

## DEPARTMENT OF SMALL AND LOCAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

### NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY (NOFA)

#### DC COMMERCIAL WASTE COMPACTOR DEMONSTRATION PROJECT GRANT

The Department of Small and Local Business Development (DSLBD) in partnership with the Mayor's Office of Clean City (OCC) are soliciting applications from Eligible Applicants for FY19 Commercial Compactor Demonstration Project grants to install trash compactors in target areas, which will minimize sanitation and rodent issues in the District's commercial corridors. DSLBD and MOCC plan to award grants up to \$80,000 (see Section 2.A. below). Applications are due to DSLBD via online submission at 12:00 p.m. on Friday, December 7, 2018. The Request for Application (RFA), which includes detailed program requirements, target areas and application instructions, will be available online on or before September 19, 2018 at [www.dslbd.dc.gov](http://www.dslbd.dc.gov).

This FY19 Commercial Compactor Demonstration Project Grant Program (the "Program") aims to help businesses and multi-unit residential properties, which are located in target commercial corridors, to: 1) reduce the sanitation issues (loose trash and spills), which can attract rodents; and 2) reduce number of waste hauling trips that contribute to carbon emission.

The 2019 Program focuses on collaborative efforts to improve the public realm with a specific focus on sanitation conditions of commercial corridors by installing compactors for trash, recyclables, compost and other waste.

**Eligible Applicants** are DC businesses (for-profit entities) or multi-unit residential properties (licensed by DCRA) that are located in **Target Areas**, which have demonstrated higher incidences of rodent and sanitation issues. Target Areas will be listed in the RFA. Applicants may opt to have property owners, BIDs, DC Main Streets or other entities help them create and submit an application on their behalf. The RFA will include all eligibility requirements.

Preference is for applications that include two (2) or more adjacent businesses to increase impact on rodent activity and sanitation issues.

**Eligible Use of Funds:** Grant funds may be used to purchase or lease a commercial waste compactor, preparing space for installation, and installation services. The RFA will list allowable expenses related to these and other activities to support use of commercial compactors.

**Request for Applications (RFA)** will be available in two parts:

**RFA Part I Instructions** with detailed program requirements, application instructions, post-award information and **request for an application form**, will be available on or before Wednesday, September 19, 2018 on DSLBD's home page at [www.dslbd.dc.gov](http://www.dslbd.dc.gov).

**RFA Part II Access to Online Application** will be sent mid-October to prospective eligible applicants and their proxies who complete the request for application form.

**Submission Deadline:** Interested applicants must complete and submit their application anytime on or before **Friday, December 7, 2018 at 12:00 pm**. No exceptions.

**Selection Criteria** for applications will include: impact on sanitation, demonstration of collaboration among businesses in a single application; viability of the compactor installation plan.

**Grant Award and Period of Performance:** DSLBD will notify all applicants of their status in December. Selected grantees shall execute Grant Agreements January 2019 and begin the installation preparation process. Grantees will monitor the impact on rodent activity and sanitation issues through September 2019 and report their findings to DSLBD. Details on expectations of Grantees will be outlined in the RFA.

**Expression of Interest:** Interested business owners are encouraged to sign up for Program updates (application availability, information session dates):

- Email contact information to [dslbd@dc.gov](mailto:dslbd@dc.gov)
- Include in the subject line *Commercial Compactor Demonstration Grant*.
- Include in message body *Program Updates*

Expressing interest does not obligate a business to submit a grant.

Funding for this award is contingent on continued funding from the grantor. The NOFA does not commit the DSLBD to make an award.

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

For more information, contact DSLBD at (202) 727-3900 or [dslbd@dc.gov](mailto:dslbd@dc.gov).