

## DC DEPARTMENT OF SMALL AND LOCAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

### NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY (NOFA)

#### CLEAN TEAM GRANTS

The District of Columbia’s (“DC” or “District”) Department of Small and Local Business Development (“DSLBD”) is soliciting applications from eligible applicants to manage a **DC Clean Team Program** in twenty-one service areas listed below (“Service Areas”) throughout the District. **The application submission deadline is Wednesday, August 25, 2021, 12:00 Noon.**

The DC Clean Team Program is designed to achieve the following objectives:

- Improve commercial district appearance in each Service Area to help increase foot traffic, and consequently, the opportunity for increased customer sales for businesses.
- Provide jobs and necessary job training for DC residents in each Service Area.
- Reduce litter, graffiti, and posters, which contribute to the perception of an unsafe commercial district.
- Maintain a healthy tree canopy, including landscaping, along the commercial 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 incorporated in the District and local businesses certified by DSLBD as a Certified Business Enterprise (“CBE”). All applicants must be current on all DC business licenses, permits and taxes, if applicable.

DSLBD will **award** one grant for **each** of the following **Service Areas** for a total of twenty-one grants. The size of the grant is noted for each district.

12th Street	\$125,704.94
Alabama Avenue	\$116,086.94
Bellevue	\$126,586.94
Benning Road (Ward 6)	\$116,086.94
Benning Road (Ward 7)	\$126,086.94
Connecticut Avenue	\$121,068.94
Georgia Avenue	\$121,068.94
Glover Park	\$217,086.94
Kennedy Street	\$119,704.94
Lower Georgia Avenue	\$448,175.94
Mid-City	\$316,680.94
New York Avenue	\$138,086.94
Pennsylvania Avenue	\$126,086.94
Trinidad	\$173,086.94

Upper 14th Street NW	\$116,086.94
Upper Georgia Avenue	\$219,086.94
Ward 1	\$459,418.94
Wisconsin Avenue	\$182,607.94
Ward 5 (Roving)	\$350,000.00
Ward 8 (Roving)	\$300,000.00
Eckington	\$225,000.00

The **grant performance period** to deliver clean team services is October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2023. Grants may be renewed for a second performance period of October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023, subject to available funding.

The **Request for Applications** (RFA) includes a detailed description of clean team services, Service Area boundaries, and selection criteria. The online RFA will be posted on DSLBD's website on **Monday, August 2, 2021** at [www.dslbd.dc.gov](http://www.dslbd.dc.gov). Click on the *Our Programs* tab, then *Neighborhood Revitalization*, and then *Solicitations and Opportunities* on the left navigation column.

**Application Process: To open an application, applicants must complete and submit an Expression of Interest via the website address included in the RFA. DSLBD will activate each applicant's online access within two business days of submission of its Expression of Interest and notify each via email. Applicants may apply for one or more Service Areas by noting the names of each Service Area for which the applicant would like to be considered.**

DSLBD will hold pre-application meetings on Thursday, August 5, 2021 at 1:00 PM and on Thursday, August 12, 2021 at 9:30 AM. The meetings will be conducted online. Anyone interested in attending the information session may send an email to Donnell Davis ([donnell.davis@dc.gov](mailto:donnell.davis@dc.gov)) to obtain a link to the meeting.

Applicants must complete and submit an online application on or before **Wednesday, August 25, 2021, 12:00 noon**. 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:** Eligible Applications will be reviewed and assessed based on the following criteria.

- Applicant Organization's demonstrated capacity to operate a Clean Team Program or provide related services.
- Applicant Organization's demonstrated capacity and experience in successfully manage public grant funds.
- Application Organization's prior experience with managing employees and providing job training and social support services.
- A detailed proposed service delivery plan for operating a basic DC Clean Team Program

- A detailed proposed service delivery plan for providing additional services in a DC Clean Team Program.

**Selection Process:** DSLBD will select grant recipients through a competitive application process that will involve assessing and scoring each applicant’s eligibility, experience, capacity, service delivery plan, and, budget by an internal review panel. DSLBD will determine grant award selections based on the review panel’s scoring results and will notify all applicants of their status via email on or before **Thursday, September 16, 2021.**

**Schedule of Key Dates:** Applicants should consider the Schedule of Key Dates when applying for an FY 2022 Clean Team Grant.

Scheduled Activities	Key Dates
DSLBD’s RFA Posting Date	Monday, August 2, 2021
Pre-Application Meeting Date	Thursday, August 5 at 1:00 PM Thursday, August 12, 2021 at 9:30 AM
Application Submission Deadline	<b>Wednesday, August 25, 2021, 12:00 PM.</b>
DSLBD Grant Award Selection Date	Thursday, September 16, 2021

**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. DLSBD may suspend or terminate an outstanding NOFA pursuant to its own grant-making rule(s) or any applicable federal regulation or requirement.

DSLBD reserves the right to accept or deny any or all applications if DSLBD determines it is in the best interest of the District to do so. DSLBD shall notify the applicant if it rejects that applicant’s proposal.

DSLBD shall not be liable for any costs incurred by applicants, any third parties engaged by applicants, or any other individual or entity in the preparation of applications in response to the NOFA. 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 revise the grant amount or make other revisions to 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, 2021.

Questions must be sent to Donnell Davis at the Department of Small and Local Business Development at [donnell.davis@dc.gov](mailto:donnell.davis@dc.gov). All questions must be submitted in writing.