

**DEPARTMENT OF FOR-HIRE VEHICLES (DFHV)
NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY (NOFA)
FY23 ROOFTOP LIGHT PROJECT**

The Department of For-Hire Vehicles (“DFHV”) is seeking an approved Digital Taxi Solution (“DTS”) provider or a business partnership of an DTS or Taxicab Company Operating Authority providers as a single entity (hereinafter “Awardee” or “Applicant”) to assist DFHV in the continued development and introduction of a modern new rooftop taxi light option that enhances the passenger experience, increases taxi driver’s earnings, and can serve as a model for the entire public for-hire fleet for years to come. DFHV’s RFA No.: R.L. Innovations 2022-21-12 is seeking to require all taxis to install a modern rooftop and LED light and move away from old “legacy lights” or other outdated rooftop models to incorporate the digital meters that would clearly display availability status, passenger(s) name upon arrival for a trip dispatched with a phone, web-based booking, or smartphone application, public service announcements provided by the District of Columbia, taxi fare information to the general public, and approved advertising and marketing messages to generate revenue. The light must also be easily retrofitted for vision-impaired passengers. This announcement is to provide public notice of the Department of For-Hire Vehicles’ intent to make funds available for the purpose described herein. The applicable Request for Applications (“RFA”) will be released under a separate announcement with guidelines for submitting the application, review criteria and DFHV terms and conditions for applying for and receiving funding. Start date for this project will be February 13, 2023.

General Information:

Funding Opportunity Title:	FY23 Rooftop Light Project
Funding Opportunity Number:	
Program RFA ID#:	R.L. Innovations 2022-21-12
Opportunity Category:	Competitive
DFHV Administrative Unit:	I.T. Division
Agency	Department of For-Hire Vehicles
Program Contact:	Eric Fidler, Chief Information Officer 202-740-5705 or eric.fidler@dc.gov
Program Description:	DFHV is seeking to require all taxis to install a modern rooftop and LED light and move away from old “legacy lights” or other outdated rooftop models to incorporate the digital meters that would clearly display availability status, passenger(s) name upon arrival for a trip dispatched with a phone, web-based booking, or smartphone application, public service announcements provided by the District of Columbia, taxi fare information to the general public, and approved advertising and marketing messages to generate

	<p>revenue. The light must also be easily retrofitted for vision-impaired passengers.</p> <p>DFHV’s expectations are to expand the roof light options in a way that is affordable to drivers and enhance the aesthetics and public’s riding experience through this innovation grant program.</p>
Eligible Applicants	Entities that hold either a Taxicab Company Operating Authority or a Digital Taxicab Solution (DTS) Operating Authority from DFHV may apply for this opportunity.
Anticipated # of Awards:	1
Anticipated Amount Available:	FY23: \$100,000

Funding Authorization

Legislative Authorization	D.C. Official Code § 50-301.20 (b) (1)
Cost Sharing / Match Required?	None
RFA Release Date:	Friday, January 13, 2023; Midnight PT.
Pre-Application Meeting (Date)	Tuesday, January 17, 2023
Pre-Application Meeting (Time)	1pm – 2pm, EST.
Pre-Application Meeting (Location/Conference Call Access)	<p>Applicants can register for the Pre-Application Conference by clicking on the WebEx link below:</p> <p>Join from the meeting link https://dcnet.webex.com/dcnet/j.php?MTID=mbf787b4241fa7bcb5c428c580357ecde</p> <p>Join by meeting number Meeting number (access code): 2301 096 8196 Meeting password: RTvpAHhz935</p> <p>Tap to join from a mobile device (attendees only) +1-202-860-2110,,23010968196## United States Toll (Washington D.C.) +1-650-479-3208,,23010968196## Call-in toll number (US/Canada)</p> <p>Join by phone +1-202-860-2110 United States Toll (Washington D.C.) 1-650-479-3208 Call-in toll number (US/Canada) Global call-in numbers</p>

Application Deadline Date:	Monday, February, 3, 2023.
Application Deadline Time:	Midnight (12:00 a.m.) PT
Links to Additional Information about this Funding Opportunity	DC Grants Clearinghouse http://opgs.dc.gov/page/opgs-district-grants-clearinghouse . DFHV Grant Funding Website https://dfhv.dc.gov/page/grant-funding

Notes:

1. DFHV reserves the right to issue addenda and/or amendments after the issuance of the NOFA or RFA, or to rescind the NOFA or RFA.
2. Awards are contingent upon the availability of funds.
3. Individuals are not eligible for DFHV grant funding.
4. Contact the program manager assigned to this funding opportunity for additional information.
5. DFHV is in a secured building. Government-issued identification must be presented for entrance.
6. COVID-19 and public health safety protocols are mandated for all applicants and awardees when working with DFHV.