

In the 2000 Census, nonurbanized population decreased by three percent to 89.6 million from the 1990 Census, and elderly population increased by 18 percent to 35.4 million. Four hundred sixty-five urbanized areas were designated, which is 59 more than the 406 designated in the 1990 Census. Seventy-six are newly qualified urbanized areas, and more than 50 urbanized areas crossed the 200,000 population threshold, as a result of growth; the merger of two small urbanized areas; or the merger of one or more small urbanized areas into an existing urbanized area with population over 200,000. In addition, 14 urbanized areas were formed from splitting existing urbanized areas, more than 70 urbanized areas had name or description changes, which in some cases includes the addition of a new State in the urbanized area description/geographical boundary, and two urbanized areas (Montgomery, AL and Lorain-Elyria, OH) saw their populations decrease to less than 200,000. 2000 Census information and FTA analysis of the changes may be found on the FTA Web site at [<http://www.fta.dot.gov/library/planning/census/censusinfo.html>].

The large number of urbanized areas affected by 2000 Census changes and the assorted types of changes experienced require that many areas designate or change their "Designated Recipient." In order for FTA to award a grant to an urbanized area as part of its Urbanized Area Formula Program (Title 49 U.S.C. section 5307), a grant recipient must be a "Designated Recipient" for that urbanized area or must be a public agency authorized by the Designated Recipient to apply for grants. Documentation for new or changed Designated Recipients in areas over 200,000 in population shall include the following:

1. A letter expressing the concurrence of the Governor or of another state agency in which the Governor's authority to concur in designations of recipients has been delegated;

2. Concurrence by the publicly-owned operators of mass transportation servicing the urbanized area of the Designated Recipient(s);

3. An appropriately certified resolution of the policy-making body of the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) concurring in the Designated Recipient(s); and

4. For each Designated Recipient, an opinion of counsel certifying to the entity's legal capacity to perform the functions of a Designated Recipient.

For urbanized areas greater than 50,000 but under 200,000 in population,

the Governor of each State is the Designated Recipient. The Governor may:

1. Retain Designated Recipient status himself/herself. No documentation needs to be submitted to support this action; or

2. Designate one or more local Designated Recipients for each urbanized area under 200,000 in population. Such designation must be documented by letter from the Governor naming the local Designated Recipient and by an opinion of counsel for each such Designated Recipient certifying its legal capacity to perform the functions of a Designated Recipient.

Documentation relative to Designated Recipients or public agencies authorized by the Designated Recipient to apply for grants should be forwarded to the appropriate FTA Regional Office. For further information contact the appropriate FTA Regional Office, or Ken Johnson, FTA Office of Resource Management and State Programs, at (202) 366-2053.

IV. Metropolitan Planning Program and State Planning and Research Program

A. Metropolitan Planning Program

Funding made available for the Metropolitan Planning Program (49 U.S.C. 5303) by the FY 2003 DOT Appropriations Act is \$59,993,094 after application of the across-the-board .65 percent reduction. The FY 2003 Metropolitan Planning Program apportionment to States for MPOs' use in urbanized areas totals \$60,443,434. This amount includes \$59,993,094 in FY 2003 funds, and \$450,340 in prior year funds available for reapportionment under this program. A basic allocation of 80 percent of this amount (\$48,354,747) is distributed to the States based on the State's urbanized area population as defined by the U.S. Census Bureau for subsequent State distribution to each urbanized area, or parts thereof, within each State. A supplemental allocation of the remaining 20 percent (\$12,088,687) is also provided to the States based on an FTA administrative formula to address planning needs in the larger, more complex urbanized areas. Table 2 contains the State apportionments for the combined basic and supplemental allocations.

Each State, in cooperation with the MPOs, must develop an allocation formula for the combined apportionment, which distributes these funds to MPOs representing urbanized areas, or parts thereof, within the State. States must reaffirm these in-State formulas or develop new ones, which

then must be submitted to the FTA Regional Office for approval before these funds area distributed.

As noted in section III.C above, 2000 Census urbanized area designations are available in **Federal Register** Notices issued by the Census Bureau and may be accessed at [<http://www.fta.dot.gov/library/legal/federalregister/2002/index.html>] on the FTA Web site. FTA has posted on its Web site a comparison of FY 2003 guaranteed funding levels based on 2000 Census and based on the 1990 census information for each State at [<http://www.fta.dot.gov/library/planning/census/comp/t2.html>] and a comparison of the amounts actually apportioned for fiscal year 2002 using both the 1990 Census and the 2000 Census at [<http://www.fta.dot.gov/library/planning/census/comp/t1.html>]. This information should be utilized by each state when reaffirming or revising in-state formulas.

B. Statewide Planning and Research Program

Funding made available for the Statewide Planning and Research Program (49 U.S.C. 5313(b)) by the FY 2003 DOT Appropriations Act is \$12,532,406 after application of the across-the-board .65 percent reduction. The FY 2003 apportionment for the Statewide Planning and Research Program (SPRP) totals \$12,643,295. This amount includes \$12,532,406 in FY 2003 funds, and \$110,889 in prior year funds available for reapportionment under this program. Final State apportionments for this program are also contained in Table 2. These funds may be used for a variety of purposes such as planning, technical studies and assistance, demonstrations, management training, and cooperative research. In addition, a State may authorize a portion of these funds to be used to supplement metropolitan planning funds allocated by the State to its urbanized areas, as the State deems appropriate.

C. FHWA Metropolitan Planning Program and State Planning and Research Program

For informational purposes, the estimated FY 2003 apportionments for the FHWA Metropolitan Planning Program (PL) are contained in Table 3. Actual apportionments for the FY 2003 FHWA State Planning and Research Program (SPRP) were not available at the time of publication of this notice.

D. Local Match Waiver for Specified Planning Activities

Job Access and Reverse Commute Planning. Federal, State and local