

DEPARTMENT OF SMALL AND LOCAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY (NOFA)

CLEAN TEAM GRANTS

The Department of Small and Local Business Development (DSLBD) is soliciting applications from eligible applicants to manage a **DC Clean Team Program** in four (4) Service Areas (listed below). **The application submission deadline is Thursday, August 13th, 12:00 PM.**

Through this grant, DSLBD will fund clean teams, which will achieve the following objectives.

- Improve commercial district appearance to help increase foot traffic, and consequently, the opportunity for customer sales.
- Provide jobs for DC residents.
- Reduce litter, graffiti, and posters, which contribute to the perception of an unsafe commercial area.
- Maintain a healthy tree canopy, including landscaping, along the corridor.
- Support Sustainable DC goals by recycling, mulching street trees, using eco-friendly supplies, and reducing stormwater pollution generated by DC's commercial districts.

Eligible applicants are nonprofit organizations which are incorporated in the District of Columbia and businesses which are Certified Business Enterprises. All applicants must be current on all DC business licenses and permits.

DSLBD will **award** one grant for **each** of the following **service areas** (i.e., a total of four grants). The size of the grant is noted for each district.

Bladensburg Road	\$138,000.00
Fort Lincoln	\$50,000.00
Minnesota Avenue	\$107,982.00
South Dakota Avenue	\$100,000.00

The **grant performance period** to deliver clean team services is October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021. Grants may be renewed for a second performance period of October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022.

The **Request for Applications** (RFA) includes a detailed description of clean team services, service area boundaries, and selection criteria. DSLBD posted the RFA on **Monday, July 13, 2020** at www.dslbd.dc.gov. Click on the *Our Divisions* tab, then *Commercial Revitalization*, and then *Solicitations and Opportunities* on the left navigation column.

The online application opened on **Monday, July 13, 2020**. To open an application, applicants must complete and submit an **Expression of Interest** via the website address included in the

Request for Applications. DSLBD will activate their online access within two business days and notify them via email.

DSLBD will hold an online **pre-application informational meeting on Thursday, July 23, 2020 at 1:00 PM** and will hold a second **pre-application meeting on Tuesday, July 28, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.** Anyone interested in attending the meetings should send an email to Donnell Davis at (donnell.davis@dc.gov).

Application Process: Interested applicants must complete an online application on or before **Thursday, August 13th, 2020, 12:00 PM.**

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 Criteria for applications will include the following criteria.

- Applicant Organization’s demonstrated capacity to provide clean team or related services, and managing grant funds.
- Application Organization’s prior experience with providing job training and social support services.
- Proposed service delivery plan for basic clean team services.
- Proposed service delivery plan for additional clean team services.

Selection Process: DSLBD will select grant recipients through a competitive application process that will assess the Applicant’s eligibility, experience, capacity, service delivery plan, and, budget. Applicants may apply for one or more service areas by noting the number of service areas for which the applicant would like to be considered. DSLBD will determine grant award selection and notify all applicants of their status via email on or before **Thursday, September 3rd, 2020.**

Schedule of Key Dates: Applicants should consider the Schedule of Key Dates when applying for an FY 2021 Clean Team Grant.

Scheduled Activities	Key Dates
DSLBD posted the RFA	Monday, July 13 th , 2019
Pre-Application Meetings	Thursday, July 23, 2020 at 1:00 PM and Tuesday, July 28, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.
Application Submission Deadline	Thursday, August 13th, 2020, 12:00 PM.
DSLBD will determine grant award selection and notify all applicants of their status via email on or before	Thursday, September 3 rd , 2020

Funding for this award is contingent upon funding availability from the DC Council. The NOFA does not commit the 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.

The DSLBD reserves the right to accept or deny any or all applications if DSLBD determines it is in the best interest of DSLBD to do so. The Agency shall notify the applicant if it rejects that applicant's proposal. DLSBD may suspend or terminate an outstanding NOFA pursuant to its own grant-making rule(s) or any applicable federal regulation or requirement.

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DSLBD shall not be liable for any costs incurred in the preparation of applications in response to the NOFA. Applicant agrees that all costs incurred in developing the application are the applicant's sole responsibility.

DSLBD may conduct pre-award on-site visits to verify information submitted in the application and to determine if the applicant's facilities are appropriate for the services intended.

DSLBD may enter into negotiations with an applicant and adopt a firm funding amount or other revision of the applicant's proposal that may result from negotiations.

All applicants must attest to executing a DSLBD grant agreement as issued (sample document will be provided in the online application) and to starting services on October 1, 2020.

Questions must be sent to Donnell Davis at the Department of Small and Local Business Development at donnell.davis@dc.gov. All questions must be submitted in writing before August 12th, 2020 at 5:00 pm.