

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 seven service areas listed below (“Service Areas”) throughout the District. **The application submission deadline is Tuesday, August 23, 2022, 12:00 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 **each** of the following **Service Areas** for a total of seven grants. The size of the grant is noted for each district.

SERVICE AREA	DESCRIPTION	GRANT AMOUNT
Eastern Market	Pennsylvania Ave from 6th Street, SE to 7th Street, SE; 7th Street, SE from Pennsylvania Avenue, SE to North Carolina Avenue, SE; C Street, SE from 6th Street, SE to 8th Street, SE	\$135,982.64
Bladensburg Road	Bladensburg Road, NE from H Street, NE to Mount Olivet Road, NE	\$143,112.64
Upper Bladensburg Road	Mt. Olivet Road, NE to Eastern Avenue; and New York Avenue a half block east and west from Bladensburg Road	\$105,112.64
Fort Lincoln	Fort Lincoln Drive, NE between Bladensburg Road, NE and 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
South Dakota	Riggs Rd, NE from the railroad tracks to Chillum Place, NE; South Dakota Avenue, NE from Riggs Road, NE to Galloway	\$105,112.64

	Street, NE; and 3rd Street, NW from Rittenhouse Street, NE to Sheridan Street	
Ivy City	Mt. Olivet Road, NE to Trinidad Avenue, NE, back along Mt. Olivet Road, NE to West Virginia Avenue, NE to Fenwick Street, NE to Gallaudet Street, NE to Kendall Street, NE back to Corcoran Street, NE and concludes at Mt. Olivet Road, NE	\$135,982.64
Minnesota Avenue	Minnesota Avenue, NE from East Capitol Street, NE to Nannie Helen Burroughs Street NE	\$113,094.64

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, August 1, 2022** at www.dslbd.dc.gov. Follow the link for the DSLBD homepage (www.dslbd.dc.gov), then scroll down on the homepage to the header *Featured Services*, and then click the *Current DSLBD Small Business Grants* listed option. The *Current DSLBD Small Business Grants* page can also be directly accessed at the link listed below <https://dslbd.dc.gov/service/current-grant-opportunities>.

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 two business days of submission of its Expression of Interest and notify each via email. Applicants may apply for one or more Service Areas by noting the names of each Service Area for which the applicant would like to be considered.

DSLBD will hold pre-application meetings on Friday, August 5, 2022 at 1:00 PM and on Friday, August 12, 2022 at 9:30 AM. The meetings will be conducted online. Anyone interested in attending the information session may send an email to Amanda Hagy (dcmainstreets@dc.gov) to obtain a link to the meeting.

Applicants must complete and submit an online application on or before **Tuesday, August 23, 2022, 12:00 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 manage 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 and
- 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 12, 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, August 1, 2022
Pre-Application Meeting Date	Friday, August 5, 2022 at 1:00 PM Friday, August 12, 2022 at 9:30 AM
Application Submission Deadline	Tuesday, August 23, 2022, 12:00 PM.
DSLBD Grant Award Selection Date	Monday, September 12, 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 grantmaking rule(s) 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.