

Section 5316 Jobs Access Reverse Commute JARC FACT SHEET

PROGRAM PURPOSE:

The JARC program provides funding to support projects designed to transport welfare recipients and eligible low-income individuals to and from employment activities and employment related activities, particularly to suburban and rural job locations.

FTA FUNDING

JARC program funding is available for the following amounts for the fiscal years:

FY 2008	\$405,941
FY 2009	\$643,057

COORDINATED PLANNING

All projects selected for funding must be derived from a coordinated public transit-human services transportation plan as required by federal guidance. Grant applications must include a Coordinated Plan Certification.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

- Private non-profit organizations.
- State or local governmental authority.
- Operators of public transportation services, including private operators of public transportation services.
- Tribal Governments.

ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

Expenses that support development and maintenance of transportation services include: Capital; Planning; Operating and Mobility Management.

LOCAL MATCHING REQUIREMENTS

Federal share of eligible capital and planning costs may not exceed 80% of the net cost Activity.

The Federal share of the eligible operating costs may not exceed 50% of the net operating costs of the activity.

PROJECT SELECTION PROCESS

Fresno COG will conduct its own regional competitive selection process for small-urban New Freedom grant applications. A final list of selected projects will be published and submitted to the FTA for funding.

PLANNING REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible for funding, New Freedom projects in urbanized areas must be included in the Metropolitan Transportation Plan prepared and approved by the metropolitan planning organization (MPO), the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) approved jointly by the MPO and the Governor, and the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) developed by a State and jointly approved by FTA and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). Projects outside urbanized areas must be included in, or be consistent with the Statewide Long-Range Transportation Plan, as developed by the State, and must be included in the STIP.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please contact Todd Sobrado at Fresno COG for more information.

COMPLETED APPLICATIONS DUE TO FRESNO COG BY FRIDAY JANUARY 15, 2010 BY 5:00 PM PST.