

DEPARTMENT OF SMALL AND LOCAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY (NOFA)

**FY2021 DC MAIN STREETS
(Chevy Chase and Pennsylvania Avenue East)**

The Department of Small and Local Business Development (DSLBD) is soliciting applications from eligible applicants to operate a DC Main Streets program in the service areas listed below. **The submission deadline is Tuesday, September 8, 2020 at 12:00 PM.**

The purpose of this grant is to designate and fund DC Main Streets Programs, which will assist business districts with the retention, expansion, and attraction of neighborhood-serving retail stores. It also will help unify and strengthen the commercial corridor.

DSLBD will award **one grant of \$175,000, separately for each service area:**

- Chevy Chase
- Pennsylvania Avenue East

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

The DC Main Streets Grant Award is a recurring grant, which can be renewed annually as long as the grantee continues to meet the standards for accreditation by the National Main Street Center. The FY2021 grant performance period is October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021.

Application Process: Interested applicants must complete an online application on, or before, **September 8, 2020 at 12:00 PM.** Instructions for the application can be found in the Request for Applications (RFA), which will be posted by August 10, 2020 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 grant recipients 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 awards. Grantees will be selected by September 30, 2020 (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 the Agency to make an award.

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

All applicants must attest to executing the DSLBD grant agreement as issued (see sample document with the online application) and to starting services by October 15, 2020.

For More Information: Attend the 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.