



# Ozarks Transportation Organization

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## News Release

*For Immediate Release*

The Ozarks Transportation Organization (OTO) is accepting applications for Job Access Reverse Commute (Section 5316) and New Freedom (Section 5317) funding. These two programs are a component of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU). All proposed projects within the OTO Study area must be submitted directly to OTO for application. This year there are approximately \$135,000 dollars available for JARC and just over \$180,000 for New Freedom.

JARC funds will be made available for capital, planning, and operating expenses that support the development and maintenance of transportation services designed to transport low-income individuals to and from jobs and activities related to their employment, and for reverse commute projects.

New Freedom funds will be made available for capital, planning, and operating expenses that support new public transportation services and new public transportation alternatives beyond those required by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), that assist individuals with disabilities with transportation, including transportation to and from jobs and employment support services. Though this list is illustrative and not exhaustive, two additional eligible projects include Intelligent Transportation Services and the incremental cost of changing the basic mode of service of an ADA paratransit system from curbside-to-curbside to door-to-door.

The Application Handbook is available online at [www.ozarkstransportation.org/transit](http://www.ozarkstransportation.org/transit). If you are applying, please submit a completed copy by **January 25, 2007**. Applications received after January 25 will not be considered. Applicants will be notified of project selection status in February.

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