

(2) A TRANSPORTATION PROVIDER THAT RECEIVES FUNDS FOR OPERATING EXPENDITURES UNDER THE JOB ACCESS PROGRAM SHALL EXPEND A MATCHING FUND OF AT LEAST 25% OF THE TOTAL COST OF THE PROPOSED OPERATING EXPENDITURES.

(3) A TRANSPORTATION PROVIDER SHALL USE FUNDS DISTRIBUTED UNDER THIS SECTION ONLY FOR THE ACQUISITION OR REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT OR THE OPERATING COSTS OF A JOB ACCESS PROJECT.

(4) A TRANSPORTATION PROVIDER THAT RECEIVES A GRANT UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL CONSULT WITH THE LOCAL DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES TO DETERMINE THE MOST EFFECTIVE MEANS OF SERVING THE TRANSPORTATION NEEDS OF LOW-INCOME WORKERS IN THE PROPOSED SERVICE AREA.

(5) A TRANSPORTATION PROVIDER SHALL COOPERATE WITH OTHER TRANSPORTATION PROVIDERS IN THE PROPOSED SERVICE AREA TO BEST SERVE THE TRANSPORTATION NEEDS OF LOW-INCOME WORKERS.

(6) NOTHING IN THIS SECTION SHALL BE CONSTRUED TO PROHIBIT A TRANSPORTATION PROVIDER FROM:

(I) CONTRACTING WITH NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS, PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION PROVIDERS, OR PRIVATE CARRIERS FOR THE PROVISION OF TRANSPORTATION SERVICE TO LOW-INCOME WORKERS;

(II) MODIFYING OR EXPANDING AN EXISTING LOCAL TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM;

(III) DEVELOPING A NEW TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM WITH THE USE OR ASSISTANCE OF SUBSIDIZED VOLUNTEERS; OR

(IV) ALLOWING INDIVIDUALS OTHER THAN LOW-INCOME WORKERS TO USE THE TRANSPORTATION SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE JOB ACCESS PROJECT TO THE EXTENT EXCESS CAPACITY IS AVAILABLE.

(7) EACH TRANSPORTATION PROVIDER THAT RECEIVES A GRANT UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE SECRETARY THAT DETAILS HOW THE GRANT WAS EXPENDED ON THE JOB ACCESS PROJECT.

(D) (1) THE SECRETARY SHALL ENCOURAGE A TRANSPORTATION PROVIDER TO:

(I) CONTINUE TO MAXIMIZE USE OF EXISTING FUNDING PROGRAMS FOR A JOB ACCESS PROJECT; AND

(II) ENTER INTO COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS WITH OTHER LOCAL OR STATE TRANSPORTATION PROVIDERS.

(2) THE SECRETARY MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS THAT ARE NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.