



## DEPARTMENT OF SMALL AND LOCAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

### NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY (NOFA)

#### DC MAIN STREETS

#### (South Dakota Ave/Riggs Road and Upper Bladensburg Road)

The Department of Small and Local Business Development (DSLBD) is soliciting applications from eligible applicants to operate a DC Main Streets program in two service areas (listed below). **The submission deadline is Friday, November 2, 2018 at 12:00 p.m.**

The purpose of this grant is to designate and fund two (2) DC Main Streets programs, which will assist business districts with the retention, expansion and attraction of neighborhood-serving retail stores and unify and strengthen the commercial corridor.

DSLBD will award **one grant of \$175,000 for each** of the following service areas (i.e., a total of two grants).

- South Dakota Ave/Riggs Road (Wards 4 & 5)
- Upper Bladensburg Road (Ward 5)

**Eligible Applicants:** Eligible applicants are DC-based nonprofit organizations which are current on all taxes.

The DC Main Streets grant award is a recurring grant, which can be renewed annually as long as the grantee continues to meet the standards for accreditation by the National Main Street Center. The FY 2019 grant performance period is October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019.

**Application Process:** Interested applicants must complete an online application on or before **Friday, November 2 at 12:00 pm**. Instructions for the application can be found in the Request for Applications (RFA), which will be posted by August 9, 2018 at <https://dslbd.dc.gov/service/current-solicitations-opportunities>. DSLBD will not accept applications submitted via hand delivery, mail or courier service. Late submissions and incomplete applications will not be forwarded to the review panel.



**Selection Process:** DSLBD will select grant recipients through a competitive application process. All applications from eligible applicants that are received before the deadline will be forwarded to a review panel to be evaluated, scored, and ranked based on the selection criteria. The Director of DSLBD will make the final determination of grant awards. Grantees will be selected by November 26, 2018.

**Funding for this award is contingent on continued funding** from the DC Council. The RFA does not commit the Agency to make an award.

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

All applicants must attest to executing DSLBD grant agreement as issued (sample document will be provided with the online application) and to starting services by January 1, 2019.

**For More Information:** Attend the Application Information Session. Please refer to the Request for Applications to see the date, time and location of this meeting.

Questions may be sent to Jennifer Prats, DC Main Streets Grants Manager, at the Department of Small and Local Business Development at [Jennifer.prats@dc.gov](mailto:Jennifer.prats@dc.gov).