



Rockford Metropolitan Agency For Planning

CALL FOR PROJECTS

JOB ACCESS AND REVERSE COMMUTE (JARC) and NEW FREEDOM PROGRAMS

To: All Interested Parties

From: The Rockford Metropolitan Agency for Planning

Notice is hereby given that the Rockford Metropolitan Agency for Planning (RMAP), the federally-designated Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Rockford Urban and Metropolitan Area, is seeking potential projects for both Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Funding Sections 5316 and 5317, respectively Job Access and Reverse Commute funds and New Freedom funds. RMAP coordinates publicly funded transportation planning and improvements among the various jurisdictions in Winnebago and Boone Counties.

Projects for these funding sources must be developed from and address identified transit gaps and needs as cited in the RMAP Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan (HSTP).

The plan is available on the RMAP website at <http://www.rmapil.org> or you can receive a copy by contacting RMAP staff. RMAP staff contact information is provided below.

The following is a brief description of what each funding source supports:

The goal of the Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) program is 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 locations. The program requires coordination of Federally assisted programs and services in order to make the most efficient use of Federal resources.

The New Freedom formula grant program aims to provide additional tools to overcome existing barriers facing Americans with disabilities seeking integration into the work force and full participation in society. The New Freedom formula grant program seeks to reduce barriers to transportation services and to expand the transportation mobility options available to people with disabilities beyond the requirements of the ADA of 1990.

For more information including eligible activities, etc for JARC and New Freedom programs, please refer to FTA Circulars: **FTA C 9050.1 (JARC)** and **FTA C 9045.1 (New Freedom)**. These circulars can be obtained through the FTA webpage http://www.fta.dot.gov/laws/leg_reg_circulars_guidance.html or by contacting the FTA at (202) 366-4043 or (800) 877-8339 (TTY).

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Applicants seeking consideration for these funds are required to submit an application, which is available in the RMAP HSTP at the end of the document. This document can be found on the RMAP website <http://www.rmapil.org> or an application can be requested by contacting RMAP staff. For this application period (February 16, 2011 – March 28, 2011) the amounts of funds available are:

JARC funds available: \$292,144

New Freedom Funds available: \$191,641

Projects that will apply for JARC funding must provide services to at least one of areas listed in the HSTP which are CherryVale Mall, the Machesney Park Industrial Centers, Boone County/City of Belvidere or East State Street in Rockford, IL.

Selection criteria for potential projects is available in the required application.

Proposed projects can be submitted by contacting RMAP staff through the U.S. mail, e-mailing or faxing project proposals. Also, applicants could present the proposed project (which includes the above mentioned application items in hard copy format) at the RMAP Mobility Subcommittee meeting, which will take place on April 12th, 2011 at 10:00am at the YWCA of Rockford (4990 E. State Street, Rockford, IL 61108).

Project applications to be considered for JARC and New Freedom funding **must** be submitted to the RMAP offices **no later** than **5:00PM** on **MARCH 28th, 2011**.

For further information, please contact:

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