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## **NOTICE: THE ACCESSIBLE TAXI LOAN ASSISTANCE SERVICE PILOT PROGRAM (ATLAS) APPLICATION PERIOD IS OPEN**

Beginning June 12, 2025, medallion owners who own no more than one (1) medallion can apply for the Accessible Taxi Loan Assistance Service Pilot Program (ATLAS). This program helps small medallion owners reduce the cost of wheelchair-accessible vehicles (WAVs) by providing low-interest vehicle loans made possible through a partnership among the TLC, the Disability Opportunity Fund (DOF), the Empire State Development (ESD), the New York Taxi Workers Alliance (NYTWA), and Hillside Toyota. The loans are available for 100 qualified applicants. The application period will close once 100 applicants have been approved.

To begin the application process, please fill out the [Eligibility Form](#) online. If the TLC determines you are eligible, you will be notified via email. To qualify for ATLAS, you must meet the following criteria:

- The applicant must own only one (1) medallion and be the sole named individual, either as the sole proprietor or as the principal shareholder of the corporate entity that owns that medallion.
- The vehicle's retirement date must be within 120 days of the TLC pre-screening appointment. (If the owner already possesses a WAV and more than four years have passed since receiving a hack-up payment, the owner is still eligible to participate in the program).
- The medallion owner must not owe any outstanding monies to the TLC or other city agencies.
- If the owner received a grant through the Medallion Relief Program (MRP), the loan must be current and not in default.
- The owner must sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the TLC to participate in the pilot program.

The TLC will screen applicants to confirm program eligibility, and the Disability Fund will determine loan eligibility and assist with purchasing a Toyota Sienna from Hillside Toyota. **Medallion owners interested in ATLAS must wait for the necessary approvals before buying the vehicle.**

For more information, please visit the [Accessible Taxi Loan Assistance Pilot Program page](#).