

NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY

2023 CBE Green Business Support Lottery Grant



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The District of Columbia (DC) Department of Small and Local Business Development (DSLBD) is excited to announce in this Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) that DSLBD will be accepting applications from DC Certified Business Enterprises (CBEs) that are Equity Impact Enterprises (EIEs) for the Fiscal Year (FY) **2023 CBE Green Business Support Lottery Grant Program, starting August 14, 2023 and closing August 25, 2023 at 2 p.m. Eastern Time.**

In partnership with DC's Department of Energy and the Environment (DOEE), DSLBD is supporting CBEs expansion in the green and sustainable energy and buildings market for CBEs pursuing contracting opportunities with DC Sustainable Energy Utility (DCSEU) and other similar entities.

DSLBD intends to award \$4,900 each to approximately ten (10) CBEs by way of a lottery for eligible CBEs. The grant funds will reimburse eligible businesses for expenses incurred to maintain business operations and viability while pursuing such contracting opportunities. CBEs that have applied and met all eligibility requirements by the final deadline will be entered into a lottery for the final selection of businesses. CBEs that received a CBE Green Equitable Back Office and Marketing Services Grant in FY 2023 are not eligible to apply.

Final Deadline

The absolute final deadline to apply online is August 25, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. eastern time, **no exceptions**. Applications will only be accepted through DSLBD's online application system listed in the Request for Applications (RFA) on DSLBD's website available on August 14, 2023.

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Who can apply?

CBEs that are deemed Equity Impact Enterprises (EIE) as defined in the CBE Act. Applicants also must be compliant with all other eligibility requirements detailed in the RFA.

How can the funds be used?

The grant funds may be used to reimburse grantees for expenses the Department deems reasonable to support business operations and viability between October 1, 2022, and August 25, 2023. Examples of allowable and disallowed uses are detailed in the RFA.

How will awardees be selected?

Grant recipients will be selected through a lottery process. All applications deemed eligible and received by or before the deadline will be entered into the lottery system. The selected grantees will be announced and will enter into a grant agreement with DSLBD.

How do I apply?

All instructions for applying are included in the RFA and will be available for download or viewing on DSLBD's website on August 14, 2023 at <https://dslbd.dc.gov/service/current-grant-opportunities>. **Applicants are encouraged to read the full RFA before completing the application.**

Questions?

DSLBD will hold virtual information sessions concerning the application process and the grant awards. Details on the date and time of information sessions can be found on DSLBD's Eventbrite page using the following link: <http://bit.ly/DSLBDeventbrite>. Applicants are highly encouraged to attend an information session.

All other questions not asked during the information session must be submitted in writing to business.opportunities@dc.gov. We will begin responding to questions after the grant opens on August 14, 2023.

Reservations

DSLBD reserves the right to issue addenda and/or amendments subsequent to the issuance of this NOFA or the RFA, or to rescind the NOFA or the RFA at any time.