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## **Governor Doyle Announces \$4.8 Million in “Transportation to Jobs” Grants**

### ***Successful Initiative Provides Transportation Assistance to Low-income Workers, Helps Grow Economy***

MADISON –Governor Jim Doyle today announced \$4.8 million in grants to help low-income workers throughout the state overcome transportation barriers to employment as they struggle to provide for their families and get ahead.

“These grants provide critical support to organizations across the state that help hard-working Wisconsin families get to their jobs,” Governor Doyle said. “In these tough economic times, I am pleased that we are continuing this successful initiative and further investing in programs that strengthen our economy and help low-income families get ahead.”

The \$4.8 million in “Transportation to Jobs” grants are being awarded to the 25 transportation-provider groups under two programs, the Wisconsin Employment Transportation Assistance Program (WETAP) and the Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) program. WETAP and JARC are joint, ongoing efforts that connect low-income workers with jobs through enhanced local transit services. The grants support much-needed rideshare, shuttle and vanpool services. In addition, grants fund programs such as JumpStart that help low-income workers secure loans for reliable vehicles or make necessary repairs so that their vehicles are safe to drive.

WETAP integrates local, state and federal funding sources into a single, coordinated grant program, administered jointly by the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development (DWD) and Department of Transportation (WisDOT).

“WETAP has established a commendable track record of connecting workers with jobs,” WisDOT Secretary Frank Busalacchi said. “These awards will allow numerous groups to continue providing essential transportation services.”

The federal and state investment for WETAP this year totals approximately \$3.1 million, with the local funding share totaling about \$1 million. In addition, the JARC program will provide another \$1.7 million in federal funding to get more Wisconsin residents to work.

“Access to safe, reliable transportation is critical for hardworking low-income families,” DWD Secretary Roberta Gassman said. “These grants are making a world of difference for families who need that extra assistance to gain employment, remain employed and pursue opportunities for a better job.”

Enhanced transit services made possible through WETAP include additional bus and taxi routes, vanpool and shuttle services, car loan, vehicle loan and vehicle repair programs, and the hiring of local mobility managers who coordinate transportation services for area workers and employers.

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Note: The attached table lists the award recipients, the planned transit-related enhancements, and the amount of the WETAP award (the amount listed does not include the local share).

## 2009 WETAP AWARDS

APPLICANT	PROJECT(S)	COUNTY(IES) SERVED	AWARD*
Advocap	Vehicle Loan	Green Lake, Winnebago and Calumet	\$179,367
CAP Services	Vehicle Loan	Portage	\$151,181
Central Wisconsin Community Action Council, Inc.	Vehicle Loan	Adams, Columbia, Dodge, Sauk and Waushara	\$103,372
Community Action Coalition for South Central Wisconsin	Vehicle Loan	Dane, Jefferson, Waukesha	\$89,625
Community Action, Inc. of Rock and Walworth Counties	Vehicle Loan	Rock and Walworth	\$99,664
Couleecap	Vehicle Loan	Vernon	\$190,429
Fond du Lac County	Van Pool, Guaranteed Ride Home, Vehicle Repair and Maintenance, Mobility Manager, Childcare Transportation	Fond du Lac	\$106,381
Kenosha Achievement Center	Mobility Manager/Shuttle Service	Kenosha	\$161,275
Milwaukee Careers Cooperative	Guaranteed Ride Home, Shuttle Service, Training, Job Center Transportation Services	Milwaukee	\$454,630
NEWCAP, Inc.	Vehicle Loan and Repair	Marinette and Oconto	\$153,514
Southwest Community Action Program	Vehicle Loan	Grant, Green, Iowa, Lafayette and Richland	\$196,873
VE Carter	Childcare Transportation, Shuttle Service, Guaranteed Ride Home, Vanpool	Milwaukee	\$556,382
West Central Wisconsin Community Action Agency, Inc.	Rideshare	Barron, Chippewa, Dunn, Pepin, Pierce, Polk and St. Croix	\$13,915
Western Dairyland Economic Opportunity Council, Inc.	Vehicle Repair, Vehicle Purchase and Training	Buffalo, Eau Claire, Jackson and Trempealeau	\$152,739
Women's Employment Project, Inc.	Van Pool, Mobility Manager, Travel and Gas Voucher, Guaranteed Ride Home	Door	\$54,147
Workforce Connections	Mobility Manager and Vehicle Loan and Repair	Crawford, Juneau, Monroe, Vernon, La Crosse	\$252,535
YWCA - Madison	Childcare Transportation, Shuttle Service, Guaranteed Ride Home, Rideshare, Employer-based Shuttles	Dane	\$255,000

<b>Total Funding*</b>	<b>\$3,171,029</b>
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\* The award amounts do not include local match dollars.

*Editors' note: The attached table lists the award recipients, the planned transit-related enhancements, and the amount of the JARC award (the amount listed does not include the local share).*

## 2009 Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) Awards

APPLICANT	PROJECT(S)	COUNTY(IES) SERVED	AWARD*
City of Appleton/Valley Transit	Public Transit	Outagamie	\$172,871
Fond du Lac County	Vehicle Loan	Fond du Lac	\$63,951
Forward Service Corp	Vehicle Repair, Training and Mobility Manager	Brown County	\$48,604
Kenosha Achievement Center	Vehicle Repair, Bicycle Purchase, Repair and Loan Program, Job JumpStart, Customized Boot Camp Transportation	Kenosha and Walworth	\$107,544
Milwaukee County Transit	Public Transit	Milwaukee	\$625,000
Northwest Wisconsin Community Services Agency, Inc.	Childcare Transportation, Vanpool, Vehicle Loan and Repair	Ashland, Bayfield and Douglas	\$100,738
Servant Manor	Shuttle Service	Milwaukee	\$198,163
Waukesha-Ozaukee-Washington Workforce Development, Inc.	Vehicle Loan and Repair	Ozaukee, Washington and Waukesha	\$84,275
West Central Wisconsin Community Action Agency, Inc.	JumpStart (vehicle purchase)	Barron, Chippewa, Dunn, Pepin, Pierce, Polk and St. Croix	\$68,066
Western Dairyland Economic Opportunity Council, Inc.	Transit Education and Outreach	Buffalo, Eau Claire, Jackson and Trempealeau	\$18,748
Wisconsin Interfaith Needs Response	Vehicle Loan and Repair	Adams, Brown, Calumet, Marathon, Outagamie, Portage, Waupaca, Winnebago	\$179,546
Women's Employment Project, Inc	Simple Adaptions	Door	\$715

<b>Total Funding</b>	<b>\$1,668,221</b>
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