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Federal Transit Administration Section 5316 Job Access and Reverse Commute and Section 5317 New Freedom Programs Solicitation for Proposals

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA) has begun its competitive grant proposal process for the federal Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) and New Freedom (NF) programs.

JARC and NF Program Goals

The goal of the JARC Program is to improve access to transportation services to employment and employment-related activities for welfare recipients and eligible low-income individuals and to transport residents of urbanized areas and non-urbanized areas to suburban employment opportunities. The goal of the NF Program is to provide additional tools beyond those that the Americans with Disabilities Act requires to overcome existing barriers facing people with disabilities seeking integration into the work force and full participation in society.

Funding Availability and Grant Proposals

Los Angeles County has \$14.7 million in JARC funds and \$3.2 million in NF funds available from the federal Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act - A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) through FY 2009 for this Solicitation for Proposals. We will provide up to three years of funding for one or more eligible grant proposals for each program. The focus of this Solicitation for Proposals is for projects and programs addressing the Building Capacity Funding Category identified in the region's Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan that is available at http://www.metro.net/projects_studies/coordination_plan.htm.

We will prioritize funding towards grant proposals seeking capital and/or operating assistance to expand the availability of specialized transportation, such as car share and rideshare projects under the JARC Program and projects that address service accessibility and safety needs of the target population of the NF Program. Private sector participation is encouraged and coordination with transportation and human service providers is required. The funding support available under both programs is for eligible new or expanded services, with federal funds participating in up to 80% of eligible capital project expenses and up to 50% of eligible operating costs. The local match may not include any funding provided by the United States Department of Transportation, but may include funding that other federal agencies provide.

Grant Proposal Packages and Workshops

By November 6, 2009, we will make the proposal packages available electronically and post them at our website at http://www.metro.net/projects_studies/jarc/default.htm. Meanwhile, an overview of the programs, prior project awards, and links to federal guidelines can be accessed at this website. We will be providing more detailed information regarding the proposal and project selection process at two workshops that are scheduled as follows:

Date: [November 10, 2009](#)
Time: 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Location: Metro Gateway Headquarters Building
One Gateway Plaza, Gateway Conference Room (3rd floor)

Date: [November 17, 2009](#)
Time: 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Location: Metro Gateway Headquarters Building
One Gateway Plaza, Gateway Conference Room (3rd floor)

For workshop registration, please RSVP by sending an email to jarc@metro.net, or by calling Ms. Linda Tam at (213) 922-2407, no later than November 6, 2009. Please indicate your agency's name, your title, and the date of the workshop that you are interested in attending. Also, please indicate whether you are interested in applying for the JARC Program, the New Freedom Program, or both programs. We also need to know if you need special accommodations for the workshop or to download the proposal package and other relevant information from our website. Potential proposers are required to attend one of the workshops. We will consider additional workshops as needed and upon request, including possible workshops at locations facilitated by potential proposers.

Next Steps

Please note the following schedule of other anticipated activities for this Solicitation:

- Proposals Due: January 2010
- Initial Evaluation/Comment Period: February 2010
- Final Proposals Due: March 2010
- Funding Recommendations to CEO: May 2010
- FTA Grant Application Submitted: June 2010
- FTA Grant Award: September 2010

For additional information, please contact Mr. Ashad Hamideh at (213) 922-4299 or by email at hamideha@metro.net.