



Ozarks Transportation Organization

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The Ozarks Transportation Organization (OTO) is accepting applications for New Freedom (Section 5317) funding. This program is 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. For this application only, there is approximately \$52,780 for New Freedom.

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 curb-to-curb to door-to-door.

This application period is specifically for FY2006 funding and must be awarded quickly or the funding will expire. Because of this, applications are due May 9, 2008. Attached please find the Application Handbook. This is also available online at www.ozarkstransportation.org/transit. If you are applying, please submit a completed copy of the application and certification worksheet. Applications received after May 9 will not be considered. Applicants will be notified of project selection status before June 1.

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