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National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board

2008 - 2013 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 pro-vide 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.

JARC Projects

Doorways for Women & Families Taxi Voucher Project: Funding to assist residents of shelters and transitional housing programs in Northern Virginia with taxi vouchers to attend job training, conduct job searches or reach employment locations.

JARC Funds $20,000

Required Match $20,000

Total Project $40,000

Family Matters of Greater Washington Ways to Work Program: Funding to support the agency’s Ways to Work Program, which works with low-income working families to help them obtain affordable car loans. The program will serve individuals in Southeast D.C. and Prince George’s County with limited access to public transit that meets their reverse commute and child-care related transportation needs.

JARC Funds $224,000

Required Match $116,000

Total Project $340,000

Dulles Area Transportation Association Rotating Rideshare Coordinator: Funding to continue a mobility management coordinator that serves employment sites in the Dulles corridor who provides 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.

JARC Funds $150,000

Required Match $37,500

Total Project $187,500

Northern Virginia Family Service Vehicles for Change Program: Funding to continue the Vehicles for Change program, which provides donated vehicles to low-income working families for a program fee. The project operates throughout Northern Virginia and benefits families with limited access to transit.

JARC Funds $747,975

Required Match $287,099

Total Project $1,035,074

Skill Source Group Road to Employment Project: Funding to support the operating of a vehicle which will also be purchased with a JARC grant to provide transportation to and from job sites in Northern Virginia for low-income individuals re-entering the community after incarceration.

JARC Funds $125,127

Required Match $125,127

Total Project $250,254

Northern Virginia Family Service Training Futures Program: Funding to support the operation of a shuttle service to the Training Futures job training site in Manassas from commuter stops within a 10-mile radius. Training Futures is a 23-week workforce development program that offers low-income adults on-the-job training through Northern Virginia Community College.

JARC Funds $51,278

Required Match $51,278

Total Project $102,556

9 Projects were Recommended for Funding

Funding recommendations were made by a Selection Committee based on responsiveness to and consistency with the priorities in the Coordinated Plan.

The TPB approved these projects on June 19, 2013.

New Freedom Projects

City of Alexandria Pedestrian Improvements: Funding for the design and construction of pedestrian safety upgrades at four intersections in the City of Alexandria; the improvements will improve access for persons with disabilities, and include upgraded curb ramps, installation of pedestrian signals with count-downs and audible features, upgrading marking to high visibility crosswalks, installing curb extensions to shorten crossing distances, and installing bus stop amenities such as benches.

New Freedom Funds $320,000

Required Match $80,000

Total Project $400,000

Liberty Transportation rollDC Pilot Project Continuation: Funding for the expansion and continuation of rollDC, the wheelchair accessible taxicab pilot project in DC. The project was originally funded with a New Freedom grant in 2008. In the two and a half years the service has been available, the company has experienced a steady increase in demand. Funding under this grant would support the purchase of three additional wheelchair-accessible minivans and provide operating funds for driver incentives, insurance and other operating costs. Match funding for this project has been committed by the D.C. Council.

New Freedom Funds $191,030

Required Match $85,753

Total Project $276,783

Yellow Cab of Prince William County: Funding for the purchase of four wheelchair-accessible minivans to operate as accessible taxi service in Prince William County and North Stafford County.

New Freedom Funds $125,000

Required Match $31,250

Total Project $156,250

DC Office on Aging Door-through-Door Transportation: 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.

New Freedom Funds $91,468

Required Match $91,468

Total Project $182,937

Grants Funded Between 2008 to 2012

JARC PROJECTS

First Solicitation

Northern Virginia Family Service – Ways to Work Program

JARC Funds $51,384

Total Project $102,768

Montgomery County RideON – Isolated Communities Taxi Vouchers

JARC Funds $35,000

Total Project $70,000

Prince George’s County DPWT – UPS Shuttle

JARC Funds $37,985

Total Project $75,971

2008 Solicitation

Northern Virginia Family Service – Continuation of Ways to Work Program

JARC Funds $115,357

Total Project $230,714

DDOT/Georgetown BID – Georgetown Metro Connection Job Service

JARC Funds $303,750

Total Project $607,500

MWCOG – Reach a Ride Clearinghouse

JARC Funds $467,000

Total Project $583,750

Boat People SOS – RISE Employment Support Project

JARC Funds $111,659

Total Project $168,349

2009 Solicitation

Northern Virginia Family Service – Continuation of Ways to Work Program

JARC Funds $37,500

Total Project $75,000

Prince George’s County DPWT – Continuation of UPS Shuttle

JARC Funds $211,949

Total Project $423,898

Family Matters of Greater Washington – Ways to Work Program

JARC Funds $368,535

Total Project $673,710

Doorways for Woman and Families – Taxi Voucher Program

JARC Funds $41,590

Total Project $83,180

2010 Solicitation

Northern Virginia Family Service – Vehicles for Change Program

JARC Funds $568,479

Total Project $817,422

MWCOG – Reach a Ride Clearinghouse Maintenance

JARC Funds $80,000

Total Project $100,000

Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind – Taxi Voucher Project

JARC Funds $100,005

Total Project $200,010

Boat People SOS – RISE Employment Support Project

JARC Funds $224,704

Total Project $327,488

SkillSource Group – Transportation to Work Initiative

JARC Funds $114,000

Total Project $228,000

Prince George’s County DPWT – National Harbor Shuttle

JARC Funds $111,350

Total Project $222,700

2011 Solicitation

Doorways for Women and Families – Temporary Assistance Vouchers

JARC Funds $39,936

Total Project $79,872

Home Care Partners – Transportation Subsidies for Home Care Aides

JARC Funds $140,000

Total Project $280,000

Northern Virginia Family Service – Vehicles for Change Program

JARC Funds $58,382

Total Project $116,764

Skillsource Group – Road to Employment Project

JARC Funds $53,580

Total Project $107,160

University of Maryland – Public Transportation Capacity Study

JARC Funds $159,189

Total Project $198,986

Montgomery County DOT – Bikesharing Pilot Project

JARC Funds $1,283,000

Total Project $2,238,000

Dulles Area Transportation Association – Rideshare Coordination

JARC Funds $189,843

Total Project $237,304

Prince George’s County DPWT – Oxon Hill Circulator

JARC Funds $548,000

Total Project $1,096,000

2012 Solicitation

SkillSource Group – Road to Employment Project

JARC Funds $26,000

Total Project $32,500

Northern Virginia Family Service – Vehicles for Change Program

JARC Funds $999,044

Total Project $1,369,459

Year UP National Capital Region – Internship/Employment Project.

JARC Funds $157,682

Total Project $315,364

Boat People SOS – RISE Employment Support Project

JARC Funds $35,000

Total Project $70,000

NEW FREEDOM PROJECTS

2008 Solicitation

Yellow Cab of DC – Wheelchair accessible cabs for DC

New Freedom Funds $384,000

Total Project $525,000

Arlington Area Agency on Aging – Door-through-Door Service

New Freedom Funds $299,916

Total Project $528,191

DC Office on Aging – Door-through-Door Program

New Freedom Funds $92,325

Total Project $184,650

O’Donnell & Company – Coordinated Marketing for wheelchair accessible taxis in DC

New Freedom Funds $50,000

Total Project $62,500

Diamond Transportation Education & Training – Coordinated Driver Training for wheelchair accessible taxis in DC

New Freedom Funds $43,000

Total Project $53,750

Liberty Transportation Mgmt Corp – Wheelchair accessible cabs for DC

New Freedom Funds $384,000

Total Project $ 526,575

2009 Solicitation

Prince William County Area Agency on Aging – Mobility Management Plan

New Freedom Funds $200,000

Total Project $ 250,000

Boat People SOS – Transportation for Seniors with Disabilities

New Freedom Funds $165,848

Total Project $207,310

DC Office on Aging – Aging & Disability Resource Center

New Freedom Funds $26,400

Total Project $33,000

Melwood Horticultural Training Center – Direct Rides to Worksite

New Freedom Funds $135,600

Total Project $267,000

Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind – Travel Training Project

New Freedom Funds $259,000

Total Project $323,750

2010 Solicitation

DC Office on Aging – Wellness Vehicles and Taxi Vouchers

New Freedom Funds $142,200

Total Project $223,800

Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind – Door to Door Transportation

New Freedom Funds $76,500

Total Project $153,000

Prince William County - Taxi Voucher Project

New Freedom Funds $30,000

Total Project $60,000

Prince George’s County DPWT – Voice Annunciation System Pilot Project

New Freedom Funds $236,800

Total Project $296,000

2011 Solicitation

Prince William County Area Agency on Aging – Human Services Transportation Initiative Shared Vehicle

New Freedom Funds $40,000

Total Project $50,000

DC Office on Aging – Door-through-Door Program

New Freedom Funds $91,468

Total Project $182,936

SkillSource Group – Ticket to Work Initiative

New Freedom Funds $41,000

Total Project $82,000

Boat People SOS – Transportation for Seniors with Disabilities

New Freedom Funds $203,600

Total Project $256,000

Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind – Travel Training Project

New Freedom Funds $184,413

Total Project $230,517

WMATA – Bus Stop Accessibility Improvement Program

New Freedom Funds $996,200

Total Project $1,245,250

Accessible Taxi, Inc. – Accessible Taxis for Prince George’s County

New Freedom Funds $339,067

Total Project $423,833

2012 Solicitation

Jewish Council for the Aging – Volunteer Rides Project

New Freedom Funds $219,032

Total Project $273,791

Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind – Project MMAP

New Freedom Funds $442,324

Total Project $552,905

Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind – Youth Transportation Service

New Freedom Funds $66,500

Total Project $133,000

Yellow Cab of DC – rollDC Pilot Project Continuation

New Freedom Funds $398,120

Total Project $606,460

The Arc of Northern Virginia – Train the Travel Trainer Project

New Freedom Funds $194,505

Total Project $245,305

Joint JARC and New Freedom

2009 Solicitation

WMATA – CIL Travel Training Project

New Freedom Funds $987,000

Total Project $1,234,466

JARC and New Freedom Projects Approved from 2007 – 2012

Pie Chart of Project Type and Amounts Funded for Each

Travel Training – 7 projects, $2,876,814

Enhanced Access to Fixed Route/Paratransit Services – 14 projects, $6,757,399

Vouchers – 9 projects, $1,399,076

Fixed Route/Demand Responsive – 10 projects, $3,015,729

Car Loans – 7 projects, $3,385,837

Accessible Cabs – 6 projects, $2,198,118

Planning & Promotional Activities – 6 projects, $1,393,084

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