

JARC and NF Selection Criteria

The attached series of tables categorize the specific criteria that will be used to assess the applications in accordance to:

- Eligibility (Table 1)
- Coordination and Consistency with the HSTP/TDSP (Table 2)
- Project Readiness/Ability to Implement (Table 3)
- Sustainability (Table 4)
- Need (Table 5)

The Selection Criteria match those questions in the application that are primarily designed to elicit information specific to each criterion. The set of evaluation criteria was developed based on the federal requirements.

TABLE 1: Project Eligibility Screening Criteria	Relevant Application Questions	Relevance to Type of Project	Point Value of Criteria
1. Proposed project addresses unmet needs of welfare recipients, eligible low-income persons and other individuals in urbanized areas seeking employment or employment-related activities in suburban areas (JARC) OR addresses unmet transportation needs of persons with disabilities seeking integration into the workforce or full participation in society (New Freedom).	2, 3, 4, 7	All	Eligible / Not Eligible
2. Project application identifies and addresses an unmet need identified in the Human Services Transportation Plan (HSTP)/Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan (TDSP). This should include: (1) a description of the project; (2) identification of the unmet needs addressed by the project; (3) how the project will address the unmet need(s), e.g., in terms of serving new riders, a new area, a new day and/or times, a higher frequency, less advance notice, more driver assistance, etc.; and (4) an estimated quantification of benefits. Any additional obligations, e.g., the provision of ADA complementary paratransit as a result of implementing a new fixed bus route in a previously unserved area, should be noted.	2, 8, 9	All	Eligible / Not Eligible
3. Local match will be supplied.	30, 31 (Support Documentation)	All	Eligible / Not Eligible
4. Project is consistent with FTA guidelines on eligible JARC and New Freedom projects and activities.	All	All	Eligible / Not Eligible

TABLE 2: Coordination and HSTP/TDSP Consistency Criteria (30 points)	Relevant Application Questions	Relevance to Type of Project	Point Value of Criteria
5. Project employs one or more strategies that provide: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multi-county service with agency coordination and resource sharing = 10 points • Multi-municipality (but intra-county) service with resource sharing = 5 points • No service or coordination beyond municipality or program = 0 points 	3, 8, 9, 10, 11,	All	0, 5, or 10
6. Project employs one or more strategies included in the applicable HSTP/TDSP or otherwise demonstrates innovation.	8, 9	All	0 or 10
7. Does the project utilize or coordinate with existing public transportation providers; or existing public and private human service agencies; or reflect partnerships with non-transit entities and/or private non-profit/for-profit organizations?	10, 20, 21,	All	0, or 10

TABLE 3: Project Readiness / Ability to Implement Criteria (20 points)	Relevant Application Questions	Relevance to Type of Project	Point Value of Criteria
8. Is the project ready to implement? Does the project require additional planning, design and/or engineering before the project can be implemented? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evidence provided that clearly demonstrates all project planning is complete = 10 Points Project planning is incomplete, but a clear schedule of milestones and an explanation of how milestones will be met is provided = 5 Points 	12	All	0, 5, or 10
9. Agency and/or agency contractor(s) qualifications and experience (including key personnel) demonstrate that they have managed similar projects. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have experience with similar projects = 10 Points Have managed projects funded through federal grants = 5 Points 	14, 15, 16	All	0, 5, or 10

TABLE 4: Sustainability Criteria (20 points)	Relevant Application Questions	Relevance to Type of Project	Point Value of Criteria
10. Project is sustainable beyond identified project period. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applicant has identified sources to fund project above and beyond current levels of funding if project is deemed successful = 10 Points 	13, 30, 31	All	0 or 10
11. Key stakeholder support is demonstrated for the project. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project application include letters of support from key stakeholders that delineate specific nature of participation and local share commitment(s) = 10 Points Project application include letters of support from key stakeholders = 5 Points 	Letters Submitted	All	0, 5, or 10

TABLE 5: Need Criteria (30 points)	Relevant Application Questions	Relevance to Type of Project	Point Value of Criteria
12. Project is an existing pilot JARC/NF project. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ridership has increased compared to pre-project ridership or has met other significant objectives = 20 points Ridership has not increased or the applicant has not provided before and after ridership information = 0 points 	2, 6, 17, 22	Continuation of JARC/NF Project	0 or 20

TABLE 5 (Continued): Need Criteria	Relevant Application Questions	Relevance to Type of Project	Point Value of Criteria
13. Severity of need addressed by new, expanded, or existing project (no prior JARC/NF funds). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New project designed to accommodate the needs of target populations of JARC/NF programs. No such service/linkage/agency coordination/sharing of resources currently exists in area = 20 points. • Expansion of an existing service to accommodate the needs of target populations of JARC/NF programs. Current service does not accommodate riders requiring high-level of service, specific trip purpose, and/or same-day service = 10 points • Continuation of an existing fixed route service (<u>JARC only</u>). Current service demonstrates compliance with JARC program goals by serving low income population and/or reverse commute = 5 points 	2, 6, 8, 9, 18, 19, 21	No Prior JARC/NF Funds	0, 5, 10, or 20
14. Estimated number of lower income individuals able to access jobs as a result of the project (JARC) OR persons with disabilities served as a result of the project (New Freedom).	7, 13, 20	All	0, 5, or 10 (based on relative ranking)