

**The purpose of the JARC grant program** is to assist states and localities in developing new or expanded transportation services that connect welfare recipients and other low income persons to jobs and other employment related services. Job Access projects are targeted at developing new or expanded transportation services such as shuttles, vanpools, new bus routes, connector services to mass transit, and guaranteed ride home programs for welfare recipients and low income persons. Reverse Commute projects provide transportation services to suburban employment centers from urban, rural and other suburban locations for all populations. Eligible applicants include private non-profit organizations, State or local governmental authority, and operators of public transportation services including private operators of public transportation services.

Eligible activities for Job Access grants include capital, operating and planning expenses of services, equipment, facilities, and associated capital maintenance items related to providing access to jobs. Eligible projects include, but are not limited to:

- Late-night and weekend service
- Guaranteed ride home service
- Shuttle Service
- Expanding fixed route mass transit routes
- Demand-responsive van service
- Ridesharing and carpooling activities
- Transit related aspects of bicycling

Also included are the costs of promoting the use of transit by workers with nontraditional work schedules, promoting the use of transit vouchers, and promoting the use of employer-provided transportation including the transit benefits. In addition, mobility management activities are an eligible capital expense. These eligible expenses are defined as short-range planning and management activities and projects for improving coordination among public transportation and other transportation services providers. For Reverse Commute grants, the following activities are eligible—operating costs, capital costs and other costs associated with reverse commute by bus, train, carpool, vans or other transit service.

**The purpose of the New Freedom grant program** is to encourage services and facility improvements to address the transportation needs of persons with disabilities that go beyond those required by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Funds are available to support the capital and operating costs of new public transportation service targeted toward people with disabilities or public transportation alternatives that go beyond those required by the ADA.

Eligible recipients include private non-profit organizations, State or local governmental authority, and operators of public transportation services including private operators of public transportation services. Activities that could be funded under the program include, but are not limited to:

- Purchasing vehicles and supporting accessible taxi, ride-sharing, and vanpooling programs; including staff training, administration, and maintenance.
- Providing paratransit services beyond minimum requirements (3/4 mile to either side of a fixed route), including for routes that run seasonally.

- Making accessibility improvements to transit and intermodal stations not designated as key stations.
- Supporting voucher programs for transportation services offered by human service providers.
- Supporting mobility management and coordination programs among public transportation providers and other human service agencies providing transportation. These activities are considered a capital cost and are defined as short-range planning and management activities and projects for improving coordination among public transportation and other transportation service providers.