



## FTA Authorization Fact Sheet New Freedom Program



| Year        | 2005 | 2006    | 2007    | 2008    | 2009    | Total    |
|-------------|------|---------|---------|---------|---------|----------|
| New Freedom |      | \$78.0M | \$81.0M | \$87.5M | \$92.5M | \$339.0M |

### Purpose

To encourage services and facility improvements to address the transportation needs of persons with disabilities that go beyond those required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. Provides a new formula grant program for associated capital and operating costs.

### Statutory References

49 U.S.C. Section 5317

### Features

- Funds allocated through a formula based upon population of persons with disabilities.
- Allocations to designated recipients in areas over 200,000 (60%), to States for areas under 200,000 (20%) and non-urbanized areas (20%); States may transfer funds to urbanized or non-urbanized area programs as long as funds are used for New Freedom Program purposes.
- States and designated recipients must select grantees competitively.
- Matching share requirements are flexible to encourage coordination with other federal programs that may provide transportation, such as Health and Human Services or Agriculture.
- Projects must be included in a locally-developed human service transportation coordinated plan beginning in FY 2007.
- 10 percent of funds may be used for planning, administration and technical assistance.