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CALL FOR PROJECTS – NON-AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT FUNDS

The California Department of Transportation's (Department) Division of Mass Transportation is pleased to announce a call for projects for the following Federal Transit Administration grant programs for federal fiscal year 2009:

Section 5310 – Elderly and Disabled Specialized Transit Program

- Estimated funding is \$12.6 million
- Website for additional information: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/MassTrans/5310.html>
- Toll-free assistance line: 1-888-472-6816
- Application due date to regional planning agency is **June 5, 2009**
- Application due date to the Department on or before **September 4, 2009**

Section 5316 – Job Access and Reverse Commute Program for Small Urban Projects

- Estimated funding for small-urbanized projects is \$3 million
- Application due date to regional planning agency with MOU is **June 26, 2009**
- Application due date to the Department on or before **September 25, 2009**

Section 5316 – Job Access and Reverse Commute Program for Rural Projects

- Estimated funding for rural projects is approximately \$1.4 million
- Application due date to the Department on or before **September 25, 2009**
- Website for additional information: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/MassTrans/5316.html>

Section 5317 – New Freedom Program for Small Urban Projects

- Estimated funding for small-urbanized projects is \$1.6 million
- Application due date to regional planning agency with MOU is **June 26, 2009**
- Application due date to the Department on or before **September 25, 2009**

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Section 5317 - New Freedom Program for Rural Projects

- Estimated funding for rural projects is \$.7 million
- Application due date to the Department on or before **September 25, 2009**
- Website for additional information: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/MassTrans/5317.html>

A fact sheet for each funding program is enclosed as well as a contact listing of the regional transportation planning agencies. This information is available in alternate formats by request. We look forward to working with you in this series of application cycles.

Sincerely,



KIMBERLY A. GAYLE

Office Chief

Federal Transit Grants Programs

Enclosure

CALL FOR PROJECTS FACT SHEET Federal Fiscal Year 2009 SECTION 5310-Elderly & Disabled Specialized Transit Program

Program Purpose:

To provide capital grants to assist private nonprofit corporations and under certain conditions public agencies to provide safe, efficient and coordinated transportation services for elderly individuals and individuals with disabilities for whom public transportation is otherwise unavailable, insufficient, or inappropriate.

Coordinated Planning:

All projects selected for funding must be derived from a coordinated public transit-human services transportation plan. Contact your Region Transportation Planning Agency for guidance. See also:

<http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/MassTrans/Coord-Plan-Res.html>

Eligible Applicants:

- Private non-profit organizations
- Governmental authorities that certify no non-profit corporations or associations are readily available in an area to provide the service
- Governmental authorities approved by the State to coordinate services for elderly individuals and individuals with disabilities

Applicant Ability:

Agency must be able to document the ability to:

- Provide an efficient and effective paratransit service
- Ongoing driver training program
- Vehicle maintenance program (maintenance costs can vary from as low as \$3,000 to \$14,000 annually)
- Identify the source of the 11.47% local match

Eligible Equipment:

- Accessible vans and buses (sedans and SUVs ineligible)
- Radios and communication equipment
- Computer hardware and software
- Transit related ITS systems
- Introduction of new technology through innovative and improved products

Funding Selection Process:

Competitive applications are scored using California Transportation Commission's (CTC) adopted Quantitative Scoring Criteria. Scored projects are ranked and compiled into a statewide-prioritized list using all of Federal apportioned grant dollars. The prioritized list is submitted to the CTC for adoption.

Program Requirements:

Successful applicants will enter into a Standard Agreement with Caltrans that stipulates the terms and conditions under which the equipment must be procured and operated (including timely submittal of Quarterly Reports and biennial onsite inspections.) The Agreement will remain in effect until the project is terminated and formal disposition of the equipment has been made.

Application Workshops:

Statewide workshops have been scheduled to assist applicants in completing the competitive funding application, understanding the scoring worksheet, and receiving procurement information. Check our website or call our toll free phone number for location information or registration assistance. Register for a workshop through CalACT at: <http://www.calact.org>.

Projected Timeline for FFY 2009

- February –CTC adopted Scoring Worksheets
- March - Call for Projects, Application documents posted on website
- March through April – Application workshops
- June 5 – Applications due to RTPA
- September 4 – Application due to Caltrans
- September through November – Scoring review and draft prioritized list established
- December 2009 – Prioritized list adopted by CTC

Section 5310 website:

<http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/MassTrans/5310.html>

For questions call our toll free number at:

1-888-472-6816

SECTION 5316 – Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) Program FACT SHEET Federal Fiscal Year 2008-09

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 and to transport residents of urbanized areas and non-urbanized areas to suburban employment opportunities.

FTA FUNDING:

JARC program funding is available in two categories:

- Approximately \$ 3 million for JARC small-urban projects.
- Approximately \$1.4 million for JARC rural projects.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS:

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

LOCAL MATCHING REQUIREMENTS:

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

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

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.

PROJECT SELECTION PROCESS:

Projects will be awarded through a statewide competitive selection process. The Division of Mass Transportation (DMT) will evaluate all JARC project applications through a JARC/New Freedom review committee to determine the extent to which the proposed projects

meet the overall program goals and objectives.

However, a Local Agency (LA) with a recognized small-urban area may choose to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) agreement with the DMT, to conduct its own regional competitive selection process for those small-urban JARC 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, JARC 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), and the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) developed by the State and jointly approved by the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration.

Projects outside the urbanized areas must be included in, or consistent with, a long-range transportation plan and be included in the STIP.

APPLICATION WORKSHOPS:

Statewide workshops are to assist applicants in completing the funding application, understanding the scoring worksheet, and receiving procurement information. Please check our website for further information.

Section 5316 website:

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ADDITIONAL REFERENCE SOURCES:

Section 5317 website:

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DMT Coordinated Plan Resources Center:

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SECTION 5317 – New Freedom Program FACT SHEET

Federal Fiscal Year 2008-09

PROGRAM PURPOSE

The New Freedom program provides funding to assist transit operators and public agencies provide “new” transportation services for individuals with disabilities above and beyond the minimum currently required by the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101, et seq.).

FTA FUNDING:

New Freedom program funding is available in two categories:

- Approximately \$ 1.6 million for New Freedom small-urban projects.
- Approximately \$.7 million for New Freedom rural projects.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS:

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