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U.S. Secretary of Transportation William T. Coleman, Jr., today announced the award of grants worth \$20,837,412 to 47 states, the District of Columbia and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico for direct transit assistance to elderly and handicapped persons.

The grants are being made by the Department's Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA) under Section 16(b)(2) provisions of the Urban Mass Transportation Act of 1964 as amended. The legislation provides for grants to private non-profit corporations and associations specifically to assist them in providing transportation services to meet the special needs of elderly and handicapped persons for whom regular transit services are unavailable, inappropriate or insufficient.

These grants are being made to states on behalf of 1,031 nonprofit organizations. As many as 80 applicants are from New York and as few as two applicants each are from Georgia and Nevada.

The largest single grant of \$2,055,588 goes to California, while Nebraska receives \$22,616, the smallest grant. A total of 2,283 vehicles are being purchased to aid the mobility of elderly and handicapped persons. Following is a list of the states receiving funds, the total amount of the award and number of approvals within each state.

For further information contact the UMTA Office of Public Affairs at (202)426-4043.

<u>State</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Number of Organizations Receiving Funds</u>
*Alabama	\$ 327,136	3
*Alaska	\$ 90,792	9
*Arizona	\$ 220,012	23

<u>State</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Number of Organizations Receiving Funds</u>
*Arkansas	\$ 464,056	42
*California	\$2,055,588	48
*Colorado	\$ 245,256	22
*Connecticut	\$ 261,000	14
*District of Columbia	\$ 156,652	5
*Florida	\$ 699,000	24
*Georgia	\$ 252,960	2
*Hawaii	\$ 131,596	6
*Idaho	\$ 158,000	7
*Illinois	\$ 838,032	25
*Indiana	\$ 411,880	13
*Iowa	\$ 285,004	18
*Kansas	\$ 435,712	34
*Kentucky	\$ 421,700	9
*Louisiana	\$ 417,600	16
*Maine	\$ 169,904	9
*Maryland	\$ 608,792	23
*Massachusetts	\$ 443,548	27
*Michigan	\$ 639,280	21
*Minnesota	\$ 385,856	18
*Mississippi	\$ 346,836	23
*Missouri	\$ 453,932	16
*Montana	\$ 99,452	13
*Nebraska	\$ 22,616	3
*Nevada	\$ 125,844	2
*New Hampshire	\$ 125,596	8
*New Jersey	\$ 585,536	53
*New Mexico	\$ 182,264	19
*New York	\$1,909,228	80
*North Carolina	\$ 527,352	26
*North Dakota	\$ 144,000	10
*Ohio	\$ 756,560	27
*Oklahoma	\$ 384,400	37
*Oregon	\$ 248,300	18
*Pennsylvania	\$1,093,400	76
*Puerto Rico	\$ 288,644	18
*Rhode Island	\$ 158,816	4
*South Carolina	\$ 228,208	19
*South Dakota	\$ 66,236	4
*Tennessee	\$ 433,420	25
*Texas	\$ 932,000	41
*Utah	\$ 150,912	10
*Virginia	\$ 397,852	19
*Washington	\$ 351,760	22
*Wisconsin	\$ 623,148	30
*Wyoming	\$ 81,744	7

Total \$20,837,412

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