

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
TAXICAB COMMISSION



TRANSPORT DC EXPANSION GRANTS
RFA# WAVTAXI 2016-030004



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)

1. Who may apply for a WAV grant?

Response: Any DC taxicab company or operator licensed by the DCTC in good standing and lives in the District of Columbia or has a registered business in the District of Columbia may apply for a WAV grant. This includes operators that live in Maryland and Virginia with a licensed business registered in DC.

2. Can an operator that lives in Maryland or Virginia apply for a WAV grant?

Response: Yes, if the operator has a business registered in the District of Columbia a operator that lives in Maryland or Virginia may apply for a WAV grant.

3. Will I be required to include my DC registered business documentation with my grant application?

Response: Yes. An applicant's business registration documents must include the name of the taxicab operator on the business documentation.

4. Who may apply for a rental assistance grant?

Response: Any DC taxicab company licensed by the DCTC in good standing may apply for a rental assistance grant. Any operator licensed by the DCTC in good standing that rents a vehicle from a DC taxicab company may apply for a rental assistance grant regardless as to whether you live in DC, Maryland, or Virginia. Your application must specify the taxicab company you rent from and include a form W-9 from the taxicab company your vehicle is rented. Payments will be made to the taxicab company that you rent from. **Grant payments will not be made to an operator renting from a taxicab company.**

5. Where are applications to be submitted?

Response: All applications must be submitted to DCTC Driver Services, 2235 Shannon Place SE, 2nd Floor Washington, DC 20020. Each application must include two (2) application receipts and signed and dated certifications and assurances. **Be sure your receipt is stamped with the time and date of your submission.**

6. Can an operator or taxicab company purchase a wheelchair accessible vehicle (WAV) prior to being awarded a grant award and a signed grant agreement between the applicant and DCTC?

Response: No. WAV purchases made prior to being awarded a grant and a signed grant agreement between DCTC and an applicant does not qualify for this grant opportunity. All purchases must be made on or after the date of a signed grant agreement between the applicant (Awardee) and the DCTC.

7. If I purchase a WAV can I still obtain an H-Tag outside of this funding / grant opportunity?

Response: Yes. A WAV purchaser must obtain dispatch service with a TRANSPORT DC service provider (Yellow Cab of DC, TRANSCO, or Grand Cab) and meet all the terms of the DC Taxicab Commission for an H-TAG. New H-tags are available for both current rental drivers and those who want to join the industry. Under the Commission's current program, you must buy a vehicle and put it in service with Transport DC.

8. When are application submissions due for this funding opportunity?

Response: All applications for this funding opportunity must be submitted no later than 3:00 p.m. on Monday, May 30, 2016. Applications received after the deadline (3:00 p.m. on Monday, May 30, 2016) will not be reviewed for this funding opportunity. (see page 7 of the request for applications – RFA).

9. If a taxicab company desires to apply for a WAV grant and rental assistance grant on behalf of their renting operators, must the applicant apply separately for each category (WAV Grant or Rental Assistance Grant)?

Response: Yes. Taxicab companies must submit a separate application for WAVs and a separate application for rental assistance. A company may apply for multiple vehicles in a WAV application. A company may also apply for multiple rental assistance funding for various drivers/operators in a rental assistance grant application.

10. Am I required to complete WAV and sensitivity training for this funding opportunity?

Response: Yes. Free WAV and sensitivity training is required for this funding opportunity and currently being offered by District Cab (TRANSCO) at 3399 Benning Road, NE Washington, DC 20019 at no costs. To schedule training please call **(202)398-0533 ask for Mr. Vipin or Tracy**. If an operator has already completed the required training the applicant's training certificate must be included in their application.

11. How many grant applications must be submitted?

Response: Each applicant must submit **6 applications** (One **(1)** application marked **Original** and four **(4)** copies of the original grant application and one **(1)** USB drive.

12. Are all applicants required to submit a form W-9?

Response: Yes. All applicants must submit a W-9. Operators that apply for a rental assistance grant must submit a form W-9 from the company the taxicab company of which their vehicle is rented.