

Job Access and Reverse Commute Program

The SAFETEA-LU legislation calls for the designated recipient of JARC funds (in this region, CDTA) in urbanized areas with a population over 200,000 to conduct, in cooperation with the appropriate metropolitan planning organization, an area wide solicitation for applications for grants. The solicitation for projects for 2011 JARC activities in was advertised in November 2010 with a due date of December 10, 2010.

CDTA was the only organization to submit an application for funding. A sub-committee of the Regional Transportation Coordination Committee (RTCC) rated CDTA's application highly, and found no fatal flaws. CDTA's application focuses on continuing the successful JARC activities that they have been progressing since 1998, which is consistent with the 2007 Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan for the Capital District. The activities include —four trip planners at one-stops, a full-time mobility management coordinator (coordinates trip planner activities and acts as a liaison with area employers and Social Service Districts), the Safety Net Brokerage (provides brokered taxi rides to eligible recipients at the direction of County DSS Caseworkers in instances where bus service is unavailable or unusable) and capital expenses to support the mobility management activities (such as educational/promotional brochures, materials and supplies, software, transportation).

Under the JARC program, the Federal share of eligible capital and planning costs may not exceed 80% of the net cost of the activity. The Federal share of the eligible operating costs may not exceed 50% of the net operating costs of the activity.

For Federal Fiscal year 2011, a total of \$330,729 of federal JARC monies was allocated to the Capital Region (\$295,799 A-S-T and \$34,950 Saratoga). The CDTA proposal provides the appropriate match for each of the proposed activities listed above. The total matched cost of the 2011 JARC program, therefore, is \$430,084 (with a total match of \$99,355). The figure of \$430,084 needs to be included in the 2010-15 Transportation Improvement Program for CDTA to proceed with their proposed JARC activities.