



## **NEW FREEDOM (5317) Program of Projects**

New Freedom (5317) is a formula-based grant program associated with capital and operating costs based on population of persons with disabilities. This grant encourages services and facility improvements to address the transportation needs of persons with disabilities that go beyond those required by the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The Program of Projects (POP) identifies the sub-recipients and projects for which the designated recipient is applying for financial assistance. This POP was submitted to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for approval of New Freedom projects in the Nashville MPO urbanized area. This POP includes a brief description, total projects costs and Federal share for each project, and the amount of funds required for planning and program administration.

Designated Recipient: **Nashville Metropolitan Transit Authority**

5316: FY 2010 Apportionment: **\$503,353**; Carryover: *n/a*

Total Funds Available: **\$503,353**

Total number of subrecipients funded in this Program of Projects: **6**

### **List of Projects**

**Nashville Metropolitan Transit Authority**, 130 Nestor Street, Nashville, TN/Davidson County 37210

#### **-Madison BusLink**

MTA will implement and operate an on-demand bus service called BusLink with a defined geographic footprint in Madison. The pilot program is new service designed to meet the needs of all a disable commuters, but open to the pubic. This model consists of creating a zone of transit service rather than a specific rout. Within this zone, the bus will operate on demand; picking up passengers at designated boarding locations and dropping them office at other designated locations inside the zone. Passengers wishing to travel outside of the zone will have the ability to transfer to the Route 26 Gallatin Road towards downtown where riders can transfer to other routes that serve Davidson County. Persons with disabilities and the elderly will achieve greater independence with the availability of this transportation option and have designated boarding locations at the Madison Towers and Cumberland View Towers. Additionally, this service will offer a much wider variety of destinations than traditional bus service and will make use of a smaller, fully ADA accessible vehicle. This will allow the service to reach deeper into the Madison community by traveling.

**MTA**

	<u>Federal</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Local</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>
<b>SCOPE</b>				
OPERATING ASSISTANCE	\$ 184,444	\$ 92,222	\$ 92,222	\$ 368,888
CAPITAL				
<b>Total Project Cost:</b>				\$ 368,888

**Council on Aging of Greater Nashville(COA)**, 95 White Bridge Road, Suite 114, Nashville, TN / Davidson County 37205

In an effort to increase door-to-door transportation assistance for individuals with disabilities, the Council on Aging is organizing and facilitating community workgroups in Brentwood, TN and Madison, TN. These door to door services were planned and designed to meet the mobility needs of individuals with disabilities in response to circumstances where existing fixed route and demand response transportation is unavailable. This pilot program will cover different "zones" in the Greater Nashville area- Brentwood (south/Williamson County), Madison (north), and Nashville/mid-town (central). In addition, as a part of this pilot program, there will be new volunteer driver programs designed to complement existing public transit options. The service removes barriers to transportation and assists persons with disabilities, but open to the elderly and others who need aid and assistance to travel safely.

Since the mid 1980s, COA has pursued its unique mission of "identifying needs & funding solutions" for the unmet needs of not just the disabled population, but all individuals seeking services from COA. COA has earned credibility in the community as an unbiased source of related information through web-based and printed resources. The current need in the target areas mentioned above is to have acceptable and affordable transportation alternatives that keep the disabled and elderly mobile and connected to the community. Once in place, this project will help serve both the disabled and others.

**COA**

	<u>Federal</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Local</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>
<b>SCOPE</b>				
OPERATING ASSISTANCE	\$ 21,643	\$ 10,821	\$ 10,821	\$ 43,235
CAPITAL	\$ 240	\$ 30	\$ 30	\$300
<b>Total Project Cost:</b>				\$ 43,585

**FiftyForward**, J.L. Turner Center, 8101 Hwy. 100, Nashville, TN / Davidson County 37221

Studies have shown the need for better transportation services for seniors and the disabled community can improved their sense of independence and social skills. FiftyForward has launched the Bellevue Transportation Project with goals to: a)Increase transportation options for disabled individuals with limited mobility in the Bellevue community; b)Improve and simplify access to, and the use of new public transportation services beyond those required by the ADA that assist individuals with disabilities; c)Increase the quality of transportation services for Bellevue individuals with disabilities. This pilot program will originate at senior facilities due to the high percentage of disabled residents. This program will provide new services for individuals with disabilities but the program is open to the public. The service removes barriers to the current transportation that exists in this area. FiftyForward will purchase an accessible equipped vehicle and hire part-time drivers for door to door services to the center and to services in the community.

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	<u>Federal</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Local</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>
<b>SCOPE</b>				

OPERATING ASSISTANCE	\$ 20,800	\$ 2,080	\$ 2,080	\$ 24,960
CAPITAL	\$ 23,204	\$11,602	\$11,602	\$46,408
<b>Total Project Cost:</b>				\$ 71,368

**Jefferson Street United Merchants Partnership (JUMP)**, 1215 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue North, Nashville, TN / Davidson County 37208

The North Nashville area has many disabled and senior residents who cannot be totally independent due to the lack of accessible transportation. JUMP has created the JUMP Transit Shuttle, a scheduled general public shuttle service that serves congregate living facilities in the Jefferson Street Community. The pilot services provided by JUMP is designed for all disabled individuals, but is open to the public. The shuttle transports individuals with disabilities to life-sustaining and enriching destinations. It operates Tuesday - Saturday between 9am and 3pm, with the help of passenger assistants to offer door-to-door and door-through-door services. JUMP has partnered with InShuttle Transportation to serve the Jefferson Street Community.

**JUMP**

	<b>Federal</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Local</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>
<b>SCOPE</b>				
OPERATING ASSISTANCE	\$ 73,697	\$ 36,849	\$ 36,849	\$ 147,395
CAPITAL				
<b>Total Project Cost:</b>				\$ 147,395

**Nashville Kidney Foundation(NKF)**, 2120 Crestmoor Road, Nashville, TN / Davidson County 37215

Transportation is a lifeline for NKF disabled Dialysis patients in Middle TN. Many patients with limited resources, such as family and/or friends have relied on the TennCare program for transportation to treatments, With the decrease in the TennCare program, these patients are facing transportation barriers for treatment. NKF Patient Services Committee has developed a plan to offer transportation for dialysis patients. Currently, there are 2,557 dialysis and 1,500 transplant patients in the service area. This pilot program is new services designed for all disabled dialysis patients but is open to the public. The service removes barriers to transportation and assists persons with disabilities with transportation services.

**NKF**

	<b>Federal</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Local</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>
<b>SCOPE</b>				
OPERATING ASSISTANCE	\$ 13,814	\$6,907	\$6,907	\$ 27,628
CAPITAL				
<b>Total Project Cost:</b>				\$ 27,628

**Robertson County Senior Center(RCSC)**, 601 Locust St., Springfield, TN / Robertson County 37172

Currently, no regular, affordable local transportation system exists in Robertson County to meet the mobility needs of individuals with disabilities. RCSC proposes to initiate a minibus service that would travel along a defined route Monday through Friday between the hours of 8am – 2pm and even though this is new service designed for all the disabled, it is open to the public.. The service will have regular stops at key businesses, local services and medical facilities in the City of Springfield.. This new service will help to overcome transportation barriers facing persons with disabilities who desire full participation in society.

Springfield, TN is in need of a mechanism by which disabled, economically disadvantaged and the elderly can obtain daily essential needs and achieve a higher degree of independence. This

pilot program will originate at senior facilities due to the high percentage of disable residents. Of special importance for this transit system will be regular stops at two major congregate assisted living facilities where physically disabled persons and elderly reside. RCSC is hoping to partner with local organizations for volunteer passenger assistants for ambulatory residents. This proposed transportation alternative is a cost effective options for residents. RCSC will purchase an accessible minibus with funds as well.

**RCSC**

	<b><u>Federal</u></b>	<b><u>State</u></b>	<b><u>Local</u></b>	<b><u>Total Cost</u></b>
<b><u>SCOPE</u></b>				
OPERTATING ASSISTANCE	\$ 36,869	\$18,434	\$18,434	\$ 73,737
CAPITAL	\$ 48,610	\$ 6,076	\$ 6,076	\$ 60,762
<b>Total Project Cost:</b>				\$ 137,499

**Tennessee Mental Health Consumers Association (TMHCA)**, 955 Woodland St., Nashville, TN / Davidson County 37206

Many persons with disabilities are typically dependent on the Para transit services available in the community to go to work, shopping, and access social services or for other transportation needs. The Para transit services are a much more costly transportation service than the fixed route and requires the consumer to schedule each trip ahead of time. This can be difficult for many consumers that do not have phone service, but would be eligible for the Para transit service. Access to the fixed route system would also create an opportunity for folks with mental health issues to accomplish a key goal to recovery. Due to the lack of training options available for folks with disabilities, as part of the Mass Transit Services, the proposed project would provide an opportunity for persons with disabilities to have access to training on using the fixed route system. This is new services designed for all disable, it is open to the public. This service removes barriers to transportation and assist persons with disabilities with transportation.

**TMHCA**

	<b><u>Federal</u></b>	<b><u>State</u></b>	<b><u>Local</u></b>	<b><u>Total Cost</u></b>
<b><u>SCOPE</u></b>				
OPERTATING ASSISTANCE	\$ 22,632	\$11,316	\$11,316	\$ 45,264
CAPITAL				
<b>Total Project Cost:</b>				\$ 45,264