

DEPARTMENT OF SMALL AND LOCAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY (NOFA)

FY2022 DC MAIN STREETS

FOR

FRIENDSHIP HEIGHTS EMERGING BUSINESS DISTRICT GRANT

The District of Columbia (“DC” or “District”) Department of Small and Local Business Development (DSLBD) is soliciting grant applications from eligible organizations partnering with commercial property owners in Friendship Heights for the Friendship Heights Emerging Business District Grant. **The submission deadline is Tuesday, December 7, 2021 at 12:00 noon.**

The purpose of this Program’s grant is to subsidize the implementation of a plan for place making, place management, branding, and economic development for the Friendship Heights neighborhood.

Under this NOFA DSLBD will fund **one grant in the amount of \$300,000 to one organization** for the Friendship Heights service area (“Grant Award”).

Performance Period: The FY2022 grant performance period is January 1, 2022 through September 30, 2022.

Eligible Applicants: Eligible applicants are DC-based nonprofit organizations which are up-to-date on their requisite taxes, licenses, and permits.

Application Process: Interested applicants must complete an online application on or before **December 7, 2021 at 12:00 noon**. Instructions for the application can be found in the Request for Applications (RFA), which will be posted on November 1, 2021 at <https://dslbd.dc.gov/service/current-solicitations-opportunities>. 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 Process: DSLBD will select the grant recipient through a competitive application process. All applications from eligible applicants received before the deadline will be forwarded to a review panel to be evaluated and scored based on the selection criteria. The Director of DSLBD will make the final determination of grant award. The grantee will be selected by December 30, 2021 (but this date is subject to change).

Funding for this award is contingent on continued funding from the DC Council. The RFA does not commit DSLBD or the District to make an award.

DSLBD reserves the right to issue addenda, amendments and/or a revocation subsequent to the issuance of the NOFA or this RFA.

All applicants must attest to executing the DSLBD grant agreement as issued (see sample document with the online application) and to starting services on January 1, 2022.

For More Information: Attend DSLBD's Online 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 Elizabeth Anderson, DC Main Streets Grants Manager, Department of Small and Local Business Development, at elizabeth.anderson1@dc.gov. All questions must be submitted in writing.