

DEPARTMENT OF SMALL AND LOCAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY

DC Commercial Clean Team Program:

12th Street, NE; Connecticut Avenue, NW; and Minnesota Avenue, NE

The Department of Small and Local Business Development (DSLBD) is soliciting applications from eligible applicants to manage a **DC Commercial Clean Team Program** (“the Program”) in three service areas—12th Street, NE; Connecticut Avenue, NW; Minnesota Avenue, NE. This NOFA has been amended since its original posting on August 9, 2013. Amended items have asterisk (*).

Through this grant DSLBD will fund clean teams, which will: 1) Improve commercial district appearance to help increase foot traffic, and consequently, opportunity for customer sales; 2) Reduce litter, graffiti, and posters which contributes to the perception of an unsafe commercial area; 3) Maintain a healthy tree canopy and landscape that contributes to the perception of a safe and attractive shopping area; and, 4) Reduce stormwater pollution generated by DC’s commercial districts.

Eligible applicants are DC-based nonprofit organizations* that are incorporated in the District of Columbia and, have experience with: a) providing clean team services (litter removal, graffiti removal, recycling, weeding, mowing, and reporting public space defects via 311); b) providing job-training services to its employees; c) hiring District residents; and d) providing social support services to its Clean Team employees. Businesses are no longer eligible applicants.*

For all service areas, the grant performance period will begin no later than October 30, 2013* and end September 30, 2014. A grant award of \$133,333.33 is available for each service area; Interested applicant’s proposals should be for this amount. DSLBD will award one grant per service area (i.e., a total of three grants).

DSLBD will select grant recipients through a competitive application process that will assess if the Applicant meets the criteria for: the proposed service delivery plan, costs, and applicant capacity. Applicants may apply for one or more service areas. A separate application must be submitted for each service area. DSLBD will award one grant for each of the five service areas (i.e., a total of five grants)

The **Request for Application** (RFA) comprises the Program Guidelines (RFA Part 1) and online application form (RFA Part 2). The Program Guidelines will include a detailed description of: clean team services; service area boundaries; applicant eligibility requirements; and selection criteria. The RFA will be available online on or before August 30, 2013*.

- To view and download RFA Part 1, visit www.dslbd.dc.gov (click on the *Retail* tab and then *Current Solicitations and Opportunities*).

- To view and complete RFA Part 2, email an **Expression of Interest** form to DSLBD. To download an Expression of Interest form, visit www.dslbd.dc.gov, click on the *Retail* tab and then *Current Solicitations and Opportunities*.

DSLBD will host a **Pre-Submission Meeting** on Friday, September 6, 2013* at 10AM. Meeting details will be provided to Expression of Interest respondents.

The **deadline to submit applications** online is Friday, September 20, 2013* at 4:00 PM. DSLBD will determine grant award selection by Monday, October 7, 2013.

For more information, contact Camille Nixon at the Department of Small and Local Business Development at (202) 727-3900 or camille.nixon@dc.gov.

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.