



Southeastern Regional Planning & Economic Development District

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The Southeastern Regional Planning & Economic Development District (SRPEDD) is soliciting project proposals for the Federal Transit Administration's Jobs Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) and New Freedom Programs. This funding round will be limited to applications from agencies operating within the Boston UZA. SRPEDD communities in the Boston UZA include: Mansfield, Norton, Raynham, Taunton, Middleborough, Carver, Berkley, Dighton and Lakeville.

JARC provides grants to support the development and maintenance of projects designed to transport welfare recipients and eligible low-income individuals to and from jobs and activities related to employment. New Freedom provides grants for new public transportation services and public transportation alternatives beyond the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 that assist individuals with disabilities.

Projects must address an unmet transportation need as identified in the Coordinated Human Services Transportation (CHST) Plan for the Southeastern Massachusetts Metropolitan Planning Organization, prepared by SRPEDD in 2008. The CHST Plan is available on the SRPEDD website at <http://www.srpedd.org/transportation/THE%20CP.pdf> or upon request.

The available funding for the Boston Urbanized Area is \$3,218,695 for the JARC Program and \$2,263,843 for the New Freedom Program. Applications may be received from public agencies, private non-profit corporations, and private providers of public transportation. For more information on these two programs, see the online Circulars at http://www.fta.dot.gov/documents/FTA_C_9050.1_JARC.pdf (Section 5316) and http://www.fta.dot.gov/documents/FTA_C_9045.1_New_Freedom.pdf (Section 5317).

Successful applicants must be able to comply with all Federal Transit Administration requirements. The contractor selected must be qualified to do business in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as a transportation operator.

Completed applications should be returned to Louise Hardiman, SRPEDD, 88 Broadway, Taunton, MA 02780 by 5:00 PM, March 1, 2010.