



Ozarks Transportation Organization

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News Release**

For Immediate Release

The Ozarks Transportation Organization (OTO) is now accepting applications for Elderly and Disabled Transportation (Section 5310), Job Access Reverse Commute (Section 5316), and New Freedom (Section 5317) funding. These 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 \$141,837 dollars available for JARC and \$70,036 for New Freedom. For the Elderly and Disabled Transportation Program, OTO awards 2 vehicles.

The Elderly and Persons with Disabilities Program provides capital assistance to meet the transportation needs of elderly and/or disabled persons where public transportation services are unavailable, insufficient, or inappropriate.

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

Applications are available online at www.ozarkstransportation.org/transit and should be submitted by **June 1, 2010**. Applications received after June 1 will not be considered. Applicants will be notified of project selection status in July.

For more information contact: Natasha Longpine at (417) 836-5545, or mail inquiries to Ozarks Transportation Organization, 117 Park Central Square, Suite 107, Springfield MO 65806.

Si usted necesita la ayuda de un traductor del idioma español, por favor comuníquese con la Debbie Parks al teléfono (417) 836-5442, cuando menos 48 horas antes de la junta.

Persons who require special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act or persons who require translation services (free of charge) should contact Debbie Parks at (417) 836-5442 at least 2 working days prior to the expiration of the public comment period.

If you need relay services please call the following numbers: 711 - Nationwide relay service; 1-800-735-2966 - Missouri TTY service; 1-800-735-0135 - Missouri voice carry-over service.

OTO fully complies with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and related statutes and regulations in all programs and activities. For more information or to obtain a Title VI Complaint Form, see www.ozarkstransportation.org, or call (417) 836-5442.