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DOT ALLOCATES \$25 MILLION TO STATES FOR ELDERLY, HANDICAPPED TRANSIT AID

Urban Mass Transportation Administrator Arthur E. Teele, Jr., today announced that \$25 million is being made available to states to assist private nonprofit organizations in purchasing equipment to provide transportation services for elderly and handicapped persons.

In a letter to the governors announcing the availability of the funds, Teele reminded them of the Reagan Administration's continuing strong commitment to involving the private sector in the provision of transportation services to needy individuals.

Most of the vehicles to be purchased are of the van type, many of which are equipped with lifts or ramps to accommodate wheelchair users and semi-ambulatory persons.

The UMTA funds cover 80 percent of the cost of the purchase of vehicles and other support equipment.

Funds under this program are made available only through states that submit consolidated applications on behalf of individual nonprofit organizations. The state agencies work through UMTA regional offices in obtaining funds and administering the program.

A list of states and the fiscal year 1982 allocation is attached.

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URBAN MASS TRANSPORTATION ADMINISTRATION
SECTION 16(b) (2) PROGRAM ALLOCATIONS BY STATE

<u>States</u>	<u>FY 82 Allocation</u>	<u>States</u>	<u>FY 82 Allocation</u>
Massachusetts	585,000	Arkansas	377,000
Connecticut	321,000	Louisiana	528,000
Maine	208,000	New Mexico	208,000
Rhode Island	189,000	Oklahoma	416,000
Vermont	151,000	Texas	1,189,000
New Hampshire	170,000		
		Iowa	377,000
New York	1,680,000	Kansas	321,000
New Jersey	661,000	Missouri	585,000
Puerto Rico	605,000	Nebraska	265,000
Virgin Island	133,000		
		Colorado	283,000
District of		Montana	170,000
Columbia	189,000	North Dakota	170,000
Delaware	151,000	South Dakota	189,000
Maryland	396,000	Utah	189,000
Pennsylvania	1,132,000	Wyoming	133,000
Virginia	510,000		
West Virginia	321,000	Arizona	283,000
		California	1,774,000
Alabama	510,000	Hawaii	151,000
Georgia	585,000	Nevada	151,000
Florida	926,000	Guam	131,000
Kentucky	491,000		
Mississippi	434,000	Alaska	133,000
North Carolina	624,000	Idaho	170,000
South Carolina	377,000	Oregon	302,000
Tennessee	548,000	Washington	396,000
Illinois	1,020,000	GRAND TOTALS	24,998,000
Indiana	528,000		
Michigan	794,000		
Minnesota	434,000		
Ohio	963,000		
Wisconsin	471,000		

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