



DEPARTMENT OF SMALL AND LOCAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY

2018 Ward 8 Equitable Food Incubator Grant

This revised NOFA updates the application deadline.

The Department of Small and Local Business Development (DSLBD) is soliciting applications for the **Ward 8 Equitable Food Incubator Grant**. DSLBD intends to award up to five (5) grants from the \$250,000 in total available funding for Fiscal Year 2018. The application deadline is **April 9, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.**

The purpose of the Ward 8 Equitable Food Incubator Grant is to provide food preparation infrastructure to resident businesses of Ward 8, in Ward 8.

Eligible applicants: Businesses or nonprofit organizations that have a federal recognized tax exemption. For additional eligibility requirements and exclusions, please review the Request for Applications (RFA) which has been posted at <http://dslbd.dc.gov/service/current-solicitations-opportunities>.

Eligible Use of Funds: Funds may be used to provide food preparation infrastructure to resident businesses of Ward 8, in Ward 8. Funds can be used for expenses incurred during the Period of Performance, which is October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018. For additional examples of eligible uses of funds and exclusions, please review the RFA.

Application Process: Interested applicants must complete an online application by **Monday, April 9, 2018** at 2:00 p.m. Applications submitted via hand delivery, mail or courier service will not be accepted. Applications received after the deadline will not be forwarded to the review panel. Instructions and guidance regarding application preparation can be found in the RFA, which will be available at <http://dslbd.dc.gov/service/current-solicitations-opportunities>.

Selection Process: Grant recipients will be selected through a competitive application process. All applications from eligible applicants that are received before the deadline will be forwarded to a review panel to be evaluated, scored, and ranked based on the selection criteria listed below.



1. Capacity and Experience of the Applicant (25 points)
2. Strength of the Project Implementation Plan (25 points)
3. Financial Viability of Applicant Organization (25 points)
4. Creativity and Innovation (25 points)

A program team will review the panel reviewers' recommendations. The Director of DLSBD will make the final determination of grant awards. A grantee will be selected by April 20, 2018.

Award of Grants: Up to five (5) grants totaling \$250,000 will be awarded. The amount of awards may be between \$10,000 and \$250,000.

For More Information: Attend the Application Information Session. Please refer to the Request for Applications to see the date, time and location of this meeting.

Questions may be sent to Kate Mereand at the Department of Small and Local Business Development at Katherine.Mereand-Sinha@dc.gov. All questions must be submitted in writing.

Reservations: 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.