

Examples of Previously Funded New Freedom Projects in the Capital Region

Project 1: Trip Scheduling and Dispatch Software

Catholic Charities of Schenectady County purchased, installed, and maintains trip scheduling and dispatch software. Sufficient licenses were purchased to enable Schenectady County ARC to use the software and to potentially add other Schenectady County human service agencies. Catholic Charities and Schenectady County ARC each provided 50% of the match. This project is a very successful collaborative effort and will likely grow to include additional human service agencies.

Project 2: Schenectady County Weekend Service for Mobility Disabled Persons

Catholic Charities of Schenectady County received New Freedom funds to conduct a feasibility study of expanding weekend service to seniors, most of whom are frail and mobility challenged. Using New Freedom monies and match dollars, Catholic Charities began demand responsive accessible transportation service on weekends in October 2009. One way fees ranged from \$4.00 to \$6.00. This project addressed the need for additional weekend service for the mobility disabled population –a significant need outlined in the Coordinated Plan. Catholic Charities also has contracted with the Eddy, an area Nursing Home to provide weekend transportation to and from dialysis, expanding collaborative efforts even further.

Project 3: Fixed Route Feeder Service in the City of Watervliet and Green Island

The City of Watervliet requested funds to purchase a 15 passenger accessible vehicle that would be used to provide feeder transit service within the city, connecting senior housing and other residential complexes to retail and recreational facilities. The feeder service, which began in the summer of 2010, connected to CDTA's fixed route service and served a limited section of Green Island.

Project 4: CDTA Accessible Taxi Program

CDTA used New Freedom funds for accessible taxis in the greater urbanized area, a need identified in the adopted Coordinated Plan. CDTA submitted an application to purchase up to 10 accessible taxis (8 for deployment in Albany-Schenectady-Troy and 2 for deployment in Saratoga) and "lease" the taxis to taxi companies operating in Saratoga Springs and the greater Capital Region. The "lease" fee is considered match.

Project 5: Collaborative Digital Radio System

Schenectady ARC, serving as the lead agency and fiscal agent, applied for New Freedom Program funding in collaboration with Catholic Charities Senior Services in Schenectady, the Center for Disability Services in Albany and Senior Services of Albany. The project purchased Digital Mobil Radio technology for the aggregate fleet of 124 vehicles. This helped the four agencies come into compliance with Federal Communications Commission mandates with the added benefit of expanding inter-agency communication and transportation coordination.

Project 6: Regional Driver Training Center/Development of Standard Driver Training Curricula

The Center for Disability Services in collaboration with Catholic Charities Senior Services in Schenectady and Senior Services of Albany have partnered and pooled resources to combine and standardize the educational and training curricula that their drivers, mechanics and supervisors utilize, to include lift

training, Defensive Driving, and Mandatory trainings such as Article 19A and Drug and Alcohol Awareness. This project will facilitate consolidated training sessions for larger groups of personnel at one location with one set of training staff, eliminating the time-consuming and expensive duplication of the same training services by each agency. This standardized training will be provided to member agency staff, and also made available to the employees of other human services agencies and private companies that carry individuals with disabilities.