Fiscal Year 2026
Robust Retail Grant Program
Request for Applications

December 1, 2025 at 12:00 pm ET through January 20, 2026 at 5:00 pm ET

How to use this document to guide your application process:

This Request for Applications ("RFA"), along with a corresponding Notice of Funding Availability ("NOFA"), constitutes the full set of instructions for applicants. **All applicants are required to read the entire RFA and NOFA before applying**.

The sections of the RFA are outlined below:

1. Objective—What DSLBD seeks to accomplish through the grant
2. Online Application Deadline—Where and when eligible businesses must apply
3. Eligibility & Documentation—Who can apply, and what documentation is required
4. Restrictions on Allowable Uses of Funds—How funds can be spent
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1. Objective

The District of Columbia ("DC," "D.C.," or the "District") Department of Small and Local Business Development ("DSLBD" or the "Department") is excited to announce that it will begin accepting applications for the Fiscal Year ("FY") 2026 Robust Retail Grant Program, beginning December 1, 2025 at 12:00 pm ET.

A robust retail sector is critical to maintaining neighborhood vibrancy, but many retail businesses are currently under threat of decline and closure due to the market realities of years past. In response to these market conditions, DSLBD is offering awards under its Robust Retail Grant Program to provide DC-based retail businesses with direct-to-business assistance to maintain their business operations and viability.

DSLBD intends to award up to fifty (50) grants with $500,000 in total funding available for FY26. DSLBD will use a randomized lottery system to award grants of up to $10,000 each to eligible businesses.

All business expenses reimbursed by the FY 26 Robust Retail Grant Program must have occurred between October 1, 2025 through January 20, 2026. All receipts must be dated during this period to be eligible for reimbursement with applicable grant funds.

2. Online Application & Deadline

Applicants must register and apply online using the link provided below: https://bit.ly/2026ROBUSTRETAIL

Note: the link address must be typed into a web browser search bar with the exact case and capitalization as written above.

Applicants must submit all documents and attestations using the link provided. Applications will not be accepted if submitted outside of the link provided or after the FY26 Robust Retail Grant Program deadline.

Key Dates

DSLBD anticipates reviewing grant applications in late January 2026 and notifying awardees on or around February 3, 2026, but this timeframe is subject to change.

Date	Event
December 1, 2025 at 12:00 PM ET	**Application Opens**
December 3, 2025 at 1:00 PM ET	**Info Session**
January 15, 2026 at 5:00 PM ET	**Last Day to Ask Questions**
January 20, 2026 at 5:00 PM ET	**Application Deadline**
Week of January 20, 2026	**DSLBD Runs the Lottery**
On or around February 3, 2026	**Application Review and Corrections** *DSLBD may notify applicants about potential problems with their applications and send requests for corrections via email on or around February 3, 2026. Applicants will be provided with a* ***correction window of three (3) business days*** *upon these notifications.*
February 17, 2026	**Award of Grant Funds**

Look for additional FY26 Robust Retail Grant Program information sessions and office hours at https://dcnet.webex.com/webappng/sites/dcnet/webinar/webinarSeries/register/4a0f6096b1ef454195927ef06d5deb62. Outside of an information session, send all questions in writing to DC.MainStreets@dc.gov. *DSLBD will not take questions via telephone.* **The last day to submit questions with a guaranteed response is January 15, 2026, at 5:00 PM ET.**

Considerations when Applying:

A. All completed applications will be considered for the grant award.
B. Each independent location must have its own application. Businesses with more than one (1) District-licensed location in DC may submit a unique application for each licensed location to be entered into the lottery. If multiple businesses with the same owner are selected via the lottery, only one (1) may be awarded a grant.
C. Only one (1) application per licensed business location will be considered.
D. DSLBD will run the lottery by using a random number generator.
E. No application materials will be accepted outside of the application system or after the grant deadline.
F. It is recommended that applicants submit their eligibility applications at least 48 hours before the final deadline to ensure that they can resolve any technical difficulties if they arise.

3. Eligibility & Document Checklist

An applicant for a FY26 Robust Retail Citywide Grant must be:

A. A District-based retail business.
B. Physically located in a brick-and-mortar commercial retail space in DC.
C. A for-profit, public-facing, and independent business that is a seller of legal goods and services.
D. A business with fewer than twenty-five (25) full-time employees ("FTE").
E. An eligible business type as listed in **Appendix A – Eligible Business Types** of the RFA.
F. Not among the ineligible business types listed in **Appendix A**.
G. Applicants cannot be a FY25 awardee. DSLBD will review applications and cross-reference them against the FY25 awardee list, disqualifying any applicants that were awarded an FY25 grant.
H. Actively licensed with the Department of Licensing and Consumer Protection ("DLCP").
I. A business, or business owned by an entity, that has not been subject to termination of a grant agreement from any District grant program for any reason within the past five (5) years. DSLBD will not solicit offers from, award grants to, renew, extend grant agreements with, or consent to subcontracts with entities that have been terminated during this timeframe.
J. The applicant's organization, Executive Director, or other Officer(s) have not been suspended from any District grant program for any reason within the past five (5) years. DSLBD will not solicit offers from, award grants to, renew, extend grant agreements with, or consent to subcontracts with entities that have been suspended during this timeframe.

Required Documents and Attestations for Eligibility

Businesses applying for a FY26 Robust Retail Grant must upload the documents listed below directly to the Alchemer application using the link provided. Applicants who fail to provide complete and verifiable documents, information, and attestations **will not be considered.** False attestations or documentation may result in grant forfeiture and other penalties, as appropriate.

Required Items	Description
A. Active DC Business License Number, issued by DLCP	The license must be: ○ Active, ○ The business address in the application must match the address on the business license, and ○ Searchable in the DLCP Business License Search Tool (https://scout.dcra.dc.gov). If providing proof of alternative licensure, the license must be: ○ Active, and ○ Relevant to the entity's industry. Note: The business license number is required, not the Certificate of Occupancy or "C of O" number.

B. Corporate Registration File Number and Good Standing Status, as determined by DLCP's Corp Online database.	The Corporate Registration File Number provided must: ○ Be active, and ○ Demonstrate good standing (e.g., not expired, rescinded, or revoked). Status can be verified at https://corponline.dcra.dc.gov.
C. Certificate of Clean Hands ("CCH")	The CCH must: ○ Be issued within the last 90 days, and ○ Demonstrate compliance This document demonstrates that the named entity has no outstanding liability (particularly with OTR and the Department of Employment Services ("DOES")) within the District on the date of issuance. The CCH has a Notice Number, which DSLBD will use along with the entity's Federal Tax Identification Number, to ascertain the entity's "clean hands" status during the application review period. As such, the Grantee must maintain clean hands during this period so that it qualifies for a CCH on the date of processing by DSLBD Generate a CCH for free at: https://otr.cfo.dc.gov/page/certificate-clean-hands.
D. Employer Identification Number ("EIN")	The EIN provided must: ○ Match the W-9 Form provided, and ○ Match the digits displayed on the relevant CCH. Available for free at https://irs.gov.
E. IRS W-9 Form for 2025 or later	The W-9 Form provided must: ○ Be signed and dated within the last 12 months. W-9 Form and relevant instructions available here: https://www.irs.gov/forms-pubs/about-form-w-9.
F. Recent photograph of the storefront with business signage	An uploaded photograph
G. Statement of Certification	Provide a complete and signed Statement of Certification ("SOC"). The SOC is a list of disclosures and certifications required of each applicant. See Appendix D for the full text of the SOC.

Attestation Checklist

Attestation	Description

A. Business Operation	Attest that the business is open and operating. (*Businesses that are not open AND operating are not eligible*.)
B. Retail Business	Attest that the business is in a commercial retail space and is not an e-commerce-only, home-based business or "ghost kitchen" (e.g., a food preparation or cooking facility that exists solely for delivery or takeout orders, without a traditional dine-in area or storefront).
C. Applicant is owner or authorized representative	Attest that the applicant is the business owner or an authorized representative applying with full knowledge of the business owner.
D. Independently Owned and Operated	Attest that the business is independently owned, operated, and controlled, meaning that the business manages and controls its day-to-day operations without being subject to control, restriction, modification, or limitation by another business enterprise(s) or by a not-for-profit business(es) that has or may have an ownership and/or financial interest in the business.
E. Qualified, Reimbursable Expenses	Attest that the business will be able to provide full receipts and documentation of up to $10,000 of qualified business expenditures within one (1) week of award acceptance, with bona fide receipts that the expenditures were made between October 1, 2025 and January 20, 2026.
F. No Double Dipping	Attest that the business has not been reimbursed for these receipts by another DC Government or other business grant, and if awarded, will not request reimbursement for these same expenses from another grant source.
G. Accountability	Attest that the business has completed all reporting requirements for DSLBD and DC Government grants previously received and closed in the last two (2) years. *(Failure to complete reporting for previous DSLBD direct-to-small business grant rounds, including previous Robust Retail grants, will result in disqualification from this grant round).*
H. Can Receive Electronic Funds	Attest that the business has a business bank account that can receive electronic funds transfers if awarded the grant.
I. Indemnification of District Government	If awarded, the applicant entity agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the government of the District of Columbia and its authorized officers, employees, agents, and volunteers from any and all claims, actions, losses, damages, and/or liability arising out of this grant or subgrant from any cause whatsoever, including the acts, errors or omissions of any person, and for any costs or expenses incurred by the District on account of any claim therefore, except where such indemnification is prohibited by law.

The above checklist covers ALL the required documentation used to determine an applicant's eligibility.

4. Restrictions on Allowable Uses of Funds

FY26 Robust Retail grant funds must have been incurred between October 1, 2025 through January 20, 2026 and are solely for carrying out allowable uses, as dictated below and in the applicable Notice of Grant Award ("NOGA").

Allowed Uses

Grant funds may be used for any of the categories below, subject to approval by DSLBD. Additional costs proposed by the grantee that are not included below, but incurred during the period of Performance, may be approved by DSLBD in its sole discretion.

Administrative – examples of eligible costs below:
Rent
Office Equipment
Wages and Payroll
Debt Service
Insurance (for premiums paid in full)
Software and Technology – examples of eligible costs below:
Point of Sale System
Business Software or Upgrades
Utilities – examples of eligible costs below:
DC Water
Washington Gas
Pepco
Inventory – examples of eligible costs below:
Raw Materials (components used to produce goods sold by business)
Cost of Goods for Sale
Packing and Packaging Materials

Disallowed Uses

Grant funds may not reimburse the following:

A. Financing or paying off pre-existing debt (e.g., credit card, lines of credit, loans, or tax obligations), whether for business or personal use.
B. Expenses incurred outside the Period of Performance (before October 1, 2025 or after January 20, 2026).
B. Expenses reimbursed by a separate grant disbursed to the awardee, where the awardee is using different sources of funding to expense the same services performed and/or costs incurred (i.e., being remunerated twice for the same service/cost, otherwise known as "double-dipping" expenses).
C. Any interior or exterior construction not permitted by DC or federal law or applicable building codes.
D. Personal or other uses unrelated to the purposes explicitly identified in the grant agreement.
F. Any expense undocumented by awardee.
G. Payments to a professional fundraiser.
H. Donations or charitable giving to non-profit organizations.

I. Vehicle purchase(s) or lease(s).
J. Real estate purchase(s).
K. Costs related to DC or federal government lobbying efforts.
L. Costs related to lawsuits against the District or federal government.
M. Any activity, goods, or products deemed illegal by DC government.
N. Any activity, goods, or products deemed ineligible by DSLBD in its sole discretion.
O. Expenses incurred without prior DSLBD approval.

The above list of allowed and disallowed reimbursements is non-exhaustive. DSLBD may consider and find, in its sole discretion, additional cost categories as allowed or disallowed for reimbursement purposes, as applicable. DSLBD will compare grantees' proof of grant fund expenditures against approved costs set forth in the applicable NOGA and disallow costs that do not comport with program requirements.

5. Selection Process

DSLBD intends to select awardees through a lottery process for the Robust Retail Grant. Applications will be assigned a random number by an automated system, and recipients will then be selected through a randomized lottery. The Director of DSLBD will finalize the selected awardees.

At least half of the grants will be evenly distributed across all eight (8) District Wards, amounting to at least three (3) grants from each Ward. The remaining eligible grants will be entered into a general citywide application pool for retail businesses. If a ward has insufficient eligible applicants, any leftover grants will be awarded to applicants from the general citywide application pool.

Applicants who are not awarded a grant can request a debriefing call with the DSLBD team. More details on DSLBD's Applicant Debrief and Grievance Process are available here: https://dslbd.dc.gov/grant-debrief-and-grievance-procedures-applicants.

6. Award Information

A. Grant Award Notification

DSLBD will notify successful applicants of its selection decision by email and send a NOGA to the awardees along with additional post-award instructions. Applicants who are not awarded a Robust Retail Grant will be notified of their status no later than one (1) week following the initial notification to awardees.

B. Grant Award Acceptance

Awardees are expected to accept the award within three (3) business days from the date of the NOGA. NOGAs will list any contingencies and additional requirements. Awardees are expected to maintain their eligibility status at the time of the award and throughout the relevant expenditure timeframe as referenced in Section 4 of this RFA. Eligibility status is based on compliance with items outlined in Section 3 of the RFA as well as additional requirements set forth in **Appendix B.**

C. Post-Award Documents

Within five (5) business days from the date DSLBD sends the NOGA, awardees must submit the documents set forth in **Appendix B and** provide valid receipts for requested reimbursements set forth in Section 8D of this RFA.

D. Grant Reporting

Awardees must submit proof of the expense and proof of payment along with a statement describing the grant's impact (i.e., detailing use of the funds, and an explanation of outcomes regarding how the funds helped the business maintain business operations/activities and viability) within ten (10) business days from the date DSLBD sends the NOGA.

Expense Reimbursement Requirements

1. Proof of expenses may be submitted in the form of invoices and dated itemized receipts. Proof of payment may be submitted in the form of dated itemized receipts, dated payroll documentation, or bank/credit card statements. DSLBD encourages the redaction of non-responsive information, such as expenses for which the business is not requesting reimbursement, balances, and overdue notices from documents submitted as proof of expense or payment to protect the business's privacy.
2. Uploaded receipts and other documentation must be clearly legible and verifiable.
3. Receipts under $500 must be bundled into files of $500 or more, with an included list describing each receipt.
4. All uploads must accurately reflect the costs listed in the budget chart.
5. All expenses submitted for reimbursement must be incurred for the applicant's specific DC business location identified in the application.

If documentation is not provided within ten (10) business days from the date DSLBD sends the NOGA, for any reason, then the awardee may forfeit the grant.

E. Additional Survey Assessment

DSLBD may survey awardees following disbursements. Grantees must comply with DSLBD's survey requests.

G. Disbursement (Payment)

Disbursement terms shall be determined after the selection of awardees and will be outlined in the NOGA. Terms may require DSLBD's collection of additional documentation, such as the items set forth in Appendix B. DSLBD anticipates disbursing grant funds in one (1) lump sum to each selected grantee.

Disbursements will be sent by one of the following methods: (1) via electronic fund transfer to the grantee's bank account, as registered with the District Integrated Financial System ("DIFS"), or (2) through a third-party payor/servicer. The District intends to pay an invoice within thirty (30) days of receipt of an approved, proper invoice. This 30-day timeline starts after receipt of the applicable NOGA, a recipient is fully registered to receive payment via the District's payment systems or selected third-party payment systems, and the grantee successfully submits an invoice with all receipts and eligible proof of payment for the submitted expenditures.

Grantees are responsible for reporting their grant award(s) as income on federal and local tax returns (in accordance with applicable law) and are strongly encouraged to consult with a tax professional and the United States Internal Revenue Service.

H. Modifications

Final grant agreements may require addenda, amendments, or modifications. An awardee that cannot comply with final grant agreement terms and/or provide other requested materials by the turnaround times provided in this section of the RFA may be disqualified from their specific grant program, and DSLBD may award the grant to another applicant.

7. Important Legal Disclaimers

This section includes DSLBD's legal disclaimers regarding the release of the RFA.

A. Grant Authorization

Pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 2-218.13(c-1), DSLBD has the authority to issue grants to local businesses (whether or not certified by DSLBD), community and neighborhood groups or other nonprofit organizations as necessary to effectuate the mission of DSLBD. Furthermore, pursuant to the Fiscal Year ("FY") Local Budget Emergency Act of 2025, effective August 27, 2025 (D.C. Act 26-144) (the "**Emergency LBA**") and the FY 26 Local Budget Act of 2025, adopted on September 4, 2025 (DC Act 26-147) ("**Permanent LBA**"), DSLBD has the legal authority to expend funds from its local appropriations to further its mission. This grant is also authorized via other applicable federal and District regulations, including but not limited to: OMB Circulars A-102 and A-133; 2 CFR 180; 2 CFR 225; 2 CFR 220; and 2 CFR 215.

B. Contingent

Funding for this award is contingent on sufficient and continued funding from the District. Neither the RFA nor the corresponding NOFA obligates the Department to issue an award.

C. Application Acceptance

DSLBD will not review applications that do not comply with all instructions listed in the RFA or NOFA. The Department reserves the right to accept or deny any or all applications if it determines it is in the best interest of the District. DSLBD may suspend or terminate an outstanding RFA or NOFA pursuant to its own grant-making rule(s) or any applicable federal regulation or requirement.

Applications must be submitted through the link provided. DSLBD will not accept applications submitted via hand delivery, email, mail, or courier service and will not review late submissions or incomplete applications.

D. Notice of Funding Availability

DSLBD published the corresponding NOFA in the DC Register and the Office of Partnerships and Grant Services ("OPGS") on November 21, 2025. The NOFA is available at http://dslbd.dc.gov/.

E. Conflicts and Choice of Law

In the event of a conflict between the terms and conditions of the grant application and any applicable federal or local law or regulation, or any ambiguity related thereto, the terms and conditions of the applicable law or regulation will control, and it shall be the responsibility of the applicant to ensure compliance. The grant application shall be governed and interpreted under the laws of the District of Columbia and any applicable federal laws without regard to conflicts of law principles.

F. Costs of Applications

Neither DSLBD nor the DC government shall be liable for any costs incurred by an applicant in the preparation of any grant application(s) for FY26 Robust Retail. All costs incurred in developing and preparing any grant application shall be the applicant's sole responsibility.

G. Ownership of Content

DSLBD is considered the owner of any content developed for technical assistance purposes and paid through a DSLBD grant award. As such, DSLBD may retain and reuse written or recorded materials and concepts at a future time.

H. Accessibility

Grant-funded programming should be made available and accessible to all attendees. Attendees of a grant-funded business event may request language access accommodations when registering for activities funded through this grant. Requests for language and American Sign Language ("ASL") interpretation must be forwarded immediately to the DSLBD Grant Coordinator. If requests are made at least ten (10) business days prior to the activity start date, DSLBD will arrange for language and ASL interpretation services for grant event organizers who confirm their participation and need.

In-person classes or workshops funded by District grants will be held at ADA-compliant locations or will offer virtual attendance options.

I. Reservation of Rights

1. DSLBD reserves the right to issue addenda, amendments, and/or any other modifications after the issuance of the NOFA or RFA or rescind the NOFA or RFA. DSLBD will post addenda, amendments, or any other modifications in the online application (*see* Section 2). Applicants are responsible for reviewing and adhering to any NOFA or RFA addenda, amendments, or modifications.
2. DSLBD may suspend or terminate an outstanding NOFA or RFA pursuant to any other applicable local, state, or federal regulation or requirement.
3. DSLBD may conduct pre-award onsite visits to verify information that an applicant submits in a grant application. The Department's access and ability to verify such information shall not be unreasonably withheld.
4. DSLBD serves as its own reference when evaluating applications; it is not required to consult with outside parties. Grant decisions may reflect applicants' prior performance in managing previous government grants.
5. DSLBD may negotiate with an awardee to finalize funding amounts or otherwise adopt revisions to an awardee's proposal as it relates to the Grant Program.

8. Appendix A: Eligible Business Types

Below are non-exhaustive lists of eligible or ineligible business types for the FY26 Robust Retail Grant Program. If an applicant's business type is not listed, please email DSLBD at DC.MainStreets@dc.gov to determine whether the applicant's business type is eligible under the Program.

✓ Eligible Business Types	× Ineligible Business Types
• Art Gallery • Art Supply Store • Bar or Tavern • Bookstore • Cards, Gifts, Party Store • Clothing/Specialty Apparel Store • Consignment Shop • Convenience Store/Corner Stores • Dry Cleaner • Florist with On-Site Retail • Furniture Store • Grocery Store • Gyms / Yoga, Dance, or Fitness Studios • Hair Salon / Barbershop • Restaurants • Winery, Brewery, Distillery (with tavern or manufacturer license) • Hardware Store • Health care and healthcare adjacent businesses (e.g., dentists, physical therapists, acupuncture, and chiropractor offices) • Home Goods • Jeweler • Laundromat • Nail Salon • Pet Supply Store • Pharmacy • Printing & Signage Shop • Specialty Shops • Tuxedo/Dress Rental Shop • Waxing Center • Wine Shop	• Businesses that are franchises that are not independently owned and operated • Childcare providers • Nonprofit organizations • Online only / e-commerce businesses • Professional services (e.g., accountant, insurance, and law office) • Home-based businesses • Food establishments used exclusively for preparing meals for delivery or takeout without customer-facing space (i.e., "ghost kitchens")

9. Appendix B: Pre-Award Document Requirements

If awarded this grant, your organization should be prepared to provide DSLBD with the following documents and/or information upon receiving a NOGA. The documents listed below are not required to apply, but they will be collected from awardees before the issuance of an award.

A. ACH Form – The form will be provided with the NOGA. This will be used to verify electronic fund transfer information and business bank information.
B. Statement of Certification (*See* Appendix C)
C. Pre-Award Affidavit, which includes
    a. An affidavit indicating whether Grantee has complied with the filing requirements of DC tax laws, and whether the entity has paid taxes due to DC or is compliant with any payment agreement with OTR.
    b. An affidavit indicating that they are current on all taxes, including Unemployment Insurance and Workers' Compensation premiums.
    c. An affidavit indicating that they are not debarred from procurements by the federal government, the Government of the District of Columbia or any governmental entity.
    d. A sworn statement, under penalty of perjury, that to the best of the Grantee's knowledge, after due diligence, Grantee is compliant with D.C. Official Code § 1-328.15 (b).
D. Proof of Expense and Proof of Payment for all expenses submitted for reimbursement by the business.

10. Appendix C: Statement of Certification

STATEMENT OF CERTIFICATION

1. I, _____, as the authorized officer ☐ or representative ☐ of Applicant, swear to the truth of the information below:

   The following individual is authorized to negotiate with DSLBD on behalf of Awardee:

   a. Name: _____
   b. Title: _____
   c. Phone: _____
   d. Email: _____

2. Applicant agrees that all costs incurred in developing the application are the applicant's sole responsibility;

3. Applicant has read the corresponding NOFA and RFA in their entirety;

4. Applicant will meet all reporting requirements and maintain accurate, complete, and current files and records at all times, which must be made available for audit and inspection by DSLBD (or its designee) upon request or as required by law;

5. Applicant keeps, and will continue to keep, all their fiscal records in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles ("**GAAP**") and account for all funds, tangible assets, revenue, and expenditures whatsoever;

6. Applicant will provide timely and reasonable access to its personnel by DSLBD (or its designee) for the purpose of interviews and discussions related to the awardee's records and operations, if needed;

7. Applicant, if required by DSLBD, is able to secure a bond, in an amount not less than the total amount of the funds awarded, against losses of money and other property caused by fraudulent or dishonest act(s) committed by any employee, board member, officer, partner, owner, shareholder, or trainee;

8. Applicant has, and will continue to have, the necessary administrative capability, organization, experience, financial resources, accounting and operational controls, and technical skills to implement the grant or subgrant program, or the ability to obtain them within 10 business days of executing a Grant Agreement (with proof of such ability);

9. Applicant has, and will continue to comply with the required or proposed delivery or performance schedule, taking into consideration all existing and reasonably expected commercial and governmental business commitments (i.e., meaning all the grantee's private and public commitments will not interfere with its ability to perform, as expected, on the relevant DSLBD grant);

10. Applicant is, and will continue to be, in compliance with the applicable District licensing, laws (e.g., tax), and regulations;

11. Applicant is, and will continue to be, compliant on payment of all federal and District taxes (or on an approved payment agreement), including Unemployment Insurance taxes and Workers' Compensation premiums;

12. Applicant is in compliance with, and will continue to comply with, the minimum insurance coverages set forth in the applicable Notice of Grant Award and/or Grant Agreement for activities that may be undertaken in connection with the performance of the grant;
13. Applicant meets all other qualifications and eligibility criteria necessary to receive an award under applicable laws and regulations;

14. Applicant acknowledges its responsibility to act with integrity in all aspects of the grant process and that it is prohibited from working with other applicants or award recipients to inflate costs, fix prices, or allocate workers in a way that distorts fair competition or results in an unfair advantage;

15. Applicant acknowledges and agrees that it will ensure transparency and prevent situations where personal or financial interests could compromise the integrity of a grant-funded project, program, or opportunity and undermine the public's trust as a result of potential or actual conflicts of interest relating to applicant/grantee personnel or its subcontractors (even if it is following internal conflict of interest policies and procedures during the administration of a grant, which applicant understands a copy must be provided to DSLBD before commencement of the grant, if applicable);

16. Applicant is not proposed for debarment or presently debarred, suspended, or declared ineligible, pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 2-329.07, or as required by Executive Order 12549, "Debarment and Suspension," and implemented by 2 CFR 180, for prospective participants in primary covered transactions and is not proposed for debarment, presently debarred, suspended, proposed for suspension, or similarly penalized pursuant to relevant processes of other agencies, such as the revocation of Certified Business Enterprise ("**CBE**") certification or the suspension (or higher penalty) from participation in DC grant programs, as a result of any of the applicant's actions by the DC Contract Appeals Board, the Office of Contracting and Procurement ("**OCP**"), or any other District agency;

17. Applicant is compliant with D.C. Official Code §1-328.15(c)-(d);[1]

18. Have you, the applicant entity, or any of your entity's officers, partners, owners, principals, board members, associates, or key employees, been indicted, or had charges brought against them (if still pending), and/or been convicted of (a) any crime or offense arising directly or indirectly from, or been held civilly liable for, the conduct of the applicant's organization or (b) any crime or offense involving financial misconduct, business ethics, or fraud over the last three (3) years? Yes ☐ No ☐
    a. *If the response is in the affirmative, fully describe any such indictments, charges, convictions, or legal proceedings (and the status and disposition thereof) and surrounding circumstances in writing and provide documentation of the circumstances*.

[1] Entities referenced under D.C. Official Code § 1-328.15(c)-(d) shall be ineligible to receive a grant from the District valued at $100,000 during the time period set forth in the applicable statutory section. Please read https://code.dccouncil.gov/us/dc/council/code/sections/1-328.15 for more details.

19. Have you, or any of your entity's officers, partners, principals, owners, board members, associates, or key employees, been the subject of legal proceedings arising directly from the provision of services by the organization? Yes ☐ No ☐
    a. *If the response is in the affirmative, fully describe any such indictments, charges, convictions, or legal proceedings (and the status and disposition thereof) and surrounding circumstances in writing and provide documentation of the circumstances*.

20. Please disclose any other grants or contracts awarded to applicant with any agency of DC Government within the past three (3) years;

21. Please disclose any subcontracts or subgrants applicant has received in the past three (3) years relating to a DC Government grant or contract, in whole or in part; and

22. I solemnly swear under the penalties of perjury that all information provided in the application and/or pre-award submissions is true and accurate. I understand that failure to honestly and accurately

represent the factual truth in the attestations may result in being disqualified, forfeiture of an awarded grant, or greater penalties, as applicable.

Organization Name: _____
Signature: _____
Title: _____