



# Evansville Metropolitan Planning Organization

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The Evansville Metropolitan Planning Organization (EMPO) announces the 2010 Project Selection and Funding Round for the Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) and the New Freedom Initiative Grant Programs funded through the Federal Transit Administration. These two programs are intended to address transportation needs for employment and employment-related activities (JARC) and transportation needs for persons with disabilities (New Freedom).

**Applications are available starting June 7, 2010 and are due June 28, 2010 by 4 p.m.**

These grant programs require local matching funds and may be used for transportation services in the urbanized areas of Vanderburgh County and Warrick County in Indiana and Henderson County in Kentucky.

## **New Freedom Overview**

There is \$173,729 available for the New Freedom Program.

New Freedom funds are available for capital and operating expenses that support new public transportation services beyond those required by the Americans with Disabilities Act and new public transportation alternatives beyond those required by the ADA designed to assist individuals with disabilities with accessing transportation services, including, but not limited to, transportation to and from jobs and employment support services.

For the purpose of the New Freedom program, "new" service is any service or activity that was not operational on August 10, 2005, and did not have an identified funding source as of August 10, 2005, as evidenced by inclusion in the Transportation Improvement Plan or the State Transportation Improvement Plan. The FTA defines services beyond the ADA requirements to mean services not specifically required in the ADA and Department of Transportation regulations. Services funded through the New Freedom Program must be in compliance with the ADA.

Both new public transportation services and new public transportation alternatives are required to go beyond the requirements of the ADA and must (1) be targeted toward individuals with disabilities; and (2) meet the intent of the program by removing barriers to transportation and assisting persons with disabilities with transportation, including transportation to and from jobs and employment services.

New Freedom Program funds may be used for 80% of capital expenses with a 20% local match and 50% of operating expenses with a 50% local match.



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## JARC Overview

There is \$234,408 available for the JARC Program.

The purpose of the JARC program is to:

- 1) Assist in developing new or expanded transportation services that connect welfare recipients and other low income persons (150% or less of poverty guidelines) to jobs and other employment related services (Job Access).
- 2) Provide transportation services, regardless of income, to those living in urbanized area but working in suburban areas (Reverse Commute).

JARC program funds may be used for 80% of capital expenses with a 20% local match and 50% of operating expenses with a 50% local match.

Also, please review the 2007 Coordinated Public Transit Human Services Transportation Plan at [www.evansvillempo.com](http://www.evansvillempo.com). All applicants must show that their proposed projects are derived from this locally developed plan.

The applications and additional information is available at the EMPO office, on the EMPO website at [www.evansvillempo.com](http://www.evansvillempo.com) or email Rob Schaefer at [rschaefer@evansvillempo.com](mailto:rschaefer@evansvillempo.com).

Sincerely,

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