

DEPARTMENT OF FOR-HIRE VEHICLES (DFHV)
NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY (NOFA)
FY23 VETSRIDE

The Government of the District of Columbia, Department of For-Hire Vehicles (“DFHV”), in partnership with the Mayor’s Office of Veteran Affairs, is soliciting applications from eligible DFHV licensed taxicab companies (“Taxicab Companies”) to be a part of the Mayor’s Office of Veteran Affairs (“MOVA”) VetsRide Pilot Program (“VETSRIDE”) providing for-hire services to eligible veterans. The program is envisioned to provide cost-effective, high-quality transportation services to eligible DC Veterans seeking transportation services throughout the District of Columbia and to approved Virginia and Maryland medical and social service facilities. DFHV’s RFA Program ID No. is: (#VR – 2022-26-7). This announcement is to provide public notice of the Department of For-Hire Vehicle’s 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 is: October 1, 2022 (Fiscal Year 2023).

General Information:

Funding Opportunity Title:	VetsRide
Funding Opportunity Number:	
Program RFA ID#:	EF-TS 2022207
Opportunity Category:	Competitive
DFHV Administrative Unit:	Performance and Program Team
Agency	Department of For-Hire Vehicles
Program Contact:	Charles Davis, Program Analyst and Project Lead Charles.Davis3@dc.gov (202) 740 4825 (cell)
Program Description:	Provide cost-effective, high-quality transportation services to eligible DC Veterans seeking transportation services throughout the District of Columbia and to approved Virginia and Maryland medical and social service facilities. An updated FY23 list of approved out-of-state facilities will be provided by the Mayor’s Office of Veteran Affairs (MOVA) at the start of the project. Note: The VetsRide program does not currently identify any location restrictions within the District of Columbia. The awardee will need to develop, implement and maintain a dispatch system and application/online dispatch booking system for customers to pre-book trips up to 24 hours in advance and/or on demand. The dispatching system can be a smart phone

	<p>application or web-based dispatch booking system for eligible customers, MOVA and DFHV program staffers may access twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. In addition, the awardee will need to develop, implement and maintain a ridesharing program in-tandem with individual's requests.</p> <p>Provide services between 6 am – 10 pm, Monday through Sunday; transportation service to and from locations within the District of Columbia, and identified and approved out-of-state locations, for veterans with or without disabilities, including those customers in need of a wheelchair accessible vehicle.</p>
Eligible Applicants	Entities that hold either a Taxicab Company Operating Authority partnering with a DTS provider, or a Digital Taxicab Solution (DTS) provider with an Operating Authority from DFHV may apply for this opportunity.
Anticipated # of Awards:	1
Anticipated Amount Available:	\$263,700

Funding Authorization

Legislative Authorization	D.C. Official Code § 50-301.20 (b) (1).
Cost Sharing / Match Required?	None
RFA Release Date:	Friday, August 12, 2022
Pre-Application Meeting (Date)	Thursday, August 16, 2022
Pre-Application Meeting (Time)	1 pm to 2:30 pm.
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>FY23 VetsRide Pre-Application Conference:</p> <p>https://dcnet.webex.com/dcnet/j.php?MTID=m13a911839253f0400e150a7f8286169f</p> <p>Join by meeting number</p> <p>Meeting number (access code): 2319 686 6901</p> <p>Meeting password: VEiSqmzZ758</p> <p>Tap to join from a mobile device (attendees only)</p> <p>+1-202-860-2110,,23196866901## United States Toll (Washington D.C.)</p> <p>+1-650-479-3208,,23196866901## Call-in toll number (US/Canada)</p>

	<p style="text-align: center;">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, September 12, 2022
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 the DC Department of For-Hire Vehicles.