

## Section 5317 New Freedom Program FACT SHEET

### PROGRAM PURPOSE:

The New Freedom program provides funding to assist transit operators and public agencies provide "new" transportation services for individuals with disabilities above and beyond the minimum currently required by the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101, et seq.).

### FTA FUNDING

New Freedom program funding is available for the following amounts for the fiscal years:

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| FY 2009 | \$79,720  |
| FY 2010 | \$233,322 |

### COORDINATED PLANNING

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.

### ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

- Private non-profit organizations.
- State or local governmental authority.
- Operators of public transportation services, including private operators of public transportation services.
- Tribal Governments.

### ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

Expenses that support development and maintenance of transportation services include: Capital; Planning; Operating and Mobility Management.

### LOCAL MATCHING REQUIREMENTS

Federal share of eligible capital and planning costs may not exceed 80% of the next cost Activity.

The Federal share of the eligible operating costs may not exceed 50% of the net operating costs of the activity.

### PROJECT SELECTION PROCESS

Fresno COG will conduct its own regional competitive selection process for small-urban New Freedom grant applications. A final list of selected projects will be published and submitted to the FTA for funding.

### PLANNING REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible for funding, New Freedom 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) approved jointly by the MPO and the Governor, and the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) developed by a State and jointly approved by FTA and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). Projects outside urbanized areas must be included in, or be consistent with the Statewide Long-Range Transportation Plan, as developed by the State, and must be included in the STIP.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please contact Todd Sobrado at Fresno COG for more information.

**COMPLETED APPLICATIONS DUE TO FRESNO COG BY FRIDAY JANUARY 14, 2011 BY  
5:00 PM PST.**