



**NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY (NOFA)**

**FY2016 Creative and Open Space Modernization Grant**

**Grant Identification No.:** **DMPED - COSM – 016- 708211**

**Background Information:** The Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development (DMPED) invites the submission of applications for the Creative and Open Space Modernization Grant. Funding for this program is authorized from the Creative and Open Space Modernization Emergency Amendment Act of 2015, passed on an emergency basis on June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015 (Enrolled version of Bill 21-0283), and any subsequent emergency and permanent legislation.

**Purpose of Grant Program:** The purpose of the Creative and Open Space Modernization Grant is to foster the development of creative and technology-focused businesses in the District, increase the District's tax base, and create new job opportunities for District residents.

**Length of Award:** **Date of grant execution through August 31, 2016.**

**Anticipated Number of Awards:** DMPED will award individual grants of up to a maximum of \$1,000,000 each per qualified business. Grant funds will be utilized to assist grantees with improving their place of business or for the purchase and installation of heavy equipment that will be used onsite at the business location. Total funding availability for this grant program is \$2,000,000.

**Eligibility Criteria**

Qualified High Technology Companies ("QHTCs"), as defined by D.C. Official Code § 47-1817.01(5) that meet the following requirements:

- (1) Lease or sub-lease at least 50,000 square feet of office space within the District of Columbia
- (2) Will maintain site control of this office space for at least twelve (12) years after the date of grant application
- (3) Will provide a public benefit that will have a material, positive impact on the District of Columbia, such as:
  - a. Providing employment or contracting opportunities for District of Columbia residents and Certified Business Enterprises (CBEs)

- b. Providing low-income or underserved individuals or communities in the District of Columbia with reduced-price or free products, services, or commercial or community space
- c. Providing economic opportunities, training, or jobs for individuals or communities beyond those offered through the normal course of business
- d. Providing innovation-and-technology-related educational, training, or internship opportunities for students in the District of Columbia

**Availability of RFA:**

The grant application will be released on August 7, 2015  
The RFA will be posted on DMPED's website ([www.dmped.dc.gov](http://www.dmped.dc.gov)),  
Great Streets website ([www.greatstreets.dc.gov](http://www.greatstreets.dc.gov)) and

**Grant Information Sessions:**

DMPED will host multiple informational sessions, once confirmed,  
details about the informational sessions will be posted on DMPED's  
website

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**Deadline for Electronic Submission:**

Applicants must submit a completed online application to DMPED  
via the ZoomGrants system by **June 2016**. **Note: applications are  
rolling and will be open until June 2016 or until funds are  
committed.**

DMPED 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