

SELECTION PROCESS AND CRITERIA FOR JARC & NEW FREEDOM GRANT APPLICATIONS

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Job Access and Reverse Commute and New Freedom Grant Application Selection Process

This notification is regarding the Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) and New Freedom funding programs. The South Florida Regional Transportation Authority announces the following process and criteria to review and select projects for funding. The call for projects notice for these programs, as well as all other information, is located at <http://www.sfrta.fl.gov/grants.html>.

Selection Process:

- The South Florida Regional Transportation Authority’s (SFRTA) Planning Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC) will evaluate properly submitted written applications. The committee, comprised of representatives from various agencies, will score each application according to the evaluation criteria set forth. The committee may make a determination to recommend successful applications based on the evaluation score and available funding.
- The committee will evaluate all of the properly submitted written applications pertinent to both JARC and New Freedom programs.
- The SFRTA Governing Board, as the governing body of the “Designated Recipient” of the funds, will approve the projects recommended for funding by the committee. These projects will be forwarded to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for final determination.
- All applicants will be informed of the project applications selected to receive funds.
- The SFRTA will work with the Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) for inclusion of selected projects into the Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP).
- All project sponsors (applicants) who have projects selected for funding, through this competitive selection process, will be required to adhere to all federal regulations and guidelines for third-party contracting in addition to federal requirements pertaining to financial management.

Scoring Matrix (Summary):

CRITERIA	POINTS
(1) Project Eligibility	
Does the project address unmet needs of welfare recipients, eligible low-income persons, or persons with disabilities?	Eligible / Not Eligible
Does the project identify and address unmet needs per the applicable Coordinated Public Transit Human Services Transportation Plan (HSTP) or Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan (TDSP)?	Eligible / Not Eligible
Is the local match identified?	Eligible / Not Eligible
Is the project consistent with FTA guidelines on eligible JARC and New Freedom projects and activities?	Eligible / Not Eligible
(2) Coordination and HSTP/TDSP Consistency	30
Service coverage and resource sharing	10
Employs strategies included in the applicable HSTP/TDSP or demonstrates innovation	10
Coordinates with existing transportation providers	10
(3) Project Readiness/Implementation	20
Project readiness	10
Agency's qualifications and experience	10
(4) Sustainability	20
Is the project sustainable beyond identified project period?	10
Is stakeholder support demonstrated for the project?	10
(5) Need	30
Ridership growth/decrease of existing projects receiving JARC/New Freedom funds; Severity of need of new/expanded projects	20
Estimated number of lower income individuals able to access jobs as a result of JARC OR persons with disabilities served as a result New Freedom project	10
TOTAL	100

The detailed scoring criteria are available online at www.sfrta.fl.gov/grants.html. For additional information, please contact SFRTA Transportation Planner Ms. Natalie Yesbeck Pustizzi at 954-788-7957 or JARC-NF@Ssfrta.fl.gov.