



NET TRANS

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Job Access and Reverse Commute Program Guidelines

Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) program was established by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), as part of TEA – 21 to address the unique transportation challenges faced by welfare recipients and low-income persons seeking to obtain and maintain employment. This program has had a dramatic impact on the lives of thousands of welfare recipients and low-income families, helping individuals successfully transition from welfare to work and reach needed employment support services such as childcare and job training activities.

The goal of the JARC program is to improve access to transportation services for 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 employment opportunities. Toward this goal, the FTA provides financial assistance for transportation services planned, designed and carried out to meet the transportation needs of eligible low-income individuals, and of reverse commuters regardless of income. The program requires coordination of federally-assisted programs and services in order to make the most efficient use of federal resources.

Guidelines

1. Each individual will be assigned a case manager to assist with guidance and eligibility.
2. Each individual will be required to meet the following eligibility requirements:
 - a. Match or fall below 150% of the annual Poverty Guidelines for household.
 - b. Have eligible employment or employment related activity.
 - c. Must provide proof of employment and income.

3. Each individual will be eligible for JARC funding for one (1) year, unless designated and approved for continuation.
 - a. To continue in the program an individual must have a physician's statement of disability.
 - b. And, continue to meet the income eligibility requirements.
4. The annual plan will be as follows:
 - a. The entire fare will be paid by JARC for nine (9) months.
 - b. The last three (3) month's fare will be split by the individual and JARC, with the individual paying a general public fare per trip.
5. The individual will be assessed quarterly by the case manager.
6. Reverse Commute will only be provided for recipients of Job Access.
7. No Shows: Each individual is required to cancel a scheduled trip at least two hours before the requested time. If a client receives three (3) No Shows in a ninety (90) day period, the client is subject to being terminated from the program.
8. If a client becomes inactive for sixty (60) days, the client is subject to being terminated from the program.