

Office of the Executive Director

To: Taxicab Drivers and Company Owners

From: Department of For-Hire Vehicles

Date:

Re: FY23 Wheelchair Accessible Vehicle Repair Pilot (“WAV-RP”) Grant Sponsorship

As you may know, the Department of For-Hire Vehicles (“DFHV”) has created and posted an innovation grant announcement entitled FY23 Wheelchair Accessible Vehicle Repair Pilot (“WAV-RP” or the “Program”), see DFHV’s grant webpage for further information:

<https://dfhv.dc.gov/page/grant-funding>. The goal of this grant is to support and provide DFHV’s paratransit grant transportation services as well as expand the WAV services beyond the grant programs and throughout the District of Columbia for residents and tourists alike.

Applicants (i.e.: independent operators and owners of WAVs) residing in Maryland and Virginia who own their individual vehicle may apply by seeking a Digital Taxicab Solution (“DTS”) company as a sponsor. Thus, if an applicant is awarded the WAV-RP grant by DFHV, the DTS taxicab company will become a *pass-through grantee* for its operators. As a Pass-Through Grantee, the taxicab company may need to sign a grant agreement if an operator’s application is awarded. DFHV will notify you, if the applicant is awarded as to the next steps of the process. In order for applicants (operator) to qualify for this grant through your sponsorship, the taxicab company must provide the following information:

- 1) Company Name,
- 2) Company Contact: First and Last Name, cell phone and email address,
- 3) Proof of Insurance (insurance binder or cover page) for the grant period,
- 4) Updated IRS - W-9 form, and
- 5) DFHV Operating Authority Certificate.

DFHV will review each application for accuracy. The deadline for sponsorship submissions is August 18, 2023. Attached is a template to complete and track the drivers being sponsored.

If you have any questions, please contact Charles Lindsay, Account Manager and Project Lead (202-320-6918 or Charles.Lindsay2@dc.gov) for program information.

Melinda Bolling, Acting Director
Department of For-Hire Vehicles

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**Taxicab Co. Owner Supporting Document:
FY23 Wheelchair Accessible Vehicle Repair Pilot (WAV-RP) Grant Template**

I _____ of _____ am
(Company Staff Contact Name) (Taxicab Company Name)

willing to sponsor the following rental drivers to apply for the WAV-RP subsidy grant.

First & Last Name of Driver:

I agree to submit all of the appropriate documents (Operating Authority, W-9, Insurance Policy,) on behalf of the driver(s).

Taxicab Company Owner Signature

Date

Sponsoring Company Check List, submit:

- 1) Company Name
- 2) Company Contact Name: First and Last,
- 3) Taxicab Company's W-9
- 4) Taxicab Company's Proof of Insurance
- 5) DFHV Operating Authority Certificate

