

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



**NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY (“NOFA”)  
FY 2020 VETRIDES (VetRides)**

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 VetRides transportation service, including ensuring Wheelchair Accessible Vehicles (WAVs) services. The VetRides objectives are to provide a cost-effective, high-quality transportation services to eligible DC Veterans seeking employment opportunities, educational opportunities and medical appointments. The awardee will need to develop, implement and maintain a dispatch system and application for customers to pre-book trips 24 hours in advance and/or on demand using a voucher system. Each customer will receive 4 vouchers per month with the possibility of carrying over 2 unused vouchers into the next month. In addition, the awardee will need to develop, implement and maintain a ridesharing program in-tandem with individuals requests. The VETRIDES trip shall be reimbursed at a meter rate but not to exceed thirteen dollars (\$13.00) per trip. Each trip must start and end within the District of Columbia and confirmed with the location lists provided by MOVA.

Funding under this Request for Application is not to exceed one hundred and eight-six thousand dollars (\$186,000) 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 2, 2019 on the DFHV website. To access the RFA click on <https://dfhv.dc.gov/page/grant-funding>.

**Application Deadline:** Thursday, August 30, 2019, 4:00pm EST.

**Period of Award:** 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.

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**Funding:** Funding will be a minimum of one hundred and eighty-thousand dollars (\$186,000) for one or more awards. For additional information regarding this announcement, please contact Guy Marcel at: [Guy.Marcel@dc.gov](mailto:Guy.Marcel@dc.gov) 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 **August 9, 2019, 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.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): 733-776-644.

**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 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.

**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.

