

**DEPARTMENT OF FOR-HIRE VEHICLES (DFHV)  
NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY (NOFA)  
FY2024 ROOFTOP LIGHT PROJECT**

The Government of the District of Columbia, Department of For-Hire Vehicles (“DFHV”) is seeking an approved Digital Taxi Solution (“DTS”) provider or a business partnership of a DTS and Taxicab Company providers as a single entity (hereinafter “Awardee” or “Applicant”) to assist DFHV in the continued development and introduction of a modern new dome light (or rooftop taxi light) option that enhances the passenger experience, increase 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.P. Innovations 2023-29-12 is seeking to require all taxis to install a modern rooftop and LED lights and move away from old “legacy lights” or other outdated rooftop models in order to incorporate the digital meters that would clearly show availability status, display a passenger’s name upon arrival for a trip dispatched with a phone, web-based booking, or smartphone application, can display public service announcements provided by the District of Columbia, can be easily retrofitted for vision-impaired passengers and can show taxi fare information to the general public as well as approved advertising and marketing messages to generate revenue. DFHV’s expectations are to expand the rooftop light options in a way that is affordable to drivers and enhance the aesthetics and public’s riding experience through this innovation grant program. This program will require financial investment from the Awardee in addition to DFHV grant funds.

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: February 1, 2024 (Fiscal Year 2024).

General Information:

Funding Opportunity Title:	FY 2024 Rooftop Light Project
Funding Opportunity Number:	
Program RFA ID#:	R.L.P. Innovations 2023-29-12
Opportunity Category:	Competitive
DFHV Administrative Unit:	Information Technology Division
Agency	Department of For-Hire Vehicles
Project Lead Contact:	Eric Fidler, Chief Information Officer 202-740-5705 or <a href="mailto:eric.fidler@dc.gov">eric.fidler@dc.gov</a>

Program Description:	The Government of the District of Columbia, Department of For-Hire Vehicles (“DFHV”) DFHV is seeking to require all taxis to install a modern rooftop and LED lights and move away from old “legacy lights” or other outdated rooftop models in order to incorporate the digital meters that would clearly show availability status, display a passenger’s name upon arrival for a trip dispatched with a phone, web-based booking, or smartphone application, can display public service announcements provided by the District of Columbia, can be easily retrofitted for vision-impaired passengers and can show taxi fare information to the general public as well as approved advertising and marketing messages to generate revenue.
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:	\$135,000

#### Funding Authorization

Legislative Authorization	D.C. Official Code § 50-301.20 (b) (1).
Cost Sharing / Match Required?	Fiscal Obligation is required
RFA Release Date:	Friday, December 29, 2023; Midnight, PT.
Pre-Application Meeting (Date)	Friday, January 5, 2024
Pre-Application Meeting (Time)	1:30 pm – 2:30 pm EST
Pre-Application Meeting (Location/Conference Call Access)	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>WEBEX MEETING</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Join on your computer, mobile app or room device</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Meeting Link:  <a href="https://dcnet.webex.com/dcnet/j.php?MTID=m03bbd62c276cb4363f27e8735bbc5af6">https://dcnet.webex.com/dcnet/j.php?MTID=m03bbd62c276cb4363f27e8735bbc5af6</a></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Meeting number (access code): 2305 351 1364  Meeting password: ZyZ9uMiN9w7</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Join by phone: +1-202-860-2110 United States Toll (Washington, DC)  1-650-479-3208 Call-in toll number (US/Canada)</p>

	If you are unable to attend the information session, we encourage you to email your questions before <b>January 4, 2024, at 5:00 pm EST</b> to <a href="mailto:DFHV.Grants@dc.gov">DFHV.Grants@dc.gov</a>
Application Deadline Date:	Friday, January 19, 2024
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 project lead assigned to this funding opportunity for additional information.
5. DFHV is in a secure building. Government issued identification must be presented for entrance if you must visit the project lead during the application process.