

WAS Fund Reimbursement Types and Eligibility Requirements

General Requirements for WAS Fund Reimbursement	
WATs	Prior to placing the WAT in service, the vehicle must be inspected for ADA compliance. Once in service, any WAT driver must have a valid for-hire driver's license or permit with a valid WAT endorsement, and the driver must prioritize service to passengers in wheelchairs before any other passenger.
Voluntary Conversions	Anyone interested in voluntarily converting a vehicle to a WAV is strongly encouraged to consult with the Director prior to acquiring or converting a vehicle. In addition to meeting the same general requirements as WATs, the owner of a Voluntary Conversion must apply to the Director for written approval in order to become eligible for WAS Fund reimbursements.

Section III.B.1: Dispatched Trips for Passengers using Wheelchairs (TPWs) - Paid at least Monthly		
Rate/Amount	Recipient	Eligibility Requirements*
Urban: \$20 Suburban: \$30 Rural: \$40 Add'l Passenger(s) in Wheelchair(s): + \$15	Driver	Contract Trips are not eligible for reimbursement.

Section III.B.2: Shift-Based Reimbursements (Shift defined as 4+ continuous hours) - Paid at least Monthly		
Rate/Amount	Recipient	Eligibility Requirements*
WAV Fuel Costs: \$15	Driver	A maximum of 3 Shifts per vehicle per day are eligible for reimbursement; all 3 Shifts must be performed by different drivers. Effective Jan. 1, 2022: Driver must demonstrate the driver performed at least 20 TPWs during the same month in which the Shift occurred.
Off-Peak Shift (9:00 p.m. - 5:00 a.m.): \$45	Driver	A maximum of 2 Shifts per vehicle per day are eligible for reimbursement; both Shifts must be performed by different drivers. Effective Jan. 1, 2022: Driver must demonstrate the driver performed at least 20 TPWs during the same month in which the Shift occurred.
Additional Shifts: \$30	Vehicle Owner	Only the second and third Shift performed in the vehicle within a 24-hour period are eligible for this reimbursement; the first Shift of the day is not eligible. A maximum of 2 Shifts per vehicle per day are eligible for reimbursement. The first, second and third Shift must all be performed by different drivers. Effective Jan. 1, 2022: Vehicle owner must demonstrate the vehicle performed at least 20 TPWs during the same month in which the Shift occurred.

* The Taxi Association, For-Hire Company and/or TNC must submit dispatch records to CPD on behalf of the vehicle owner/driver to demonstrate that TPW and/or Shift occurred, and that minimum operating requirements (i.e. minimum number of TPWs per month/year) have been met.

City of Seattle Director’s Rule FOR-HIRE-TRANSPORTATION-01-2021 and King County Public Rule FIN-10-3-3-PR
Attachment 2 – Reimbursement Summary Table (continued)

Section III.B.3: Driver Training - Paid Once Per Year after Completing Training		
Rate/Amount	Recipient	Eligibility Requirements
Driver Time: \$30/hr. Course Fee: cost	Driver	Eligibility limited to WAV vehicle owners and WAV drivers with current lease agreement to operate a WAV.

Section III.B.4: Vehicle Acquisition - Paid Monthly until WAT turns 6 years old (based on model year)		
Rate/Amount	Recipient	Eligibility Requirements*
Per Month: \$500 Annual Total: \$6,000	Vehicle Owner	<p>Voluntary Conversions are not eligible for this reimbursement type.</p> <p>Reimbursement limited to New WAT vehicles only. To be eligible, reimbursement must be the result of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) having been awarded a WAT medallion in 2019 or later; (2) replacing a WAT vehicle that would have exceeded the City's 10-year age limit within the next 3 years, or that has an odometer reading exceeding 350,000 miles; OR (3) having purchased a New WAT vehicle to replace an existing WAT in calendar year 2016-2019. <p>Effective Jan. 1, 2023: After the New WAT has been in operation for at least 1 year until it turns 6 years old, the vehicle owner must demonstrate on an annual basis that the vehicle provided at least 250 TPWs during the previous 365 days.</p> <p>For Replacement WATs purchased on or after Jan. 1, 2023 : Prior to receiving the first monthly installment, the vehicle owner must demonstrate the WAT vehicle being replaced performed at least 250 TPW during the previous 365 days.</p>

Section III.B.5: Vehicle Maintenance & Equipment - Paid Annually**		
Rate/Amount	Recipient	Eligibility Requirements*
<u>Vehicle Age (based on model year)</u> <u>Up To</u> 0-6 Years: \$6,000 7 Years: \$4,800 8 Years: \$3,600 9 Years: \$2,400 10 Years: \$1,200	Vehicle Owner	<p>Vehicle owner must submit itemized receipts demonstrating that payment was made.</p> <p>For each WAT, the total reimbursement for vehicle acquisition and vehicle maintenance and equipment may not exceed \$6,000 per year except in limited circumstances described in the Rule.</p> <p>Effective for costs incurred on or after Jan. 1, 2022: Vehicle owner must demonstrate the vehicle performed at least 250 TPWs during the same calendar year in which the cost was incurred.</p>

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** Reimbursements for vehicle maintenance and equipment costs incurred in calendar year 2020 and 2021 may be reimbursed quarterly or annually.