

Recommended Revisions to the JARC/NF Selection Criteria

Attached are recommended revisions to the JARC/NF project selection criteria that will be presented for discussion at the May 12, 2008 meeting of the CMAP Human Services Committee.

The revisions are intended to accomplish one or more of the following:

1. Eliminate redundancy
2. Allow for greater differentiation in project scoring
3. Eliminate criteria that do not add value to the selection process
4. Clarify the meaning of particular criterion

The attached revisions were made based on a staff assessment of the criteria, comments from the Selection Review Committee and input from the Human Services Committee.

Following the May 12 CMAP Human Services Committee meeting we will finalize the criteria for use as part of the FFY 2008 JARC/NF Programs.

TABLE 1: Project Eligibility Screening Criteria	Relevant Application Questions	Relevance to Type of Project	Point Value of Criteria
1. Proposed project addresses unmet needs of welfare recipients, eligible low-income persons and other individuals in urbanized areas seeking employment or employment-related activities in suburban areas (JARC) OR addresses unmet transportation needs of persons with disabilities seeking integration into the workforce and full participation in society (New Freedom).	2, 3, 4 and 7	All	Eligible / Not Eligible
2. Project application identifies and addresses an unmet need identified in Human Services Transportation Plan (HSTP). This should include (1) a description of the project (2) identification of the unmet needs (which is/are addressed by the project), (3) how the project will address the unmet need(s), e.g., in terms of serving new riders, a new area, a new day and/or times, a higher frequency, less advance notice, more driver assistance, etc.; and (4) an estimated quantification of benefits. Any additional obligations, e.g., the provision of ADA complementary paratransit as a result of implementing a new fixed bus route in a previously unserved area, should be noted.	2 and 11	All	Eligible / Not Eligible
3. Local Match will be supplied.	30 and 31	All	Eligible / Not Eligible
4. Project is consistent with FTA guidelines on eligible JARC and New Freedom projects and activities.	All	All	Eligible / Not Eligible

TABLE 2: HSTP Consistency Criteria	Relevant Application Questions	Relevance to Type of Project	Point Value of Criteria
5. Project employs one or more strategies that provide: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional service/linkage/coordination = 20 points • Multi-county service/linkage/coordination = 10 points • Multi-municipality (but intra-county) service = 5 points • No service/linkage/coordination beyond municipality or program = 0 points 	10 and 11	All	0, 5, 10 or 20
6. Degree to which project employs one or more strategies included in the HSTP or otherwise demonstrates innovation.	10 and 11	All	0, 5,10, 15 or 20
7. Degree to which project utilizes strategies proven successful elsewhere within the region.	10 and 11	All	0, 5, 10, 15, or 20
8. Degree to which project utilizes or coordinates with existing public transportation providers.	10, 11, 19, 20, 21 and 24	All	0, 5, 10, 15, or 20

9. Degree to which project utilizes or coordinates with existing public and private human service agency transportation providers; or reflects partnerships with non-transit entities and/or private non-profit / for-profit operators.	10	All	0, 5, 10, 15, or 20
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TABLE 3: Project Readiness / Ability to Implement Criteria	Relevant Application Questions	Relevance to Type of Project	Point Value of Criteria
10. Project starts providing services within a short time-frame. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Within 6 months =20 Points • 6-12 months=10 Points • longer than a year=0 Points 	12	All	0, 10 or 20
11. Agency and/or agency contractor(s) qualifications and experience (including key personnel) demonstrate that they have managed similar projects. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have experience with similar projects = 5 Points • Have managed projects funded through federal grants = 5 Points 	14, 15 and 16	All	0, 5 or 10

TABLE 4: Sustainability Criteria	Relevant Application Questions	Relevance to Type of Project	Point Value of Criteria
12. Project is sustainable past identified project period. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicant-identified sources have committed to continue their levels of funding and have stated that their levels of support may increase if project is successful = 20 Points • Applicant has in place plans to monitor and evaluate project = 10 Points 	13, 31 and 32	All	0, 10 or 30
13. Significant support is demonstrated for the project. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project applications include letters of support from key stakeholders-10 Points • Letters delineate specific nature of participation in project-10 Points 	Letters Submitted	All	0, 10, or 20

TABLE 5: Need Criteria	Relevant Application Questions	Relevance to Type of Project	Point Value of Criteria
14. Project is an existing successful pilot project or otherwise provides continued operating funding for a service which is already in operation. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Existing project achieved projected ridership = 20 points • Ridership has increased (compared to pre-project ridership) or has met other significant objectives = 10 points 	11, 17, 18 and 24	Continuation of Project	0, 10 or 20

<p>15. Severity of need addressed by new or expanded project.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No such service/linkage/coordination currently exists in area = 30 points or 20 points when two of the following attributes are present or 10 points when one of the following attributes is present. Service/linkage/coordination exists but not in time period Service/linkage/coordination exists for area/time period but not for specific trip purposes and/or specific programs Service/linkage/coordination exists for area/time period and for most trip purposes/programs, but does not accommodate riders requiring high-level of service and/or same-day service 	<p>10, 11, 20, 21 and 24</p>	<p>New or Expansion of Existing Project</p>	<p>0, 10, 20, or 30</p>
<p>16. For JARC projects the degree to which economic opportunities may be created for persons with disabilities. For NF projects the degree to which economic opportunities may be created for persons with low income.</p>	<p>2, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 24</p>	<p>All</p>	<p>0, 10, or 20</p>
<p>17. Estimated number of lower income individuals able to access jobs as a result of the project (JARC) OR persons with disabilities served as a result of the project (New Freedom). Rail, transit (fixed-route and flex) projects and paratransit projects will be ranked separately. Highest number gets 20 points, next highest 18 points, lowest gets 2 points. If more than 10 applications, those ranked lower all get 0 points.</p>	<p>7, 8 and 9</p>	<p>All</p>	<p>Max 20 (relative ranking by service type)</p>
<p>18. Project also addresses unmet needs of older adults.</p>	<p>7, 8 and 9</p>	<p>All</p>	<p>0 or 20</p>

<p>TABLE 6: Efficiency Criterion</p>	<p>Relevant Application Questions</p>	<p>Relevance to Type of Project</p>	<p>Point Value of Criteria</p>
<p>19. Operations cost ranking on service consumed – measured in cost per trip. For operational projects only; rail, bus (fixed-route, flex, shuttle) projects and paratransit projects will be ranked separately. Lowest unit cost gets 20 points, next lowest 18 points, etc. If more than 10 applications, those ranked lower all get 0 points.</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>Operating</p>	<p>Max 20 (relative ranking by service type)</p>