

5316 Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) Program Guidance

PROGRAM GOAL

FTA defines the goal of the Section 5316 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.

5316 PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY

Entities eligible to apply for JARC funds include local governmental agencies, private nonprofit organizations, operators of public transportation services and private for-profit operators of transit services. Public Transportation means surface transportation by a conveyance that provides regular and continuing general or special transportation to the public, but does not include school bus, charter, or intercity bus transportation or intercity passenger rail transportation provided by AMTRAK.

To be considered for JARC the recipient must be in an urbanized area with less than 200,000 people or in a rural area.

Eligible projects may include, but are not limited to capital and operating assistance to support activities such as:

- Late-night and weekend service
- Guaranteed ride home service
- Shuttle service
- Expanding fixed-route public transit routes
- Demand-responsive van service
- Ridesharing and carpooling activities
- Transit-related aspects of bicycling (such as adding bicycle racks to vehicles to support individuals that bicycle a portion of their commute or providing bicycle storage at transit stations)
- Marketing promotion of the use of transit by workers with non-traditional work schedules, transit voucher programs by appropriate agencies for welfare recipients and other low-income individuals, development of employer-provided transportation, use of transit pass programs and benefits under Section 132 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986
- Supporting the administration and expenses related to voucher programs. Vouchers can be used as an administrative mechanism for payment to providers of alternative transportation services
- Acquiring Geographic Information System (GIS) tools
- Implementing Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS), including customer trip information technology
- Integrating automated regional public transit and human service transportation information, scheduling and dispatch functions
- Deploying vehicle position-monitoring systems
- Subsidizing the costs associated with adding reverse commute bus, train, carpool van routes or service from urbanized areas and nonurbanized areas to suburban work places

- The provision of coordination services, including employer-oriented Transportation Management Organizations' and Human Service Organizations' customer-oriented travel navigator systems and neighborhood travel coordination activities such as coordinating individualized travel training and trip planning activities for customers
- Operational planning for the acquisition of intelligent transportation technologies to help plan and operate coordinated systems inclusive of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) mapping, Global Positioning System Technology, coordinated vehicle scheduling, dispatching and monitoring technologies as well as technologies to track costs and billing in a coordinated system and single smart customer payment systems
- acquisition of technology

FEDERAL/LOCAL MATCHING REQUIREMENTS

Required matching funds must be from sources other than USDOT.

- Capital Assistance: 20%
- Planning Assistance: 20%
- Mobility Management: 20%
- Operating Costs: 50%

Use of Other Federal Funds:

Local match may be derived from other Federal funds derived from Federal programs that are eligible to be expended for transportation, other than from the DOT programs. Examples of types of programs that are potential sources of local match include: employment training, aging, community services, vocational rehabilitation services, and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF). To be eligible for local match for FTA funds, the other Federal funds must be used for activities included in the total net project costs of the FTA grant. Expenditure of other Federal funds for transportation outside of the scope of the project cannot be applied as a credit for local match in the FTA grant. Specific program information for other types of Federal funding is available at www.unitedweride.gov.