

Examples of New Freedom Grants of Under \$100,000

Recipient: San Joaquin Regional Transit District (RTD)

Geographic Area Served: San Joaquin County, CA

New Freedom Grant: CA-57-X011

Funding Received: \$92,491

- This project will allow RTD to serve as a large urban area One-Stop-Shop coordinator and community liaison. RTD will identify transportation options both public and private throughout San Joaquin County and outlying destination points, train and monitor call center staff, provide staff trainings for local social service, transit and government agencies, and develop a website where residents can access transportation information in a central location. RTD is requesting funds for an initial 2-year period.

Recipient: Valley Regional Transit

Geographic Area Served: Boise Idaho

New Freedom Grant: ID-57-X001

Funding Received: \$58,827

- Funds will be used to provide support for mobility management strategies. The project will build coordination among existing public transportation and other transportation providers in Ada and Canyon counties, resulting in enhancements to the transportation system that will improve access to and efficiency of services, and allow for enhancement of services. Mobility Management strategies will focus on access (land use) integration, technology enhancements, programmatic and informational enhancement and operational enhancements, resulting in efficiencies of existing resources and the expansion and availability of service to the rural, suburban and urban areas of the region.

Recipient: City of Springfield City Utilities

Geographic Area Served: Springfield, MO

New Freedom Grant: MO-57-X003

Funding Received \$52,780

- This grant funds the construction of ADA accessibility features at bus stops that would enhance access for the disabled, elderly and non-disabled bus passengers. ADA accessibility pads, sidewalks, and curb-cuts will be constructed and bus benches and bus shelters will be installed.

Recipient: Omaha Metro Area Transit (MAT)

Geographic Area Served: Omaha, NE

New Freedom Grant: NE-57-X003

Funding Received: \$36,346

- This grant allows MAT to provide travel training for both fixed route transit and ADA complementary transit. MAT will provide travel training to individuals who apply to use the system's ADA Complementary Paratransit service as well as to other individuals with disabilities.

Recipient: The Vermont Agency of Transportation (VTRANS)

Geographic Area Served: Rural Vermont

New Freedom Grant: VT-57-X001

Funding Received: \$16,000

- The New Freedom program funded the Green Mountain Community Network, Inc. (GMCNI) for a rural Travel Trainer program called "Let's Go". The Let's Go Program trains individuals with disabilities on planning a travel route, executing the plan safely, responding to emergencies or the unexpected, appropriate behavior on the system, embarking and disembarking at the correct location, paying fares, transferring, stranger danger and provides an opportunity to practice these new skills (with proper guidance) to demonstrate 100% mastery in real life situations on the bus. Depending on participant needs there are options for one-on-one intensive education or group orientation. Program partners in addition to GMRSVP include: VT Ctr. for Independent Living, Bennington Project Independence, Council on Aging, United Counseling Service, ROVER, United Way of Bennington County, Bennington County Regional Commission and the VT Agency of Transportation.