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TO: Government Agencies, Non-Profit Agencies and For-Profit Companies

FROM: Travis Johnston, MDOT MTA OLTS Director *TJ*

DATE: February 7, 2022

SUBJECT: Maryland Jobs Access Reverse Commute (MD-JARC) grant opportunity

I am pleased to announce the opening of the FY2023-FY2024 grant cycle for the **Maryland Jobs Access Reverse Commute (MD-JARC)** program. This grant cycle will be for a two-year period beginning on July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2024.

The MD-JARC grant program is modeled after the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) grant program, Jobs Access Reverse Commute (JARC). By using transportation services, this program is designed to connect targeted populations with employment areas that have experienced significant growth.

There will be a grant application webinar on February 17, 2022 at 11:00 am during the virtual Transportation Association of Maryland (TAM) Winter Series Program. While the workshop is not mandatory is it encouraged, Registration https://www.taminc.org/winter-series. If your agency is not a member of TAM, then contact TAM Executive Director, John Duklewski at 410-553-4321 or jduklewski@taminc.org for registration for the application workshop.

Completed applications for the MD-JARC program must be submitted via the MDOT MTA Grant Portal (information is in the grant application package) no later than April 27, 2022 by 4:00 pm.

A total of $2 million state funds over five years was allotted for the MD-JARC program; no more than $400,000 per year is to be used for this program. Seventy percent (70%), or $280,000 per year is to be used in the urbanized areas, while thirty percent (30%), or $120,000 per year is for the rural areas. For FY2023 and FY2024, there will be a total of $800,000 available for the two-year period.

The MDOT MTA will award grants based on funding availability, the number of eligible applications received, and the quality of the proposed projects. Minimum award amount will be $10,000 each year of the grant cycle.

To be eligible recipients of a MD-JARC grant, recipients include:

- Private Non-Profit 501c3 organizations
- Local Transit Systems, and
- One or More Employers/Corporations (that implement a job access and reverse commute project/program)

The targeted populations for this grant include:

1. Reside in low income areas (see maps at http://www.taminc.org/Office-of-Local-Transit-Support)
2. Have limited or no access to use of a personal vehicle; and
3. Reside in an area that has limited access to fixed route services.

If you have questions or need additional information about the MD-JARC progam, please contact program manager, Nancy Huggins at 410-767-8356 or nhuggins@mdot.maryland.gov.