

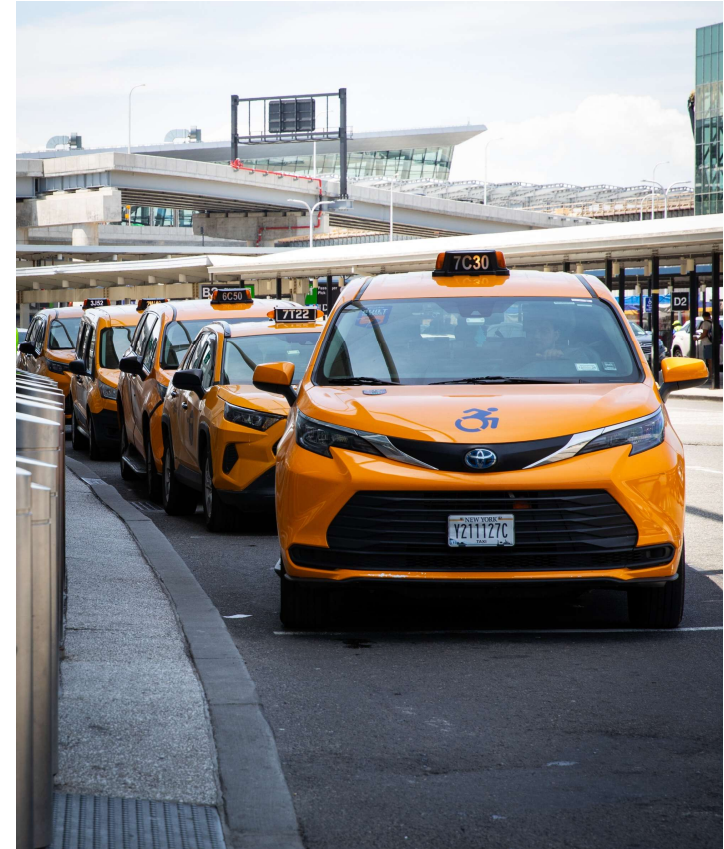
Accessible Taxi Loan Assistance Service Pilot Program (ATLAS)

ONE YEAR UPDATE
SEPTEMBER 2026



About the Pilot Program

- The Accessible Taxi Loan Assistance (ATLAS) Pilot Program Resolution was adopted on April 30th, 2025, in partnership with the Disability Opportunity Fund, Empire State Development, and NYTWA.
- The ATLAS Pilot Program will help 100 independent small business medallion owners to hack-up their vehicle to a wheelchair accessible vehicle (WAV).
- A \$30,000 Taxi Improvement Fund (TIF) Grant will be applied to the purchase of a vehicle and redirected to the Disability Opportunity Fund.
- The Disability Opportunity Fund (DOF) is partnering directly with Toyota to secure Accessible Toyota Sienna Taxis.
- The first loan application was approved and signed on September 29th, 2025.



ATLAS Eligibility & Application Steps

1

Complete ATLAS Eligibility Form and TIF Enrollment Process

2

TLC will review owner eligibility status and complete TIF enrollment.

3

If eligible for ATLAS Program, TLC will notify the Disability Opportunity Fund (DOF)

4

Disability Opportunity Fund will review loan application and connect owner to Toyota, if approved.

5

Owner completes hack-up and vehicle inspection to receive \$30,000 TIF grant.

Vehicle Retirement Extension

If a driver's vehicle is close to its retirement date and they have an active ATLAS application, drivers may be eligible for a one-time 6-month hardship extension and an additional ATLAS extension while they complete the application process.

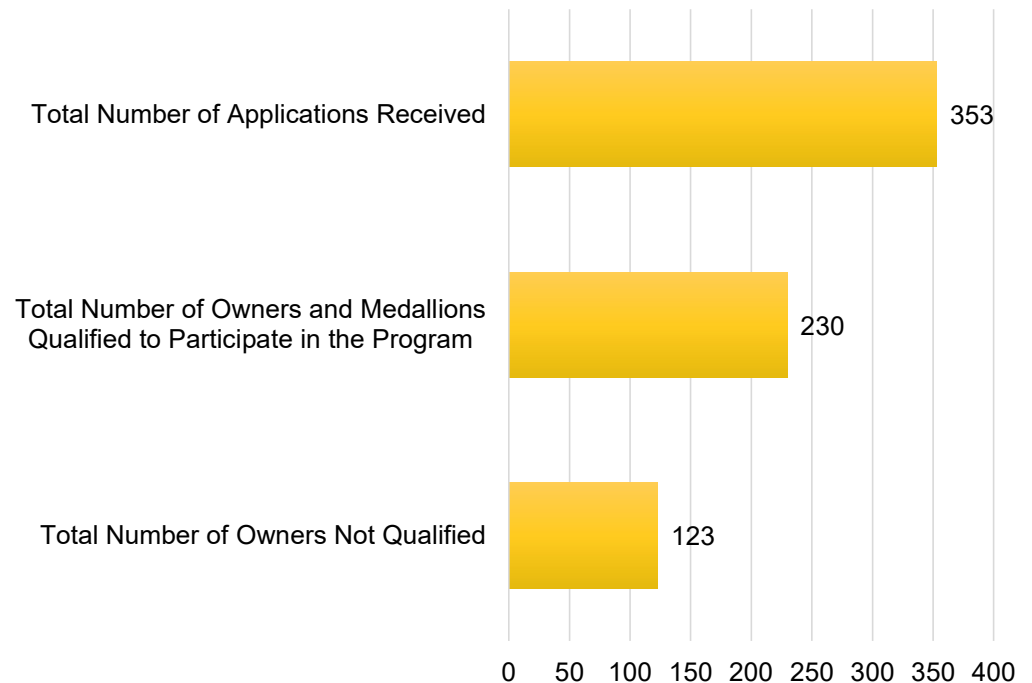
ATLAS Interested Medallion Owners

Medallion Owners must complete an Interest Form to determine pre-eligibility in the program.

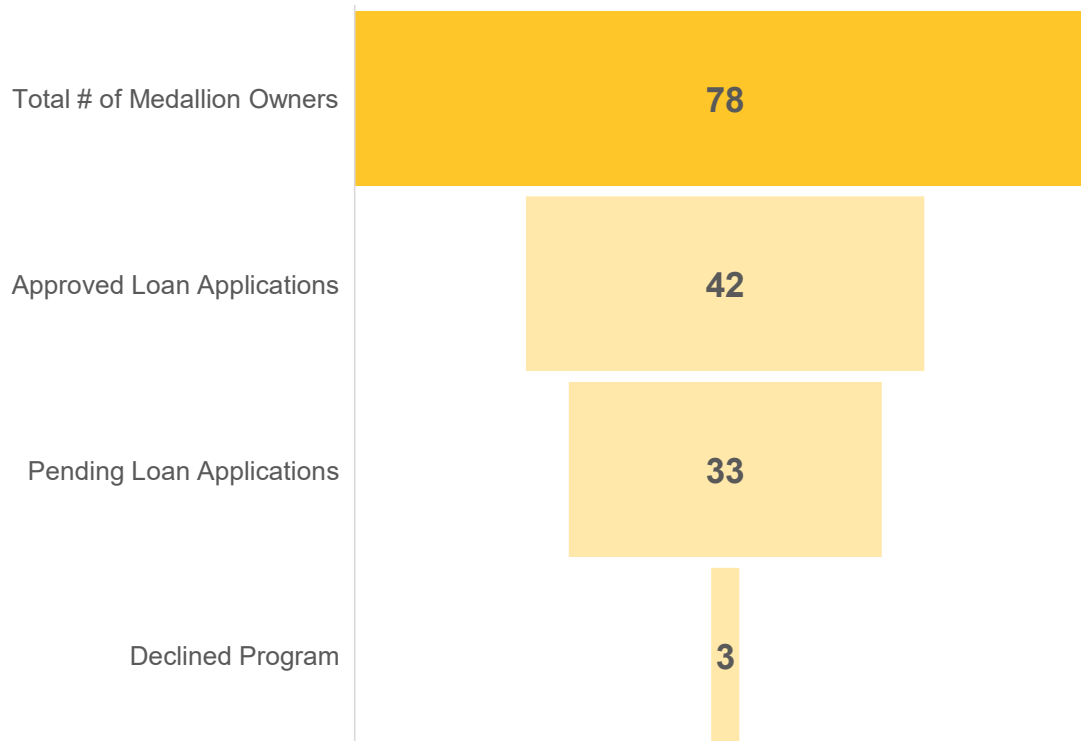
TLC determines pre-eligibility based on the following criteria:

- Medallion Owner who owns one medallion and is the only named individual as either the sole proprietor or principal shareholder of the corporate entity which owns that medallion.
- Vehicle retirement date is within 120 days of TLC pre-screening appointment.
- Medallion owner does not owe any outstanding monies with TLC or other city agencies.
- If owner received a grant through the Medallion Relief Program, the loan must be current and not in default.
- Owner must sign Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with TLC to participate in the pilot program.
- Medallion owners will be screened by the TLC to confirm program eligibility, and the Disability Fund will make loan determination.

Owners are deemed not qualified based on the following reasons: Multiple Principals, Multiple Medallions, Hack-up date not current, Vehicle Retirement not current, No Medallion Owned, Application Withdrawn, or Multiple Requirements not met.



Disability Opportunity Fund Application Status



- Owners who have been recommended to the Disability Opportunity Fund have passed the TLC Medallion Ownership and Vehicle Eligibility requirements as well as a completed enrollment for the Taxi Improvement Fund (TIF).
- DOF reviews and approve loan application.
- Pending includes applicants who are in the process of submitting documents and working on completing the loan application.
- Declined are individuals who decided to not continue with the program.

Performance of Loans Facilitated by Disability Opportunity Fund

Loan Term Overview:
Reduces Loan to \$51,000
from \$81,000 with an
estimated monthly loan
payment of \$686.

**6 Medallion Owners
have Paid Off Their
Loan**

**Total TIF Grant
Disbursements as of
8/31/2026:
\$990,000**

**Medallion Ownership
Retention:
100%**



TLC Recommendations

- We request the continuation of the ATLAS Pilot Program for an additional year.
- Extending the program would provide small business medallion owners additional time to benefit from obtaining a wheelchair accessible vehicle (WAV) at a lower cost.
- Additional year would allow the Commission to further evaluate the program's effectiveness, identify areas for improvement, and assess the long-term impact.

**36 ATLAS
Accessible
Taxis**

55,984 Trips

