



JARC and New Freedom Projects Approved in 2007 and 2008

Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) Projects

2007

Northern Virginia Family Service
Ways to Work Program
Total Project Amount: \$102,768

Montgomery County Ride On
Isolated Communities Taxi Voucher Program
Total Project Amount: \$70,000

Prince George's County Department of Public Works & Transportation
UPS Employment Shuttle
Total Project Amount: \$75,971



New Freedom Projects

2007

Jewish Council for the Aging
Travel Training for Seniors with Disabilities
Total Project Amount: \$82,561

Arlington Agency on Aging
Door-through-Door Service Pilot
Total Project Amount: \$288,000

2008

D.C. Office on Aging
Caregivers Respite Escort Service for Transportation
Total Project Amount: \$184,470

2008

Northern Virginia Family Service
Ways to Work Program
Total Project \$230,714

District Department of Transportation
Georgetown Metro Connection Shuttle
Total Project \$607,500

Boat People SOS
Road to Independence Through Savings & Education
Total Project \$162,767

Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments
Regional Transportation Information Clearinghouse
Total Project \$583,750

Yellow Cab Company of D.C.
Wheelchair Accessible Taxi Project
Total Project Amount: \$525,000

Liberty Cab Company
Wheelchair Accessible Taxi Project
Total Project Amount: \$536,400

Companies to be Determined
Wheelchair Accessible Taxi Marketing, Driver Training, and Central Dispatch
Total Project Amounts: \$196,061

Arlington Agency on Aging
Enhanced Transportation Project
Total Project Amount: \$546,081



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2007 – 2009 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. The Plan, which was approved by the TPB on April 18, 2007, 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 included 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

The Coordinated Plan and more info are at: TPBCoordination.org



Program Goals

The Federal Transit Administration's JARC and New Freedom programs provide the Washington region with approximately \$1 million per year for each program to support the goals below.

Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC)

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 (ADA).



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10 Projects Are Recommended for Funding from 2009 Solicitation

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

The TPB is asked to approved these projects on June 17, 2009.

Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) Projects (4 projects)

Northern Virginia Family Service Ways to Work Program:

Expansion of an existing loan program for low-income individuals to enable grants for car repairs and maintenance. The program has operated since 1998 throughout Northern Virginia and benefits families with limited access

Recommended Funding	
JARC Funds	\$ 75,000
Required Match	\$ 75,000
Total Project	\$150,000

Recommended Funding	
JARC Funds	\$368,535
Required Match	\$305,175
Total Project	\$673,710

Family Matters of Greater Washington:

Start up and implementation of a car loan program for low-income working families to purchase cars. 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.

Doorways for Women & Families: Funding to provide taxi vouchers for agency clients to attend job training, conduct job searches, or reach employment locations throughout Northern Virginia.

Recommended Funding	
JARC Funds	\$41,915
Required Match	\$41,915
Total Project	\$83,830

Recommended Funding	
JARC Funds	\$211,949
Required Match	\$211,949
Total Project	\$423,838

Prince George's County Department of Public Works &

Transportation: Funding for the continuation of UPS shuttle, which provides off-peak service to the Greenbelt Metro station, Prince George's Community College, and the UPS facility in Laurel, Maryland. UPS is a partner in the project and pays the \$2 per trip fare for its employees.

Joint JARC and New Freedom Project (1 Project)

Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA):

Funding for the Comprehensive Individualized Level of Travel Training (CIL) project, which provides comprehensive, individualized travel training for people with disabilities in collaboration with the ENDependence Center of Northern Virginia, Independence Now in Prince George's and Montgomery Counties, and the D.C. Center for Independent Living. The project also includes support for the distribution of transit fare cards upon completion of the travel training curriculum.

Recommended Funding	
JARC and New Freedom Funds	\$ 987,572
Required Match	\$ 246,893
Total Project	\$1,234,466



New Freedom Projects (5 projects)

Recommended Funding	
New Freedom Funds	\$200,000
Required Match	\$ 50,000
Total Project	\$250,000

Prince William County Area Agency on Aging: Funding for the development of a Mobility Management Plan to identify the transportation resources required to address the transportation needs of persons who are older, unable to drive and/or disabled who reside in the Prince William, Manassas, and Manassas Park portion of the Washington, DC-VA-MD Urbanized Area. Funding will also be provided for early implementation of the plan.



Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind: Funding to hire Orientation and Mobility Specialists on a contract basis to provide classroom, group and individualized travel training to 200 individuals in Montgomery and Prince George's Counties who are visually impaired or blind.

Recommended Funding	
New Freedom Funds	\$259,000
Required Match	\$ 64,750
Total Project	\$323,750

Recommended Funding	
New Freedom Funds	\$165,848
Required Match	\$ 41,462
Total Project	\$207,310

Boat People SOS: Funding to provide intensive, hands-on travel training to older Vietnamese individuals with disabilities in Northern Virginia on how to use public transit options.

DC Office on Aging: Funding to support a marketing campaign to raise awareness about the availability of information and assistance provided by the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC), including information about available transportation options for DC agency clients.

Recommended Funding	
New Freedom Funds	\$16,500
Required Match	\$16,500
Total Project	\$33,000

Recommended Funding	
New Freedom Funds	\$135,600
Required Match	\$131,400
Total Project	\$267,000

Melwood Horticultural Training Center: Funding for the implementation of a GIS-based software program to optimize van routes and for additional salaries to provide employment-related transportation for people with disabilities to and from home and the agency's contracted worksites in Montgomery and Prince George's Counties.

