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The U.S. Department of Transportation's Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA) today announced the release of procedures through which private, non-profit corporations and associations may receive Federal funds for providing transportation services to the elderly and handicapped. Federal capital grants to these private non-profit corporations were made possible by the Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1973.

UMTA Administrator Frank C. Herringer noted that the program will supplement services already provided by regular transit operators in urban areas. "The regular transit operator still must play the lead role in satisfying the transportation needs of our elderly and handicapped people," he said.

The procedures provide a significant role for each State in the development and review of projects submitted by private non-profit organizations within its jurisdiction. The State will assume both coordination and sponsorship functions in this program, and will manage the ongoing program from a State perspective.

Copies of the procedures, including a sample format for use in applying are available on request.

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