

LEGAL NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY REQUEST
FOR PROJECT APPLICATIONS FOR GRANT FUNDING
UNDER THE NEW FREEDOM PROGRAM

THE PINELLAS COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO), IN COORDINATION WITH THE HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY MPO AND PASCO COUNTY MPO, IS ISSUING A REQUEST FOR GRANT APPLICATIONS TO RECEIVE FUNDING UNDER THE FEDERAL NEW FREEDOM PROGRAM. FUNDING IS AVAILABLE FOR PROJECTS IN HILLSBOROUGH, PASCO, AND PINELLAS COUNTIES THAT PROVIDE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SERVICES TO DISABLED PERSONS TO INCREASE INTEGRATION INTO THE WORKFORCE AND PARTICIPATION IN THE COMMUNITY. PROJECTS RECEIVING FUNDING MUST BE DERIVED FROM A LOCALLY DEVELOPED, COORDINATED PUBLIC TRANSIT-HUMAN SERVICES TRANSPORTATION PLAN, KNOWN LOCALLY AS THE TRI-COUNTY ACCESS PLAN (TCAP). SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS PERTAINING TO PROJECT ELIGIBILITY ARE DESCRIBED IN THE FULL APPLICATION. FOR THE NEW FREEDOM PROGRAM, APPROXIMATELY \$851,490.00 IN FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE PENDING PASSAGE OF THE 2009 FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION APPROPRIATIONS BILL. PROJECT APPLICATIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON DECEMBER 15, 2008, AND ARE DUE BY JANUARY 30, 2009. APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO THE PINELLAS COUNTY MPO, 600 CLEVELAND STREET, SUITE 750, CLEARWATER, FL 33755. QUESTIONS ABOUT THE GRANT APPLICATION PROCESS CAN BE SUBMITTED TO HSOBUSH@PINELLASCOUNTY.ORG. GRANT APPLICATIONS AND INFORMATION ABOUT THE TCAP AND NEW FREEDOM PROGRAM WILL BE AVAILABLE AT [HTTP://WWW.PINELLASCOUNTY.ORG/MPO/TRICOUNTY.HTM](http://WWW.PINELLASCOUNTY.ORG/MPO/TRICOUNTY.HTM).