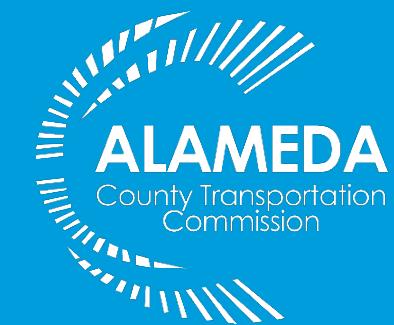




2025-2026 Access for All (AFA) WAV Discretionary Grant Program

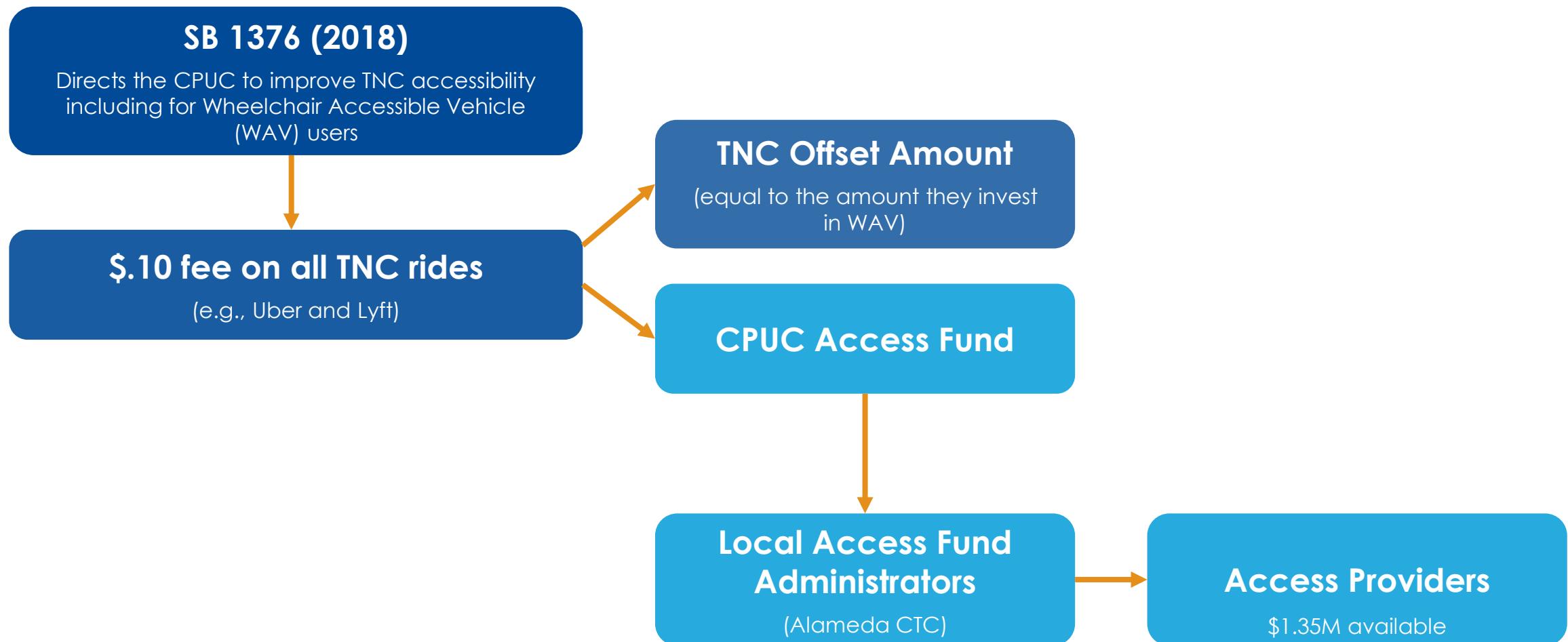
Application Workshop | January 13, 2026



Agenda

- Welcome
- 2025-2026 AFA WAV Discretionary Grant Program Overview
- Application Walkthrough
- Schedule
- Resources
- Q&A

Background on the AFA Grant Program



Program Focus

- The AFA Grant Program aims to increase the availability of **same-day, on-demand** transportation services provided by drivers equipped with **wheelchair accessible vehicles (WAVs)**
- Programs/projects that provide **same-day service** and are **multi-jurisdictional** in scope will be prioritized

Eligible Applicants

- Eligible applicants include **Access Providers**, which are organizations or entities that can **provide WAV service** like that of TNCs
- Access Providers **directly provide, or contract with** a separate organization or entity to provide, on-demand wheelchair accessible vehicle (WAV) transportation to meet the needs of persons with disabilities
- On-demand means any transportation service that **does not** follow a fixed route or schedule

Eligible Applicants (continued)

- CPUC has specific requirements for eligible Access Providers including documentation of the following:
 - Background checks
 - Insurance
 - Controlled substance and alcohol testing
 - Secretary of State registration
 - Motor Carrier Profile with the California Highway Patrol

Evaluation Framework

- Projects and programs will be evaluated based on:
 - **CPUC**-required evaluation criteria
 - **Paratransit Discretionary Grant Program (PDGP)** evaluation criteria

Evaluation Framework: CPUC Criteria*

- Prioritize Access Providers that can offer on-demand WAV transportation that can be requested and fulfilled within 24 hours (**same day service**)
- **Improve response times** for WAV service compared to the previous year and/or status quo
- **Improve presence and availability** of WAVs within the geographic area compared to the previous year and/or status quo
- Identify efforts undertaken or that will be undertaken to **publicize and promote** WAV services to disability communities

*Alameda CTC will keep in mind that some of the CPUC-required information may be inapplicable or unavailable at the time of the application as some Access Providers might be offering new services. Applicants should explain why the information is unavailable or not applicable.

Evaluation Framework: PDGP Criteria

- Project sufficient demand for the program/service/project
- Are ready for implementation
- Provide service across jurisdictional boundaries
- Demonstrate coordination/collaboration with other service providers in their planning area
- Are effective, according to adopted performance measures and past performance (where applicable) or projected performance supported by substantive evidence of potential for success
- Are cost effective
- Leverage funds (including Direct Local Distribution reserves)
- Have been identified as a priority in relevant countywide/ regional plans or needs assessments
- Support geographically equitable distribution of resources throughout the County
- Demonstrate strategies to ensure equitable access to and utilization of programs and services

Implementation Guidelines

- Eligible programs/projects must conform to PAPCO-adopted Implementation Guidelines and Performance Measures – Special Transportation for Seniors and People with Disabilities
- Refer to most recent Implementation Guidelines here: <https://www.alamedactc.org/programs-projects/senior-disabled-transport>

Quarterly Reporting

- Access Providers receiving funding are required to report project/program data on a quarterly basis
- Access Providers must follow project/program **goals, deliverables, and performance measures** identified in CPUC's AFA progress reports and Alameda CTC's AFA WAV Grant Program Guidelines
- Refer to most recent CPUC templates here:
<https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/tncaccessprovider/>

Application Walkthrough

- **Section A:** Summary Information
- **Section B:** General Information
- **Section C:** Safety Requirements
- **Section D:** Need/Benefits/Readiness
- **Section E:** Milestone Schedule
- **Section F:** Attachments

Application Walkthrough (continued)

- **Section A:** Summary Information
 - Contact information
- **Section B:** General Information
 - Q2-3 – Confirm Access Provider name and/or WAV service operator name
 - Q4 – Complete the Safety Protocol Declaration Form
 - Q6 – Provide separate attachment of detailed scope (2-page max)
 - Q12 – Provide map as separate attachment
 - Q13 – Select all that apply or “countywide” for service area
- **Section C:** Safety Requirements
 - Q1-4 – Describe compliance with CPUC safety requirements

Application Walkthrough (continued)

- **Section D: Needs/Benefits/Readiness**
 - **Need and Benefits** – WAV project/program need and benefits compared to status quo
 - **Coordination** – Include list of partners
 - **Readiness** – Implementation ready and sustainability
 - **Demand and Implementation** – Estimated level of demand and engagement

Application Walkthrough (continued)

- **Section E:** Milestone Schedule
 - Include key tasks and milestones (quarterly report deadlines are already listed)
- **Section F:** Attachments
 - Safety Protocol Declaration Form
 - Program/project scope
 - Detailed budget
 - Letter(s) of support
 - List of partners
 - Partner agency letter(s)
 - Additional information (if necessary)

Schedule

- **December 15, 2025** – Call for projects is released
- **January 13, 2026** – Application workshop
- **January 30, 2026** – Applications are due
- **Spring 2026** – Alameda CTC, with PAPCO oversight and approval, develops funding recommendations for the WAV grant
- **Late Spring 2026** – Alameda CTC adopts final AFA WAV Grant Program
- **July 1, 2026** – Start date of initial grant period

Resources

- More information regarding the 2025-2026 AFA WAV Grant Program, including the application and budget template, can be found on Alameda CTC's website here: <https://www.alamedactc.org/funding/funding-opportunities>
- More information on the Access for All Program can be found on CPUC's website here:
<https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/tncaccess/>

Q&A



Thank You

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