

## 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:

- 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. PTAC may make a determination to recommend one (or more) successful applications based on the evaluation score and available funding.
- PTAC will evaluate all of the applications pertinent both to 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 PTAC. 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.
- 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:

CRITERIA	POINTS
<b>Project Need, Goals, and Objectives</b>	<b>35</b>
Is the project consistent with and derived from the Coordinated Public Transit Human Services Transportation Plan (Coordinated Plan)?	10
Does the project establish, preserve or improve mobility for a targeted population?	10
Will a majority of the service area's targeted population be served by the project?	10
Does the project also help meet transportation needs outside the targeted	5

population?	
<b>Coordination/Program Outreach</b>	<b>20</b>
Does the applicant identify opportunities to coordinate with available transportation operators in the project area?	5
Does the applicant's public involvement component exhibit early and continuous outreach?	5
Does the project involve collaboration by at least one other group not including the entity providing the matching funds?	5
Does the application include a letter(s) of support from the involved entities?	5
<b>Project Implementation</b>	<b>10</b>
Does the applicant's implementation plan demonstrate the agency's ability to complete the project within the allotted timeframe?	5
Does the agency have a clearly defined marketing plan?	5
<b>Management Capability</b>	<b>10</b>
Does the agency display experience and resources available in providing existing services for the targeted population?	5
Does the applicant demonstrate the ability to comply with all FTA certifications and assurances?	5
<b>Fiscal Capability</b>	<b>15</b>
Did the applicant submit letters of commitment or other proof of the availability of matching funds?	5
Does the project leverage resources?	5
Does the applicant provide methods to sustain service after the grant period?	5
<b>Program Effectiveness and Performance Indicators</b>	<b>10</b>
Is there a quantifiable methodology identified to measure and evaluate the impact of the project in meeting its identified goals?	5
Does the project contain innovative ideas that could be applied elsewhere?	5
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>

For additional information, please contact Natalie Yesbeck Pustizzi, Transportation Planner at (954) 788-7957.