

**DC DEPARTMENT OF SMALL AND LOCAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT**

**NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY**

**FOGGY BOTTOM FEASIBILITY STUDY**

The District of Columbia’s (“DC” or “District”) Department of Small and Local Business Development (“DSLBD”) hereby announces in accordance with District law this Notice of Funding Availability (“NOFA”) for a grant to study the feasibility of a DC Main Street program in the District’s Foggy Bottom’s historic commercial corridor as demarcated below (“Service Area”).

DSLBD will solicit applications for the grant via an online Request for Applications (“RFA”) from eligible applicants beginning on **Tuesday, December 27, 2022**. The RFA will be posted at [www.dslbd.dc.gov](http://www.dslbd.dc.gov) and will include a detailed description of the grant objectives and selection criteria. **The application submission deadline is Friday, January 20, 2023, 4:00 PM.** DSLBD will award one grant up to \$100,000.00. The grant performance period to produce and deliver the feasibility study is February 1, 2023 through July 31, 2023.

The feasibility study will focus on the necessity, practicability, sustainability, benefits, and compatibility with the DC Main Street program model.

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, and fiscal and programmatic grant reporting requirements, if applicable.

**DSLBD will award the grant for the following Service Area:**

SERVICE AREA	DESCRIPTION
Foggy Bottom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 17th Street, N.W. on the east;</li><li>• Rock Creek Park on the west;</li><li>• the Potomac River on the south;</li><li>• Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., on the north.</li></ul>

**Accessing the RFA & Application.** Once posted on DSLBD’s website an applicant can access the RFA and application by clicking on the *Our Programs* tab, then *Neighborhood Revitalization*, and then *Solicitations and Opportunities* on the left navigation column.

**Opening the Application:** After reading the RFA thoroughly, to open an application, applicants must first complete and submit an Expression of Interest via the website address included in the

RFA. DSLBD intends to activate each applicant’s online access to the application within one business day of submission of its Expression of Interest and notify each via email.

**Pre-Application Meeting.** DSLBD will hold an online **pre-application meeting on Thursday, January 5, 2023, 9:00 AM**. The meeting will be conducted online. Anyone interested in attending the information session may send an email to [dcmainstreets@dc.gov](mailto:dcmainstreets@dc.gov) to obtain a link to the meeting.

**Application Deadline.** Applicants must complete and submit an online application on or before **Friday, January 20, 2023, 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 for any further review.**

**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, agency-independent 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, January 30, 2023**.

**Schedule of Key Dates:** Applicants should consider the Schedule of Key Dates when applying for this grant award.

<b>Scheduled Activities</b>	<b>Key Dates</b>
DSLBD’s RFA Posting Date	Tuesday, December 27, 2022
Pre-Application Meeting Date	Thursday January 5, 2023, 9:00 AM
Application Submission Deadline	<b>Friday, January 20, 2023, 4:00 PM</b>

**Funding for this award is contingent upon funding availability from the DC Council.** This 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 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 this NOFA. All costs incurred in developing the application are the applicant’s sole responsibility.

**Questions must be sent to the Department of Small and Local Business Development at [dcmainstreets@dc.gov](mailto:dcmainstreets@dc.gov). All questions must be submitted in writing.**