

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE FINANCE**

NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY

The Department of Health Care Finance (DHCF) announces a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for grant funds under the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health (HITECH) Act of 2009, approved February 27, 2009, Title XIII of Division A and Title IV of Division B of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 (Pub. L. No. 111-5, §§ 13001-424, 123 Stat. 226) and the Health Information Technology Implementation Advanced Planning Document Update (IAPD-U) approved by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) on July 19th, 2016. The funds for this NOFA are being made available through federal financial participation funds for the design, development and installation (DDI) of specific health information technology (HIT) and health information exchange (HIE) initiatives. The Director of DHCF has authority pursuant to the Department of Health Care Finance Establishment Act of 2007, effective February 27, 2008 (D.C. Law 17-109; D.C. Official Code 7-771.05(4) (2012 Repl.) to make grant funds available to help develop a comprehensive, efficient, and cost effective health care system for the District's uninsured, underinsured, and low-income residents. DHCF plans to issue grants to one (1) or more qualified applicants for the implementation of five (5) health information exchange (HIE) initiatives in the District of Columbia (District): 1) Dynamic Patient Care Profile, 2) Obstetrics/Prenatal Specialized Registry, 3) Electronic Clinical Quality Measurement Tool and Dashboard, 4) Analytical Patient Population Dashboard, and 5) Ambulatory Connectivity and Support for a performance period of February 1st, 2017 until September 30th, 2017. The following is an overview of each initiative:

Dynamic Patient Care Profile: Design and implement an 'on-demand' web-based document assessable to eligible professionals (EPs) and eligible hospitals (EHs) (in addition to members of their care team) that would display an aggregation of both clinical and non-clinical data for a selected patient.

Obstetrics/Prenatal Specialized Registry: Design and develop an electronic form within a District-specified electronic health record (EHR) environment, along with a separate web-based accessible outside of that EHR system, that enables EPs and EHs to directly enter and submit data associated with prenatal screenings and assessments to the District's OB/Prenatal Specialized Registry.

Electronic Clinical Quality Measurement Tool and Dashboard: Design and implement an electronic clinical quality measurement (eCQM) tool that aggregates and analyzes data captured through Continuity of Care Documents (CCDs) submitted by EPs and EHs to calculate their performance against quality measures for their empaneled patient population.

Analytical Patient Population Dashboard: Design and develop a population-level dashboard accessible by EPs and EHs for patient panel management.

Ambulatory Connectivity and Support: Engage EPs and support their connection to the DC HIE, including technical assistance aimed at the advanced use of HIE services.

Eligibility Requirements: Each entity must meet all of the following qualifications. The entity must:

- (1) Be organized under the District of Columbia Non-Profit Corporation Act (D.C. Official Code, sec. 29-501 et seq) or organized as a Non-Profit organization in the jurisdiction where the entity is incorporated;
- (2) Have a 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(4) determination pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code, except that an organization described in Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code that engages in lobbying activities shall not be eligible to apply, serve as a host site for members or act in type of supervisory role in the program; and
- (3) Be a health information exchange operating in the District as of January 1st, 2016 to facilitate patient care for District residents through the secure electronic exchange of health-related information among approved, qualifying partners according to nationally recognized standards.

Applying HIEs may propose the use of sub-grantees.

The Request for Application (RFA) will be released on December 9th, 2016. The RFA package will be available online at and at <http://opgs.dc.gov/page/opgs-district-grants-clearinghouse>. Hard copies of the RFA package may be obtained at DHCF, 441 4th St. N.W., Ste 900S, Washington, D.C. 20001, 9th floor reception desk daily from 9:00 am until 4:00 pm.

DHCF will hold a pre-proposal conference on December 15th, 2016 at DHCF, 441 4th St. N.W., Ste 900S, Washington, D.C. 20001. Prospective applicants must provide an email address to DHCF to receive notification of amendments or clarifications to the RFA.

Completed applications must be received on or before 4:00 pm Eastern Time, January 9th, 2016. Applications may be submitted online at www.dhcf.dc.gov/page/health-information-exchange or in-person at DHCF, 441 4th St. N.W., Ste 900S, Washington, D.C. 20001, 9th floor reception desk. No applications will be accepted after the submission deadline.

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