

## DEPARTMENT OF SMALL AND LOCAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

### NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY (NOFA)

#### DC COMMERCIAL WASTE COMPACTOR DEMONSTRATION PROJECT GRANT

The Department of Small and Local Business Development (DSLBD) in partnership with the Mayor's Office of Clean City (OCC) are soliciting applications from Eligible Applicants for FY19 Commercial Waste Compactor Demonstration Project grants to install trash compactors in target areas, which will minimize sanitation and rodent issues in the District's commercial corridors. DSLBD and MOCC plan to award grants up to \$80,000 (see Section 2.A. below).

**Program Objectives** -- This FY19 Commercial Waste Compactor Demonstration Project Grant Program (the "Program") aims to help businesses and multi-unit residential properties, which are located in commercial corridors, to: 1) reduce the sanitation issues (loose trash and spills), which can attract rodents; and 2) reduce number of waste hauling trips that contribute to carbon emission.

**Preference for Collaboration** -- The 2019 Program focuses on collaborative efforts to improve the public realm with a specific focus on sanitation conditions of commercial corridors by installing compactors for trash, recyclables, compost and other waste. To increase the Program's impact on rodent activity and sanitation issues, DSLBD will give preference during scoring, selection and grant award amount to demonstration projects with two (2) or more adjacent businesses ("**Multiple-business demonstration project**"). Single-business demonstration projects will also be considered.

**Grant Application Period**—DSLBD will open its second Program grant application period on January 25, 2019 and will accept online applications through April 1, 2019 at 12 p.m.

**Submission Deadlines**—There are two submission deadlines:

1. **Early Submission Deadline – February 25, 2019 at 12pm for March selection**  
DSLBD will review applications submitted by this date and make selections and grant awards in March. If all remaining grant funds are awarded to Early Submission applicants, DSLBD will close the application period and not review other applications or make additional grant awards.
2. **Second and Final Submission Deadline—April 1, 2019 at 12pm for May selection**  
If unobligated grant funds are available after the Early Submission Review, DSLBD will review applications submitted by April 1, 2019 at 12pm, and make selections and grant awards in May.

**Starting an Application**—Prospective applicants may:

1. Download and review the **Request for Application (RFA)**, which includes detailed Program requirements and application instructions at <https://dslbd.dc.gov/compactor>;

2. Complete the **Expression of Interest** form at <http://bit.ly/CompactorGrantEOI> to receive Program updates and set up an online application. Expressing interest does not obligate a business to submit an application.

**Eligible Applicants**—Eligibility requirements are in the **RFA** at <https://dslbd.dc.gov/compactor>. Eligible entities are:

1. **DC businesses** (for-profit entities) that are open and operating with an active business license at the address of the proposed compactor. Preference is for local businesses, i.e., a business with its headquarters in the District of Columbia.
2. **Multi-unit residential properties** (for-profit entities licensed by DCRA) that are located in commercial areas and are collaborating with an adjacent or nearby business(es) in a **multiple-business demonstration project**. Multi-unit residential properties may not submit a single-business demonstration project application.

**Collaborators or Application Helpers**—Applicant business owners must start an online application and submit it. Business owners may opt to have DC Main Streets managers, property owners, property managers, BIDs, staff and/or other entities/individuals help them with application preparation tasks including but not limited to:

1. providing access to their online application to complete the form;
2. vetting vendors to provide compactor and installation services; and
3. coordinating adjacent businesses on a multiple-business demonstration project.

**Eligible Use of Funds**—Grant funds may be used to purchase or lease a commercial-grade, sealed waste compactor, preparing space for installation, and installation services. The RFA has additional details about allowable expenses.

**Selection Criteria** for applications will include: impact on sanitation and rodent issues, demonstration of collaboration among businesses in a single application; viability of the compactor installation plan.

**Grant Award and Period of Performance**—DSLBD will notify all applicants of their status in March (early submission) and May (second/final submission). Selected grantees shall execute Grant Agreements within two weeks of grant award offer and begin the installation preparation process. Grantees selected in March must install their compactor by June 30, 2019. Grantees selected in May must install their compactors by August 30, 2019.

Funding for this award is contingent on continued funding from the grantor. The NOFA does not commit the DSLBD to make an award.

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

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