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MASS TRANSIT GRANTS AWARDED TO STATES AND PLANNING AGENCIES

The Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA) announced its intent to approve transit assistance grants totaling \$34,151,245. The grants will fund public transportation projects in non-urbanized areas and will make funds available for transportation assistance for elderly and handicapped persons.

Under the UMTA grant process, state administered transportation and planning programs are announced every 60 days.

Urban Mass Transportation Administrator Ralph L. Stanley said, "The new grant process provides a more predictable delivery system by expediting the review and approval of state administered formula grants. UMTA is now operating more like a business and grantees know they will receive their funds on a regular basis."

Thirteen states will receive \$12,574,198 for statewide programs of projects for public transportation services in rural and small urban areas under 50,000 population. These funds cover capital, administrative, planning and operating assistance, and are matched by State and local funds.

A total of \$6,437,346 will be distributed by nine states to nonprofit organizations which provide transportation services to elderly and handicapped persons. These funds can be used to purchase vehicles and other equipment specially designed for this use.

In addition, a total of \$15,139,701 will be approved in transit planning to states and metropolitan area planning organizations under the technical studies program.

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The 13 states receiving grants for non-urbanized areas and the amounts are:

Maine	\$ 55,388	West Virginia	\$1,092,564
Virginia	\$ 784,000	Michigan	\$2,359,428
South Carolina	\$ 3,118,793	Missouri	\$2,308,302
Louisiana	\$ 1,362,705	American Samoa	\$ 26,146
Guam	\$ 157,855	Idaho	\$ 205,732
Alaska	\$ 157,479	Iowa	\$ 60,000
Arkansas	\$ 885,806		

The nine states receiving grants for transportation services for the elderly and handicapped and the amounts are:

West Virginia	\$ 337,406	Indiana	\$ 630,965
Michigan	\$ 944,549	Wisconsin	\$ 2,238,311
Louisiana	\$ 496,454	Texas	\$ 1,348,530
Guam	\$ 127,394	Alaska	\$ 136,434
Delaware	\$ 177,303		

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