

**FTA Section 5316  
Jobs Access Reverse Commute (JARC) Transit Program  
Federal Fiscal Year 2012**

**PROGRAM FACT SHEET AND TIMELINE**

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**Program Purpose:** To improve access to transportation services to employment-related activities for welfare recipients and eligible low-income individuals and to transport residents of urbanized areas and nonurbanized areas to suburban employment opportunities.

**Funds Available**

- \* Approximately \$1.08 million in federal funds (including Toll Credits) are available for this cycle to be applied to urbanized areas 50,000 to 199,999 in population;
- \* Approximately \$795 thousand in federal funds (including Toll Credits) are available for this cycle for non-urbanized areas less than 50,000 in population.

**Eligible Applicants:**

- \* Private non-profit corporations;
- \* State or local government authority;
- \* Operators of public transportation services, including private operators of public transportation services.

**Local Match Requirements:** This grant cycle will not require a minimum local match, as 100% in federal funds will be made available upon FTA approval of Toll Credits to be used for local match requirement.

**Coordinated Plans:** 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 Eligibility:** Funds from the JARC program are available for capital, planning, and operating expenses that support the development and maintenance of transportation services designed to

transport low-income individuals to and from jobs and activities related to their employment, and to support reverse commute projects.

Applicants may apply for up to three (3) years of funding per project with a maximum of \$400,000 per year. Eligible projects may include, but are not limited to capital, planning, and operating assistance to support activities such as:

- \* Late-night weekend service
- \* Guaranteed ride home service
- \* Shuttle service
- \* Demand-responsive service
- \* Supporting the administration and expenses related to voucher programs
- \* 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
- \* Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS)
- \* Transit vehicles
- \* Mobility management activities

**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.

**PROGRAM NOTE:**

*JARC project applications will be evaluated in accordance with the scoring criteria published in the Application Instructions to determine the extent to which the proposed project meets the overall program goals and objectives. Applicants in small-urban areas which have an MPO/RTPA who are MOU participants, will submit their application to the Small Urban Area Local Agency (see Grant Application Instruction for list of MOU Participants.) Caltrans DMT will conduct the entire JARC/NF competitive selection process for non-MOU small urbanized areas and all rural (non-urban) areas.*

**FTA 5316 PROGRAM TIMELINE**

November 15, 2012	Call for projects
January 21-31, 2013	Grant application workshops
March 29, 2013	Applications due to Small Urban Area Local Agency (MOU participants only)
April 19, 2013	ALL applications due to Caltrans DMT ( <b>must be postmarked by this date</b> )
June 2013	Completion of state review, evaluation, and program of projects selection
June/July 2013	Tentative Award Announcement Initiate transfers of small urban projects to Section 5307 Project programming
July/August 2013	Submission of FTA grant for approval
September 2013	FTA grant approval
October 2013	Schedule successful applicant workshops
December 2013	Final award announcement Issuance of standard agreements to subrecipients

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