

San Joaquin RTD – Access for All Program

Call for Projects (CFP)

Fiscal Year 2026–2027

Program Overview

San Joaquin Regional Transit District (RTD), in its role as the Local Access Fund Administrator (LAFA) for San Joaquin County, invites eligible organizations to apply for funding under the California Public Utilities Commission's (CPUC) Access for All Program. The purpose of this grant is to support the expansion or enhancement of on-demand wheelchair-accessible vehicle (WAV) transportation services.

Total available funding for this cycle is \$242,650. A minimum of 85% of these funds will be awarded to Access Providers. RTD may retain up to 15% for administrative use.

Eligibility

Eligible applicants must:

- Provide or contract to provide on-demand WAV service within San Joaquin County.
- Be a public agency, nonprofit organization, or private entity.
- Demonstrate compliance with CPUC requirements for Access Providers, including:
 - Background checks
 - Insurance
 - Drug & alcohol program
 - California Highway Patrol Motor Carrier Profile and CA Number
 - Secretary of State registration

Project Requirements

Projects must:

- Expand or enhance WAV service availability, reliability, or reach.
- Be on-demand in nature (not fixed-route or prescheduled paratransit only).
- Launch within a reasonable time frame.
- Include outreach strategies and accommodations for riders without digital access.

Timeline

Call for Projects Opens: August 31, 2026

Deadline to Submit Questions: October 15, 2026

Application Deadline: October 30, 2026, by 5:00 PM PT

Application Review Period: November 1 – 15, 2026

Award Notification: November 30, 2026

Contracting Begins: December 30, 2026

Evaluation Criteria

Applications will be evaluated by a panel including members of RTD and Access San Joaquin. The criteria and point values are as follows:

- Project Readiness & Experience (10 pts)
- Outreach & Inclusion (25 pts)
- Safety & Compliance (10 pts)
- Operational Plan (20 pts)
- Budget & Cost Efficiency (15 pts)
- Innovation & Sustainability (10 pts)
- Monitoring & Evaluation Plan (10 pts)

Total: 100 points

How to Apply

Applicants must submit the following by the application deadline:

- Completed Application Form
- Budget Worksheet
- Project Narrative and Required Attachments

Submit all materials via email to: accessforall@sjRTD.com

Contact

For questions or additional information, contact:

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