



Maryland Transit Administration

Public/Private Partnerships

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State Funded Program

Senior Rides Program (SRP)

- Created through State statute
- Door-to-door service
- Eligible organizations for funding include governmental agencies, non-profit entities and faith-based groups
- Primarily uses volunteer drivers
- 20,681 trips provided in FY2009
 - 19% increase over FY2008

State Funded Program

- Statewide Special Transportation Assistance Program (**SSTAP**)
 - Created through State statute
 - 60% divided among the counties
 - 40% proportioned based on elderly and disabled populations using census data
 - Locally Operated Transit Systems (LOTS)
 - 669,991 trips provided in FY2009
 - 2% increase over FY2008

JARC/New Freedom Funding

- **Baltimore County Dept. of Aging**

- \$245,225
- Partners in Nursing Home Transition
- New paratransit service for senior and disabled populations being moved out of nursing homes. The service will fill transportations needs to enable them to live at home.

Harford Transit

- \$263,100
- Harford Transit Extender Service
- New evening and weekend paratransit service for seniors and income eligible wage earners through a screening partner.

Taxi Access

- Premium Taxi Program
 - Participants must be paratransit eligible
 - Contracted service
 - 800 trips per day
 - \$6 million budget
 - On-demand taxi service
 - Uses tap card technology
 - \$20 meter limit for 2 trips per day
 - Customer fare is \$3

Private/Public Partnership

- The Issue – Dialysis Demand
 - Developed a taxi based pilot using the current Taxi Access service as the model
 - Three centers will pilot the program
 - Used Trapeze data to choose customers who only use paratransit to dialysis and travel 7 miles or less to treatment
 - Incentives
 - Allow subscription trips so customers feel secure in their arrangements
 - Reduce the fare to \$1
 - Waive the current waiting period for Taxi Access