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Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe today announced an \$84,185 federal grant to the Urban League of Greater Hartford, Conn., to support the operation of a New Employees Transportation Center.

"This demonstration is designed to give mobility to inner-city workers and to afford them access to employment opportunities anywhere in Greater Hartford," Secretary Volpe said.

"Emphasis will be placed where it is most needed -- in assisting those living in low-income, disadvantaged areas," Secretary Volpe said.

The center will establish transport services for workers and develop information services for employers, carriers, manpower agencies and innercity residents.

The award was made by the Urban Mass Transportation Administration of the Department of Transportation, headed by Carlos C. Villarreal.

"The Hartford concept has been successful in other areas," Villarreal said. "I am confident it will succeed in Hartford as a continuing project with local sponsorship following the one-year demonstration.

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"Not only will the center provide innercity residents with greater employment opportunities, but employers also will save in hiring and training costs by reducing their turnover of employees," Villarreal said.

Participating employers will pay any operating deficit of the center.

A previous federal grant of \$25,849 was used by the Urban League of Greater Hartford to investigate existing transportation facilities, potential work force, potential job openings and alternative methods of transporting innercity residents to job sites. The study surveyed service development projects in other cities for incorporation of successful techniques in the Hartford demonstration.

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