

JARC PROGRAMMING GUIDELINES

Transit Committee

February 13, 2014



Process Update

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Program Goals

- To improve access for low-income persons to jobs and job-related services
- No Recommended Changes

Eligibility - Operating

- ~~New routes;~~
- ~~Route extensions;~~
- ~~Increased frequency;~~
- ~~Modification of existing route;~~
- ~~Additional late night and weekend fixed-route service.~~

The JARC eligible activities can be found in the FTA Circular C9050.1.

Eligibility - Non-Operating

- ~~Transit-related aspects of bicycling (such as adding bicycle racks to vehicles to support individuals that bicycle a portion of their commute or providing bicycle storage at transit stations or other locations as identified in coordinated plan);~~
- ~~Information, information technology (GIS, ITS, GPS etc.) and dispatch systems;~~
- ~~Promotion, marketing, and pass programs;~~
- ~~Local car loan programs that assist individuals in purchasing and maintaining vehicles for shared rides;~~
- ~~Travel training, travel assistance, and other forms of facilitating use of fixed-route~~
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The JARC eligible activities can be found in the FTA Circular C9050.1.

Funding

Operating

- Two years ~~guaranteed~~ funding ~~for non-grandfathered routes~~
- May reapply ~~for one additional year for extenuating circumstances and currently grandfathered routes. Non-profit agencies are excepted from this rule.~~ with demonstration of success.

Non-Operating

- ~~Two~~ One year ~~guaranteed~~ funding period
- May re-apply ~~after two years~~ with demonstration of its success

Funding Amounts

- \$30,000 Minimum and \$200,000 Maximum funding request. \$400,000 maximum for a multiagency application.
- ~~5% set-aside for Non Profit Agencies (~\$90,000)~~

Evaluation Criteria

- Target Population Served (30% weight)
 - Human Services Coordination Transportation Plan
 - Participation in Transportation Ambassadors Program (TAP)
- Coordination and outreach (30% weight)
 - Increased due diligence, contacting business or social services directly for input
 - Letters of support (2 minimum) from stakeholders including businesses, non-profits and/or social services

Evaluation Criteria

Performance Indicators (20% weight)

- Cost/benefit
- Desired outcome
- Performance evaluation methodologies
- Sustainability - Program/service can continue after initial two-year JARC funding for Operating Projects
- Project readiness

Meets Program Intent (20% weight)

- Meets intent of program goals and objectives
- Serves as example of a best practice

Evaluation Process

- Presentation
 - ~~No Presentation~~ Three slides/5 minute discussion
 - Question and answer session (up to 7 minutes)
- Evaluation Team
 - Transit working group plus Chair and Vice-Chair of Elderly and Persons with Disabilities Transportation Committee
- Call for Projects
 - Spring 2014 (March/April)

6514 - Clear Creek County Department of Human Services

Clear Creek County Department of Human Services (9141)

Low-Income Work Transit (6855)

Type: Trip-Based Services/Flexible routing

Goal: Improved access/connections

Service description: Unfortunately, few jobs exist in the Clear Creek County area that pay enough to keep families in a self-sufficient situation. Before the JARC funding, there was a lack of transportation options causing a significant barrier for interested persons seeking job training and job placement. Clear Creek County Department of Human Services with the assistance of our transportation broker provided rides to qualified, low-income individuals looking for/or established in a work environment. Working with our transportation broker, qualified County residents were transported to jobs outside the County. Without assistance, this service would not have been available.

Lessons learned: I would encourage a service like the one we chose. It has been a tremendous asset to our County. I wish I would have been more familiar with transportation services at the beginning.

Evaluation: We evaluated this project by the number of rides provided to low-income individuals, the number of TANF clients that utilized this service, and the number of other qualified County residents that required transportation to and from work.

Accomplishments: Working directly with the TANF Unit in conjunction with the Tri-County Mountain Workforce Center, we enabled our eligible population the means to be less reliant on assistance, to get back to work, and become self-sufficient once again.

Preliminary Call for Projects Timeline

Date	Description
2/13/2014	Transit Committee recommends inclusion of expanded JARC elements in MAG Programming Guidelines for Federal Transit Formula Funds.
March 2014	Applications made available to member agencies
April 2014	Applications due to MAG Offices
May 2014	Evaluation Committee meets/Project Interviews
6/12/2014	Transit Committee recommends list of projects to Regional Council for approval
7/30/2014	Regional Council Approves list of projects for inclusion in the FY2013-2018 Transportation Improvement Plan

- For information, discussion and possible recommended approval of the update to the **MAG Regional Programming Guidelines for Federal Transit Formula Funds.**

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