

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Department of For-Hire Vehicles



**NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY (“NOFA”)
FY2020 MicroTransit Innovation Grant (MicroTransit #2)**

The Government of the District of Columbia, Department of For-Hire Vehicles (“DFHV”), is soliciting applications from eligible DFHV licensed taxicab companies (“Taxicab Companies”) or transportation network companies (“TNC”) to participate in innovative pilot projects and partnership programs aimed at improving transportation equity, expanding economic opportunities, and solving transportation services that benefit taxicab customers and continue to foster innovations.

The FY20 MicroTransit Innovation Grant #2 (MicroTransit #2) seeks to implement a cost-effective, high-quality transportation service offering flexible routing and/or flexible scheduling of shuttles or minibuses within designated transport zones East of the Anacostia River (EOTR) planned throughout the District of Columbia. The awardee will need to develop, implement, and maintain a dispatch system and application for customers book trips on demand within each developed transport zone. The awardee, in coordination with DFHV (“Grantor”), will develop and manage a transportation schedule with the operational expectation up to seven (7) days a week. The FY20 Innovation MicroTransit#2 program will pay for startup and/or operating costs for the MicroTransit zones. Examples of costs that can be reimbursed are vehicle acquisition, vehicle maintenance, fuel driver earnings subsidy, acquisition or adaptation of technology systems or marketing and outreach costs.

Funding under this NOFA is not to exceed three hundred and twenty thousand dollars (\$320,000) in grant funds for Fiscal Year 2020 (FY20), subject to DFHV’s legal and regulatory authority and funding availability. DFHV will publish on its websites, announcements of any additional funding or amendments made under this RFA.

Eligibility: DFHV licensed Digital Taxicab Solution (DTS) or Digital Dispatch Service (DDS) providers only.

How to Apply: Visit DFHV’s Zoomgrants portal: [Click Here](#)

RFA Release Date: The RFA will be available on Friday, August 16, 2019 on the DFHV website. To access the RFA click on <https://dfhv.dc.gov/page/grant-funding>.

Application Deadline: Friday, January 14th, 2020; 4 pm.



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Period of Award: The performance period is March 1, 2020 up to September 30, 2020 for FY 2020. DFHV may elect to continue funding for an additional period of up to three years. Continuations would be determined based upon satisfactory program performance, grant compliance, operating authority status, and the availability of funding. DFHV's expectation for a start date would be March 2, 2020; this would be dependent on the applicant's readiness and possible DFHV testing to ensure operational readiness.

Information Session: Applicants interested in learning more or who would like to ask questions about the RFA are strongly encouraged to participate in the information session scheduled on **February 4, 2020; 2 pm. – 3 pm.** The session will be held at DFHV's third floor conference room (2235 Shannon Place, SE, Washington DC 20020). A photo ID is required to enter the building. Call in number: **1-650-479-3208**; access code: **739 589 169**.

Selection Process: DFHV will select one or more grant recipients through a competitive application process. All applications will be forwarded to a review panel to be evaluated, scored, and ranked based on the selection criteria listed in the RFA.

Reservations: DFHV reserves the right to issue addenda and/or amendments subsequent to the issuance of the innovation grant announcement or any NOFA or RFA, or to rescind any innovation grant announcements, NOFA or RFA. All grant awards are subject to funding availability.

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