

# Grant Writing: Applying for FTA Grants

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# Presentation Outline

- FTA Program Overviews: 5310, JARC and New Freedom
- Mobility Management is an Eligible Activity
- Available Funding for North Carolina
- Grant Deadlines
- Contact Information and Other Available Resources

# FTA Program Summaries

- **Section 5310 – Elderly and Individuals with Disabilities Program:** Provides for the purchase of vehicles to transport elderly persons or persons with disabilities.
- **Section 5316 – Job Access and Reverse Commute:** Designed to transport welfare recipients and low income individuals to and from jobs and reverse commute activities
- **Section 5317 – New Freedom Program:** Provides improved public transportation services, and alternatives to public transportation, for people with disabilities, beyond those required by the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA)

# FTA Program: Elderly Individuals & Individuals with Disabilities – Section 5310

- Purpose: Supports capital cost of special transportation for elderly & people with disabilities
- Primary Beneficiary: Elderly & Individuals with disabilities
- Typical grantees: State DOT for private non-profit agencies & certain public agencies
- Projects: Capital
- Circular: FTA C 9070.1

# FTA Program: Job Access and Reverse Commute – Section 5316

- Purpose: Supports transportation for welfare recipients, eligible low-income individuals to and from jobs and activities related to their employment, and reverse commute activities
- Primary Beneficiary: Low-income individuals and commuters to suburban employment sites
- Typical grantees: State DOT and Transit Authorities (sub-recipients: public, private non-private, private operators of public transportation)
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- Projects: Capital, Planning, Operating
- Circular: FTA C 9050.1

# FTA Program: New Freedom – Section 5317

- Purpose: Supports new public transportation service and public transportation alternatives beyond those currently required by the ADA that assist individuals with disabilities with transportation
- Primary Beneficiary: Individuals with disabilities
- Typical grantees: State DOT and Transit Authorities (sub-recipients: public, private non-private, private operators of public transportation)
- Projects: Capital and Operating
- Circular: FTA C 9045.1

# Coordinated Planning Process

- Requirements under SAFETEA-LU (Transportation Bill) in order to receive Section 5310, 5316 and 5317 funds:
- Designated Recipient (DR) letter from Governor on file
- Project must be derived from a local coordinated plan
- Project selected through a competitive selection process (5316, 5317)
- Projects must be in Transportation Improvement Plan and State TIP
- DR must develop a Program of Projects (POP)
- State Management Plan/Program Management Plan developed and approved by FTA (SMP/PMP)

# Coordinated Plan Elements

- An assessment of available services
- An assessment of transportation needs of target population
- Strategies, activities and/or projects to address the identified gaps
- Priorities for implementation based on resources, time, and feasibility

# JARC Projects

- Operations to and from employment sites and employment related transportation activities for lower-income individuals
  - Late night and weekend service
  - Guaranteed ride home service
  - Shuttle service
  - Expanded fixed-route public transit routes
  - Demand-responsive service
  - Ridesharing and carpooling activities
  - Voucher programs

# JARC Projects

- Capital
  - Vehicles
  - Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS)
  - Promotion of operating activities
  - Mobility management activities
- Reverse Commute Activities

# New Freedom Projects

- Operations Above and Beyond the ADA
- ADA Accessible Vehicles for those Operations
- Accessible Transit Shelters
- Accessible Street Medians
- Accessible Signage at Transit Stops
- Accessible Paths to Transit Stops
- Accessible Taxis

# New Freedom Projects

- Volunteer Driver Aid Programs
- Medical Shuttle Programs
- Voucher Programs
- Same Day Paratransit Service
- Certified Home Care Aide to Prepare for Transportation
- Expansion of current hours for paratransit service

# New Freedom/JARC Projects – Mobility Management

- Mobility Management: Consists of short-range planning and management activities and projects for improving coordination among public transportation and other transportation service providers

# New Freedom/JARC Projects – Mobility Management

- Eligible Activities:
- Support for short term management activities to plan and implement coordinated services (Development of Coordinated Plans)
- The operation of transportation brokerages to coordinate providers, funding agencies and customers (Mobility Managers)
- Customer-oriented travel navigator systems and neighborhood travel coordination activities such as coordinating individualized travel training and trip planning activities for customers; (Travel Training)

# New Freedom/JARC Projects – Mobility Management

- Eligible Activities:
- The development and operation of one-stop transportation traveler call centers to coordinate transportation information on all travel modes
- Operational planning for the acquisition of intelligent transportation technologies to help plan and operate coordinated systems (MSAA Initiatives)
- The support of State and local coordination policy bodies and councils

# Local Match

- Planning (JARC only) – 80 Federal/20 Local
- Capital
  - 80 Federal/20 Local (Mobility Management)
  - 90 Federal /10 Local – ADA Equipment
  - 83 Federal /17 Local – Accessible Vehicle
- Operations – 50 Federal/50 Local

# Local Match

- Sources of Local Match:
- State or Local Appropriations
- Non-DOT Federal funds
- Tax Revenues
- Private Donations
- Revenue for HST Contracts
- Donations
- Volunteer Services
- In-Kind Contributions

# Available FTA 5310 Funds

- FY2008 ..... \$ 3,613,409.00
- Application Deadline: July 30, 2010
- Lapse Date: 9/30/2010
  
- FY2009 ..... \$ 3,878,229.00
- Application Deadline: July 2011
- Lapse Date: 9/30/2011
  
- FY 2010..... \$ 3,820,085.00
- Application Deadline: July 2012
- Lapse Date: 9/30/2012



# Available FTA 5316 JARC Funds

- FY2008 (Medium)..... \$  
995,606.00
- FY 2008 (Small).....  
\$1,573,055.00
- Application Deadline: June 30, 2010
- Lapse Date: 9/30/2010
  
- FY2009 (Medium).....  
\$1,168,581.00
- FY 2009 (Small).....  
\$1,846,355.00
- Application Deadline: June 30, 2011
- Lapse Date: 9/30/2011
  
- FY 2010 (Small)..... \$  
1,765,332.00
- FY 2010 (Medium)..... \$  
1,117,301.00
- Application Deadline: June 30, 2012



# Available FTA 5317 New Freedom Funds

- FY2008 (Medium)..... \$  
721,643.00
- FY2008 (Small)..... \$  
964,523.00
- Application Deadline: July 30, 2010
- Lapse Date: 9/30/2010
  
- FY 2009 (Medium)..... \$  
831,824.00
- FY 2009 (Small).....  
\$1,111,789.00
- Application Deadline: July 2011
- Lapse Date: 9/30/2011
  
- FY 2010 (Medium)..... \$  
816,386.00
- FY 2010 (Small).....  
3.00

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\$1,091,15<sub>20</sub>

# Closing

- Good Luck and Your Grant Requests

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- Visit [www.nrctransportation.org](http://www.nrctransportation.org) for more information.

# How Your Ambassador Can Help

- Provide technical assistance to local, state and regional communities
- Serve as a clearinghouse of information on coordination and available resources (For example, ambassador can be a useful search engine for information that you might need or can tap into other technical assistance provider networks for help). If you are not part of my distribution list, let me know at [hutchinson@ctaa.org](mailto:hutchinson@ctaa.org) so you can get regular updates!
- Serve as a facilitator or assist in problem solving at the State, regional or local level
- Someone who cares!

# Available Website Resources

- National Resource Center – [www.nrctransportation.org](http://www.nrctransportation.org)
- Federal Transit Administration - [www.fta.gov](http://www.fta.gov)
- UWR Fact Sheet on Mobility Management  
[www.unitedweride.gov/Mobility\\_Management\\_Brochure.pdf](http://www.unitedweride.gov/Mobility_Management_Brochure.pdf)
- United We Ride – [www.unitedweride.gov](http://www.unitedweride.gov)
- Easter Seal Project Action - [projectaction@easterseals.com](mailto:projectaction@easterseals.com)
- National Center on Senior Transportation - [ncst@easterseals.com](mailto:ncst@easterseals.com)
- Community Transportation Association of America – [www.ctaa.org](http://www.ctaa.org)
- Coordination Plans for Other States @  
[www.ctaa.org/coordinationplans](http://www.ctaa.org/coordinationplans)

# Thank You & United We Ride!



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