

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
URBAN FORESTRY ADMINISTRATION  
TRAIL RANGER PROGRAM**

**NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY**

**Fiscal Year 2013 Grant to Non-Profit Community-Based Organizations**

The Urban Forestry Administration (UFA) within the District of Columbia (District) Department of Transportation (DDOT) is soliciting detailed proposals from organizations to manage a new Trail Ranger program. Trail Rangers will patrol the District's 13 miles of multi-use trails for the District and establish volunteer clean up days, report trail maintenance issues, perform basic bike maintenance repairs, report safety concerns and provide trail usage feedback. The purpose of the program will be to provide informational/educational/way finding materials including trail system maps, local trail-related regulations and contact information for District personnel. Cyclists, skaters, and walkers who utilize area trails on a regular basis are the intended customers and users for which the applicant will provide services. The Trail Ranger program is a way to support trail users, keep the local trail system safe and promote active lifestyle choices. The ideal applicant's Trail Rangers will be comfortable distributing trail information to fellow trail users and be enthusiastic about helping the District to improve its extensive trail system.

DDOT intends to make one (1) grant award of up to one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) to fund an eligible organization which will expire 9/30/2013. Eligible organizations include any non-profit organizations located in the District. The service and activity to be funded through the grant should have an immediate and direct impact on trails within the District, and meet the requirements of the Trail Ranger Program.

The Request for Application (RFA) will be released on Monday, February 11, 2013. A copy of the RFA may be obtained from UFA's main office located at 55 M St. NE, 6<sup>th</sup> floor; Washington, DC 20003. In addition, the RFA will also be available on the City Administrator's website, located at <http://www.oca.dc.gov> under the link to the District Grants Clearinghouse. For additional information, please contact Mr. John P. Thomas at (202) 671-5133, or by email at: [john.pthomas@dc.gov](mailto:john.pthomas@dc.gov)

**The deadline for submission is Friday, February 27th, 2013 at 3:00 p.m.**

Applicants are encouraged to attend the Pre-Application conference scheduled for Thursday, February 21st, 2013 from 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at the UFA office located at 55 M St. NE, 6<sup>th</sup> floor; Washington, DC 20003. Applicants interested in attending the Conference should RSVP to John P. Thomas, Trail Ranger Program Monitor, at (202) 671-5133 on or before, February 19th, 2013.