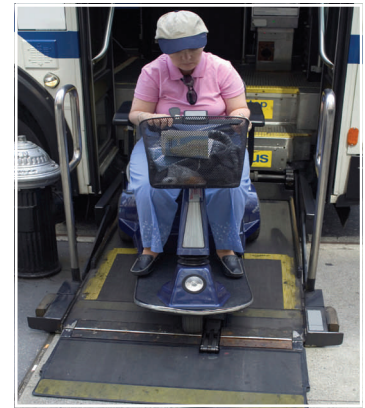
# Priority Projects

To encourage applications for projects that address unmet transportation needs, the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board or 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](http://www.tpbcoordination.org).

## JARC and New Freedom Priorities

- ◆ Transportation vouchers for low-income workers
- ◆ Travel training for people with developmental and/or intellectual disabilities
- ◆ Establish a volunteer driver program
- ◆ Same day service pilot
- ◆ Sensitivity and customer service training

For more details on these priority projects, please visit [www.tpbcoordination.org](http://www.tpbcoordination.org).



## 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. To contact TPB staff:

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