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Notice of Availability of Funds

The San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) wishes to announce the availability of funds for two specialized transportation grant programs:

- Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC)
- New Freedom

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Projects will be selected for funding through an open competitive process. SANDAG may award funds to local government agencies, tribal governments, social service agencies, private and public operators of public transportation, and non-profit organizations. SANDAG requires that proposed projects be derived from either "very high" or "high" priorities as indicated by the Coordinated Plan. Applications for funding under any of these programs must be received by SANDAG no later than 5 p.m., Thursday, December 8, 2011. Separate applications must be filed for each grant type, but a project can utilize multiple funding sources.

SANDAG will host an application workshop in October or November. The exact date and location will be posted on the SANDAG Web site -- along with the Coordinated Plan, grant application forms, and related materials -- at www.sandag.org/CoordinatedPlan. Applicants also may obtain them by writing to SANDAG:

SANDAG
 Attn: JARC/NF
 401 B Street, Suite 800
 San Diego, CA 92101

To request the application or related documents in alternative format, please call (619) 699-1900, (619) 699-1904 (TTY), or fax (619) 699-1905.

JARC and New Freedom

The JARC and New Freedom programs are funded through the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient, Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU). SANDAG has been designated by the governor of California as the recipient of the JARC and New Freedom federal funding programs for the San Diego urbanized area. These programs fund operating projects with a 50 percent matching requirement, and capital and mobility management projects with a 20 percent matching requirement. Match sources can include federal sources not funded through the Department of Transportation, state and local funds, and in-kind services.

JARC is eligible to fund employment-related transportation projects serving low-income individuals and reverse commuters. There is one year of funding available, totaling approximately \$1.8 million. Examples of projects that may be funded through JARC include:

- Late-night and weekend fixed-route service
- Employment shuttles
- Guaranteed ride home service
- Vanpools, ridesharing, and carpooling activities
- Regional mobility management
- Bicycling programs and car sharing
- Intelligent Transportation Systems, information, and dispatch systems

New Freedom funding may be used to provide new or expanded transportation services for individuals with disabilities that go beyond the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). One year of New Freedom funding is available, totaling approximately \$900,000. Examples of eligible projects include:

- Purchasing accessible vehicles
- Administering voucher programs
- Administering volunteer driver programs
- Regional mobility management
- Travel training for individual users
- Expansion of paratransit service beyond ADA required boundary
- Providing door-to-door or door-through-door shuttle service

About SANDAG

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