**Taxi & Livery Business Support Grant
Questions & Answers as of 5/20/2022**

**Question**: Can the grant be used to purchase vehicle or vehicles to expand a fleet?

**Answer**: **No.** Vehicle purchases are not an eligible expense for this program.

**Question**: If the taxi is a hybrid/electric car, can the funds from the grant be used to purchase a

 charging port?

**Answer**: **Yes.** Grant funds may be used to purchase a charging port. Installation costs would also be an eligible expense.

**Question**: Are car cosmetics such as tinted windows, new paint job, tires and windshields an eligible expense under the grant?

**Answer**: **No.** Cosmetic improvements are not eligible costs.

**Question:** Can awarded funds be used for a variety of improvements or are applicants

 limited to a single project/purchase?

**Answer**: **Yes,** funds may be used for a variety of improvements. Applicants are not limited to one project or purchase, provided the required details and documentation are included. Eligible uses include but are not limited to: Dispatch systems, smartphone-enabled hailing technology, safety equipment, work force training

(safety, customer service etc…) GPS, and or other types of equipment that would improve a business’ competitive edge.

**Question**: Is the purchase of a medallion eligible under grant?

**Answer:** **No.** A medallion purchase is not an eligible expense for this program.

**Question:** Are insurance costs an eligible expense for this program?

**Answer**: **No**. Insurance costs are not an eligible expense.

**Question**: Is there a certain length of time that the activities/equipment supporting the budget need to be purchased and used? Is two years from start to finish appropriate?

**Answer**: Grant funds should be spent within 12 months. Grant recipients are free to utilize their funds upon receiving them. A report on the results achieved by the investment is due no later than 12 months after the disbursement of funds.

**Question**: Can grant funds be used to start a taxi business?

**Answer**: **No.** Grantees must have an established business in order to be qualified for the grant program.

**Question**: Are upgrades (ramps, lifts, automatic doors and seat belts) to wheel chair accessible vans an eligible expense?

**Answer: Yes.** Upgrades to wheel chair accessible vehicles for taxi and livery businesses are an eligible expense.

**Question**: Are taxi and livery companies that provide non-emergency medical transport (NEMT) eligible for this program?

**Answer: Yes.** Livery companies providing NEMT (non-emergency medical transportation) trips are eligible applicants.

**Question**: What is the maximum award of this grant?

**Answer**: The maximum award amount is $40,000.00 per taxi/livery/hackney business applicant and $250,000.00 per industry association.

**Question:** Are the costs of car detailing an eligible expense?

**Answer: No.** Car detailing is not an eligible expense under the program. However, a limited amount of equipment and supplies would be eligible for disinfecting of the car to promote the health and safety of the driver and passengers.

**Question:** Are training costs an eligible expense?

**Answer: Yes.** Training costs are an eligible expense.

**Question**: Are dispatch/radio/relay systems an eligible expense?

**Answer:** **Yes.** Dispatch/radio/relay systems are an eligible expense.