

DEPARTMENT OF SMALL AND LOCAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY

Deanwood and North Capitol Clean Team Grant Programs

Fiscal Year 2025

This Notice of Funding Availability (“NOFA”), in combination with the corresponding Request for Applications (“RFA”), which will be released when the program application opens, constitute the full set of instructions to assist applicants with completing eligibility applications for the Fiscal Year (“FY”) 2025 Deanwood and North Capitol Clean Team Grant Programs. **Applicants are encouraged to read both documents in their entirety before applying.**

The District of Columbia (“DC,” “D.C.,” or the “District”) Clean Team Program, administered by the District’s Department of Small and Local Business Development (“DSLBD” or “Department”), improves the appearance of various commercial districts to help increase foot traffic, and consequently, customer sales for businesses. Clean Team operators provide supplemental services to the Department of Public Works (“DPW”) such as street cleaning, graffiti and sticker abatement, trash removal, and reporting public space defects to DC 311.

DSLBD is pleased to announce that it will begin soliciting applications for its FY25 Deanwood and North Capitol Clean Team Grant Programs on March 3, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. Both competitive applications will close on March 24, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. Eastern Time (“ET”).

DSLBD seeks two (2) Clean Team operators to provide services from April 1, 2025 through September 30, 2025 in the following service areas:

A. 2025 Deanwood Clean Team

Boundaries:

- Minnesota Avenue, NE (from Nannie Helen Burroughs Avenue, NE to Sheriff Road, NE);
- Sheriff Road, NE (from Minnesota Avenue, NE to Eastern Avenue, NE);
- Division Avenue (from Sheriff Road, NE to Foote Street, NE);
- Nannie Helen Burroughs Avenue, NE (from Division Avenue, NE to Minnesota Avenue, NE); and
- The portion of Eastern Avenue between Dix Street, NE and 63rd Street, NE which lies within DC.

Award Amount: \$104,506.37

B. 2025 North Capitol Clean Team

Boundaries:

- North Capitol Street (from New York Avenue, NE to Rhode Island Avenue, NE);
- Florida Avenue, NW (from North Capitol Street, NE to 2nd Street, NW);
- New York Avenue, NW (from North Capitol Street to 1st Street, NW);
- Rhode Island Avenue, NW (from North Capitol Street, NW to 2nd Street, NW);

- 1st Street, NW (from New York Avenue, NW to R Street, NW and from Seaton Place, NW to Rhode Island Avenue, NW); and
- 2nd Street, NW (from Florida Avenue, NW to Rhode Island Avenue, NW).

Award Amount: \$86,326.02

The full list of required services is detailed in the full RFA available on DSLBD’s website during the application period.

Who can Apply?

Eligible applicants are nonprofit organizations incorporated in DC, entities registered with DSLBD as Certified Business Enterprises (“CBE”), or both. Applicants may apply to more than one service area but must submit a unique application for each.

In addition, applicants must demonstrate the following by March 24, 2025:

- Current Certificate of Clean Hands (“CCH”)
- Active DC Business and/or Occupational and Professional License(s)
- Federal Employee Identification Number (“FEIN”)
- Active Corporate Registration File Number
- Good Standing with the District, as determined by Department of Licensing Consumer Protection (“DLCP”)
- Signed Affidavit attesting to compliance with applicable program conditions

Full eligibility requirements will be further outlined in the RFA that will be posted on DSLBD’s website when the grant opportunity opens.

How do I Apply?

The online application will open on March 3, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. and close on March 24, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. ET. Application instructions are included in the corresponding RFA. To access the RFA, please visit <https://dslbd.dc.gov/service/current-grant-opportunities>. Applications will only be accepted through the online application system listed in the RFA.

How can the Funds be Used?

Grant funding may be used for costs, including wages, equipment, uniforms, fuel, and other costs deemed reasonable by the Department, incurred in furtherance of Clean Team operations performed between April 1, 2025 to September 30, 2025. All expenses funded by this grant must be incurred during the “Period of Performance,” which is the date of execution of the grant agreement through September 30, 2025. Additional uses and restrictions will be outlined in the RFA.

How will Awardees be Selected?

DSLBD will select grant recipients through a competitive application process.

1. After a complete application is submitted, DSLBD will review the application to verify eligibility. Applications that do not meet eligibility requirements, and/or do not contain complete, truthful, and/or verifiable documents, information and/or attestations will not be evaluated for further review.
2. If determined eligible, application contents will be forwarded to and evaluated by an independent review panel, which will assess and score each applicant’s experience,

capacity, service delivery plan, and budget. More details on the evaluation criteria used by panelists will be provided in the RFA

3. A DSLBD program team will compile the review panel's recommendations for the Director of DSLBD, who will make the final determination of grant awards.
4. Grant awardees will be announced on or around March 27, 2025.

Questions?

DSLBD will hold a virtual information session to provide an overview of the grant application process. Information session details will be provided on DSLBD's Eventbrite page on or around March 3, 2025 at: <https://bit.ly/eventbriteslbd>. Applicants are highly encouraged to attend.

Any questions asked outside of an information session must be submitted via email and in writing to DSLBD at DC.MainStreets@dc.gov. DSLBD will begin answering questions after the grant programs open on March 3, 2025. DSLBD will not respond to questions over the phone.

Reservation of Rights

DSLBD reserves the right to issue addenda, modifications, and/or amendments to the NOFA and/or corresponding RFA after their issuance, or to rescind the NOFA and/or RFA at any time.