

# The Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) Program

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# Program Overview

The goal of the JARC program is to help welfare recipients and other low-income individuals travel to job sites (and employment-related activities such as job training and child care).

**JARC funds can also be used to improve reverse-commute transportation for the public at large.**

# Program History

The JARC Program was established in 1998 to help individuals make the transition from welfare to work.

The program changed from a discretionary (earmarked) program to a formula program in 2005.

The program is due to be reauthorized in 2009.

# Funding Levels (2006-2009, in millions)

## Overall

2006--\$136.6

2007--\$144.0

2008--\$156.0

2009--\$165

(authorized)

## For Non-Urbanized Areas

2006--\$27.3

2007--\$28.8

2008--\$31.2

2009--\$33.0

(authorized)

# Other Sources of Funding Administered by FTA

The Non-Urbanized Area Transportation Program (\$484 million in FY 08).

The Tribal Transit Program (\$12 million).

The Elderly Individuals and Individuals with Disabilities Program (\$126 million).

The New Freedom Program (\$87.5 million).

# How Funds are Allocated

Congress appropriates funds.

FTA publishes an apportionment notice.

Local stakeholders develop a coordinated plan and identify priorities.

The State holds a competitive selection for projects and applies to FTA for funds.

Once FTA awards funds to the State, it passes through funds to local agencies.

# Eligible Activities

Expanding fixed-route or demand responsive van service.

Employer-provided shuttle service.

Late-night and weekend service.

Ridesharing and carpooling programs.

Automobile loan programs.

Voucher programs to purchase rides.

Mobility management programs.

# Opportunities for Collaboration

Share knowledge at the coordinated public transit human service transportation planning process.

Pool financial resources. (TANF funds can be used to match JARC dollars for transportation projects that serve your clients).

Share vehicles to expand service and reduce duplication of services.

More information at <http://www.unitedwerride.gov>

# Results

In 2006, JARC services provided access to 43.4 million jobs, including 21.2 million low-wage jobs  
In 2006, JARC services provided 22.9 million one way trips.

JARC services generally reduce travel times for users over other transit modes.

Most users surveyed say that JARC services are very important to them.

Cost-effectiveness of JARC services comparable to other fixed-route and demand responsive services and to other programs that assist low-income persons.

JARC services have positive cost-benefit ratios under most scenarios.

# Technical Assistance Resources

FTA Website, [www.fta.dot.gov](http://www.fta.dot.gov)

Joblinks Employment Transportation  
Initiative, [www.ctaa.org](http://www.ctaa.org)

The National Resource Center for  
coordination (NRC), [www.ctaa.org](http://www.ctaa.org)

United We Ride,  
[www.unitedweride.org](http://www.unitedweride.org)

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