## GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA



## NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY ("NOFA") FY 2020 Transport DC Program Pool Rides (TDC - PR)

The Government of the District of Columbia, Department of For-Hire Vehicles (DFHV or "Department") is seeking to select DFHV-licensed taxicab companies or taxi network companies (TNCs) who have been granted operating authority as Digital Taxicab Solution (DTS) or Digital Dispatch Service (DDS) provider to implement the Department's Transport DC's Pool Rides (TDC-PR). TDC-PR is a cost effective, high quality MetroAccess paratransit, alternative transportation service for DC residents, MetroAccess customers. TDC-PR provides transportation services for individuals with disabilities, thus wheelchair accessible vehicle services is a priority. DFHV will be conducting a Transport DC Pool Ride Pilot program to match customers volunteering for pooled rides (aka: ridesharing). TDC-PR matches riders heading in the same direction with only a ten (10) minute deviation within the scheduled trip. Funding under this FY2020 (FY20) Request for Application is not to exceed one hundred and thirty thousand dollars (\$130,000) in grant funds, which is 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 Thursday, July 18, 2019 on the DFHV website. To access the RFA click on <a href="https://dfhv.dc.gov/page/grant-funding">https://dfhv.dc.gov/page/grant-funding</a>.

**Application Deadline:** Thursday, August 14, 2015, 4:00pm EST.

<u>Period of Award:</u> The performance period is October 1, 2019 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.

**Funding:** Funding will be a minimum of sixty thousand \$60,000 for one or more awards. For additional information regarding this announcement, please contact Guy Marcel at: <u>Guy.Marcel@dc.gov</u> or by calling: 202-671-0567.

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 **July 25, 2019, 1:00 p.m.** – **2:00 p.m.** The sessions 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): 739 635 767.

<u>Selection Process</u>: 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 in the requirements contained in this announcement. Selected grantee(s) may be awarded for one or more initiative(s) from the Business Transformative Grants under this NOFA.

<b>Reservations:</b> 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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