



SFMTA

Access for All Program

Mayor's Disability Council

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Program Overview

California Senate Bill (SB) 1376

- Also known as the TNC Access for All Act, SB 1376 directed the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to establish a program focused on improving accessibility outcomes for persons with disabilities by expanding and improving on-demand wheelchair-accessible vehicle (WAV) transportation services.



Program Overview

- To implement the Access for All program, the CPUC required Transportation Network Companies (TNCs) operating in the state to collect a \$0.10 fee with each vehicle trip to deposit into a statewide “Access Fund” established by the Commission.
- The access funds go to Local Access Fund Administrators (LAFAs) in each county or geographic area in proportional amounts to the total fees generated in that region.

SFMTA's Role



SFMTA is the approved LAFA responsible for administering the Access for All program in San Francisco County.

The agency was awarded \$4,045,161 in Local Access Funds, including \$606,774 for administrative costs, for FY 2023-24.

An additional \$1,713,063 in Local Access Funds, including \$256,959 for administrative costs, will be available for FY FY2024-25.

LAFAs are responsible for:



Identifying local WAV Access Providers

Competitive solicitation process to distribute available Access funds



Gathering community input

Required to report quarterly on efforts to engage the disability community in the planning process



Developing a webpage for the program

Provide background information on SB 1376 and the application process for Access Providers



What is....



An **Access Provider** is an organization or entity that directly provides or contracts with a separate organization or entity to provide on-demand transportation to meet the needs of persons with disabilities, as defined in Public Utilities Code Section 5431.5(a).



“On-demand transportation” refers to any transportation service that does not follow a fixed route and/or schedule.

The Working Group's Role

SFMTA was guided by a group of relevant stakeholders and constituencies, including disability rights organizations, persons with disabilities, and representatives from the Paratransit Coordinating Council, to develop and implement the program to meet the goals of the Access Funds.

Among the tasks includes:



Identifying service gaps and priorities in existing and future WAV programs



Providing feedback on fund allocation and contracting scenarios



Reviewing application solicitation documents

CPUC Identified Priorities

- Completion rates and response times for WAV service compared to the previous year and/or status quo in the City and County of San Francisco;
- The presence and availability of WAVs within the City and County of San Francisco; and
- Efforts undertaken to publicize and promote available WAV services to disability communities.

Additional Local Priorities have been identified and are required to be addressed in the proposal response



What's Next?

- Mid – March: RFP to be issued
- Mid – April: Final proposals due
- Mid – May: Final proposals selected
- Grant agreements finalized to allow for service to begin starting July 1st
- Quarterly reports to be submitted to the CPUC
- Competitive solicitation process for FY24/25 Local Access Funds

More Information...

SFMTA Access for All Webpage

www.sfmta.com/access-for-all

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