

## **JOB ACCESS AND REVERSE COMMUTE PROGRAM**

The Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) program was designed to increase access to jobs and employment sites. A Job Access project is one that provides new or expanded transportation service designed to fill gaps that exist for welfare recipients and other low-income individuals to and from jobs and other employment-related services. Reverse Commute projects facilitate the provision of new or expanded public mass transportation services for the general public from urban, suburban, and rural areas to suburban work sites.

Localities have wide flexibility in selecting service strategies that are appropriate to their areas, including late-night and weekend service; guaranteed ride home service; shuttle service; expanding fixed-route mass transit routes; demand-responsive van service; ridesharing and carpooling activities; bicycling; and local car loan programs that assist individuals in purchasing and maintaining vehicles for shared-rides. Capital and operating costs for such projects are eligible. The program provides a 50 percent FTA share; matching funds may include those from other Federal programs, such as the DHHS' Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) and DOL's Work Force Investment Act (WIA).

In FY 2005, \$124 million was made available for the JARC program for Congressionally-designated projects. During FY 2005, 154 grants, some of which contained multiple projects, were awarded to 120 grantees. The total amount obligated was \$126.5 million.