

DC DEPARTMENT OF SMALL AND LOCAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY (NOFA)

CLEAN TEAM GRANTS

The District of Columbia’s (“DC” or “District”) Department of Small and Local Business Development (“DSLBD”) is soliciting applications from eligible applicants to manage a **DC Clean Team Program** in one service area listed below (“Service Area”) throughout the District. **The application submission deadline is Friday, September 16, 2022, 4:00 PM.**

The DC Clean Team Program is designed to achieve the following objectives:

- Improve commercial district appearance in each Service Area to help increase foot traffic, and consequently, the opportunity for increased customer sales for businesses.
- Provide jobs and necessary job training for DC residents in each Service Area.
- Reduce litter, graffiti, and posters, which contribute to the perception of an unsafe commercial district.
- Maintain a healthy tree canopy, including landscaping, along the commercial corridor.
- Support Sustainable DC goals by recycling, mulching street trees, using eco-friendly supplies, and reducing stormwater pollution generated by DC’s commercial districts.

Eligible applicants are nonprofit organizations incorporated in the District and local businesses certified by DSLBD as a Certified Business Enterprise (“CBE”). All applicants must be current on all DC business licenses, permits and taxes, if applicable.

DSLBD will **award** one grant for the following **Service Area**. The size of the grant is also noted below

SERVICE AREA	DESCRIPTION	GRANT AMOUNT
Fort Lincoln	Fort Lincoln Drive, NE between Bladensburg Road, NE 33rd Place, NE; 33rd Place, NE between South Dakota Avenue, NE and New York Avenue, NE; and Commodore Joshua Barney Drive, NE between Fort Lincoln Drive, NE and 33rd Place, NE	\$105,112.64

The **grant performance period** to deliver clean team services is October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2024. Grants may be renewed for a second performance period of October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024, subject to available funding.

The **Request for Applications** (RFA) includes a detailed description of clean team services, Service Area boundaries, and selection criteria. The online RFA will be posted on DSLBD’s website on **Monday, September 12, 2022** at www.dslbd.dc.gov . Click on the *Our Programs* tab, then *Neighborhood Revitalization*, and then *Solicitations and Opportunities* on the left navigation column.

Application Process: To open an application, applicants must complete and submit an Expression of Interest via the website address included in the RFA. DSLBD will activate each applicant’s online access within one business day of submission of its Expression of Interest and notify each via email.

DSLBD will hold a pre-application meeting on Wednesday, September 14, 2022 at 9:00 AM. The meeting will be conducted online. Anyone interested in attending the information session may send an email to dcmainstreets@dc.gov to obtain a link to the meeting.

Applicants must complete and submit an online application on or before **Friday, September 16, 2022, 4:00 PM**. 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 Criteria: Eligible Applications will be reviewed and assessed based on the following criteria.

- Applicant Organization’s demonstrated capacity to operate a Clean Team Program or provide related services.
- Applicant Organization’s demonstrated capacity and experience in successfully managing public grant funds.
- Application Organization’s prior experience with managing employees and providing job training and social support services.
- A detailed proposed service delivery plan for operating a basic DC Clean Team Program. A detailed proposed service delivery plan for providing additional services in a DC Clean Team Program.

Selection Process: DSLBD will select grant recipients through a competitive application process that will involve assessing and scoring each applicant’s eligibility, experience, capacity, service delivery plan, and, budget by an internal review panel. DSLBD will determine grant award selections based on the review panel’s scoring results and will notify all applicants of their status via email on or before **Monday, September 26, 2022**.

Schedule of Key Dates: Applicants should consider the Schedule of Key Dates when applying for an FY 2023 Clean Team Grant.

Scheduled Activities	Key Dates
DSLBD’s RFA Posting Date	Monday, September 12, 2022
Pre-Application Meeting Date	Wednesday, September 14, 2022 at 9:00 AM
Application Submission Deadline	Friday, September 16, 2022, 4:00 PM.
DSLBD Grant Award Selection Date	Monday, September 26, 2022

Funding for this award is contingent upon funding availability from the DC Council. The NOFA does not commit DSLBD 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. DLSBD may suspend or terminate an outstanding NOFA pursuant to its own grant-making authority or any applicable federal regulation or requirement.

DSLBD reserves the right to accept or deny any or all applications if DSLBD determines it is in the best interest of the District to do so. DSLBD shall notify the applicant if it rejects that applicant's proposal.

DSLBD shall not be liable for any costs incurred by applicants, any third parties engaged by applicants, or any other individual or entity in the preparation of applications in response to the NOFA. All costs incurred in developing the application are the applicant's sole responsibility.

DSLBD may conduct pre-award on-site visits to verify information submitted in the application and to determine if the applicant's facilities are appropriate for the services intended.

DSLBD may enter into negotiations with an applicant and revise the grant amount or make other revisions to the applicant's proposal that may result from negotiations.

All applicants must attest to executing a DSLBD grant agreement as issued (sample document will be provided in the online application) and to starting services on October 1, 2022.

Questions must be sent to the Department of Small and Local Business Development at dcmainstreets@dc.gov. All questions must be submitted in writing.