



PUBLIC VEHICLE INDUSTRY NOTICE

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Reminder: Minimum Requirements to Qualify for WAV Taxi Incentive Subsidies

The Department of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection (BACP) posts current Wheelchair Accessible Taxi Incentive Subsidy information and forms at [Chicago.gov/PublicVehicles](https://chicago.gov/PublicVehicles) on the "[Chicago Wheelchair Accessible Taxicabs](https://chicago.gov/PublicVehicles)" webpage.

Wheelchair Accessible Vehicle (WAV) Taxi Incentive Subsidy Request Forms

- [WAV Taxicab Driver Lease Subsidy Request Form](#)
- [WAV Taxicab Vehicle Maintenance Subsidy Request Form](#)
- [WAV Taxi Owner Operator Subsidy Request Form](#)

For ALL WAV Taxi subsidy programs, the following qualifications remain in effect:

- ✓ Applicant's license status must be in Good Standing with the City of Chicago;
- ✓ Applicant must not have City of Chicago debt holds; and
- ✓ Applicant must participate in the City of Chicago Centralized WAV Taxi Dispatch Service program by performing the required minimum number of monthly trips requested by persons with disabilities through the City of Chicago Centralized WAV Taxi Dispatch Service contractor - Curb Mobility (gocurb.com/chicagowav)
 - **Qualifying WAV taxi trips must be completed through Curb.**

- ✓ Following minimum qualifications have been in effect since August 1, 2023:

-WAV Taxi License Holder Maintenance Subsidy-

- Supports WAV taxi owners' extra expenses associated with WAV taxi repairs and maintenance.
- Annual subsidy: up to \$9,000 for qualifying WAV vehicle maintenance expenses.
- WAV taxi owner must ensure its WAV taxi is completing a **minimum of 20 (twenty) Centralized WAV Taxi Dispatch Service Program trips per month through Curb.**

-WAV Taxi Chauffeur Lease Subsidy-

- Supports the lease expenses of WAV taxi drivers who operate WAV taxis to serve passengers who use wheelchairs.
- Subsidy amount: \$25 per day for 12-hour lease / \$50 per day for 24-hour lease.
- WAV taxi driver must perform a **minimum of 40 (forty) Centralized WAV Taxi Dispatch trips per month through Curb.**

-WAV Taxi Owner-Operator Subsidy-

- Supports WAV taxi owners who also are the sole driver of the WAV taxi. These individuals are not eligible for the WAV taxi lease subsidy described above.
- Subsidy amount: \$25 per day that WAV taxi owner-operator operates their WAV taxi and performs a **minimum of 40 (forty) Centralized WAV Taxi Dispatch trips per month through Curb.**

- Questions for [Curb](#) should be emailed to ChicagoWAV@gocurb.com.
- Questions or comments for BACP should be emailed to BACPPV@cityofchicago.org.