

**DEPARTMENT OF FOR-HIRE VEHICLES (DFHV)  
NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY (NOFA)  
TRANSPORT DC**

The Government of the District of Columbia, Department of For-Hire Vehicles (“DFHV”), is soliciting applications from the for-hire vehicle companies with current DFHV business certifications and operating authority to participate in innovative projects and partnership programs aimed at improving transportation equity, economic development opportunities, and solving industry problems within the for-hire industry that benefits DFHV consumers and fosters innovation. DFHV’s RFA (#TDC 2022–15-2); short titled: “Transport DC”) is seeking approved Digital Taxi Solution (“DTS”) providers (hereinafter “Awardee” or “Awardees”) to provide a universal taxi mobile application (“universal app”) to operate and provide service to DFHV’s Transport DC (“TDC”) program. The TDC program has been in operation for the past seven years providing an alternative transportation service to the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority’s paratransit services entitled MetroAccess. Current TDC providers support a cost-effective, curb-to-curb service for eligible and active MetroAccess customers. Transport DC customers may take up to ten (10) one-way trips (or five (5) round trips each month) to any destination within the District of Columbia (“DC”). 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: Anticipated to be ready to go live with transportation services on or before November 1, 2022; or upon applicant’s readiness and quality assurance testing by DFHV.

General Information:

Funding Opportunity Title:	Transport DC
Funding Opportunity Number:	
Program RFA ID#:	TDC 2022–15-2
Opportunity Category:	Competitive
DFHV Administrative Unit:	Performance and Program Team
Agency	Department of For-Hire Vehicles
Program Contact:	Tyren Stover, Grants Management Specialist Tyren.Stover@dc.gov or 202-341-7328
Program Description:	The Government of the District of Columbia, DFHV is seeking candidates with an expertise in paratransit, on-demand, and pre-booking up to twenty-four hours of a requested pick-up. In addition, the selected applicant must be located within the District of Columbia and must comply with Title 31 of the District of Columbia

	Municipal Regulations in its entirety with an emphasis on: Chapter 9, Insurance Requirements for Public Vehicles-For-Hire in its entirety including Applications and Scope pertaining to WAV vehicles; Chapter 16, Dispatch Services and District of Columbia Taxicab Industry CO-OP, and Chapter 18, Wheelchair Accessible Paratransit Taxicab Services. DFHV is seeking to leverage the capacity of the local for-hire vehicle industry and use innovations and best practices to include on-demand mobility fields to provide an innovative TDC transportation solution to enhance an already popular and highly visible program while including advocates, DFHV's Project Lead, and other stakeholders' input and suggestions.
Eligible Applicants	Entities that hold a Taxicab Company Operating Authority (including DTS providers) from the Department of For-Hire Vehicles may apply for this opportunity.
Anticipated # of Awards:	Multiple
Anticipated Amount Available:	FY23: \$3,950,397

#### Funding Authorization

Legislative Authorization	D.C. Official Code § 50-301.20 (b) (1).
Cost Sharing / Match Required?	N/A
RFA Release Date:	Friday, September 9, 2022
Pre-Application Meeting (Date)	September 15, 2022
Pre-Application Meeting (Time)	1:00 pm to 2:00 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 style="text-align: center;"><b>FY23 Transport DC Pre-Application Conference</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Join from the meeting link  <a href="https://dcnet.webex.com/dcnet/j.php?MTID=m66dccc00f1764a06a9eace78d22e6860">https://dcnet.webex.com/dcnet/j.php?MTID=m66dccc00f1764a06a9eace78d22e6860</a></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Join by meeting number  Meeting number (access code): 2319 200 0150  Meeting password: TxpNR7JPf67</p>

	<p>Tap to join from a mobile device (attendees only)  +1-202-860-2110,,23192000150## United States Toll (Washington D.C.)  +1-650-479-3208,,23192000150## 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:	October 7, 2022
Application Deadline Time:	Midnight (12:00 a.m.) PT
Links to Additional Information about this Funding Opportunity	DC Grants Clearinghouse <a href="http://opgs.dc.gov/page/opgs-district-grants-clearinghouse">http://opgs.dc.gov/page/opgs-district-grants-clearinghouse</a> . DFHV Grant Funding Website <a href="https://dfhv.dc.gov/page/grant-funding">https://dfhv.dc.gov/page/grant-funding</a>

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.