

DEPARTMENT OF SMALL AND LOCAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY (NOFA)

DC CLEAN TEAM PROGRAM

The Department of Small and Local Business Development (DSLBD) is soliciting applications from eligible applicants to manage a **DC Clean Team Program** (“the Program”) for the Glover Park commercial district. **The submission deadline is Thursday, November 17, 2016 at 2:00 p.m.**

Through this grant, DSLBD will fund one clean team, which will achieve the following objectives.

- Improve commercial district appearance to help increase foot traffic, and consequently, opportunity for customer sales.
- Provide jobs for DC residents.
- Reduce litter, graffiti, and posters which contribute to the perception of an unsafe commercial area.
- Maintain a healthy tree canopy, including landscaping, along the 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 DC-based nonprofit organizations which are incorporated in the District of Columbia and which are current on all taxes. Applicants should have a demonstrated capacity with the following areas of expertise.

- Providing clean team services or related services to commercial districts or public spaces.
- Providing job-training services to its employees.
- Providing social support services to its Clean Team employees.

DSLBD will **award** one grant in the amount of \$135,000.

The **grant performance period** to deliver clean team services is February 1, 2017 through September 30, 2017.

The **Request for Application** (RFA) includes a detailed description of clean team services, service area boundaries, and selection criteria. DSLBD will post the RFA on or before **Friday, October 21, 2016** at 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: Interested applicants must complete an online application on or before **Thursday, November 17, 2016 at 2:00 p.m.** 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.**

The online application will be live **Friday, October 21, 2016**. To access the online application, an organization must complete and submit an online **Expression of Interest** (Registration) form

at <https://octo.quickbase.com/db/bks6qx66x> . DSLBD will activate their online access within two business days and notify them via email.

Selection Criteria for applications will include the following criteria.

- Applicant Organization's demonstrated capacity to provide clean team or related services, and managing grant funds.
- Proposed service delivery plan for basic clean team services and commitment to hire residents from within Ward 3.
- Proposed service delivery plan for additional clean team services.

Selection Process: DSLBD will select grant recipients through a competitive application process that will assess the Applicant's eligibility, experience, capacity, service delivery/hiring plan, and, budget. DSLBD will determine grant award selection and notify all applicants of their status via email on or before December 14, 2016.

Funding for this award is contingent on continued funding from the DC Council. The RFA does not commit the Agency 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.

All applicants must attest to executing DSLBD grant agreement as issued (sample document will be provided with the online application) and to starting services on February 1, 2017.

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