

DEPARTMENT OF SMALL AND LOCAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

Revised NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY (NOFA)

DC MAIN STREETS (Eastern Market and Columbia Heights/Mount Pleasant Target Areas)

The Department of Small and Local Business Development (DSLBD) is soliciting applications from eligible applicants to operate a DC Main Streets program (“the Program”) in two service areas (listed below). **The submission deadline is Thursday, September 8, 2016 at 2:00 p.m.**

Through this grant, DSLBD will designate and fund two DC Main Streets programs (organizations), which will develop the following programs and services.

- Assist business districts with the retention, expansion and attraction of neighborhood-serving retail stores.
- Unify and strengthen the commercial corridor.

Eligible applicants are DC-based nonprofit organizations which are current on all taxes.

DSLBD will **award** one grant for **each** of the following **service areas** (i.e., a total of two grants).

- Eastern Market (Ward 6)
- Columbia Heights/Mount Pleasant (Ward 1)

Each designated Program will receive \$200,000 in grant funding and technical assistance to support commercial revitalization initiatives.

The DC Main Streets grant award is a recurring grant, which can be renewed annually as long as the grantee continues to meet the standards for accreditation by the National Main Street Center. The FY 2017 **grant performance period** is November 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017.

The **Request for Application** (RFA) includes instructions and guidance regarding application preparation. DSLBD will post the RFA on or before **Friday, July 8, 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. DSLBD will host an Information Session on July 27, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. at DSLBD’s office (441 4th Street, NW, #805 South Washington DC 20001). A photo ID is required to enter the building.

Application Process: Interested applicants must complete an online application on or before **Thursday, September 8, 2016 at 2:00 p.m.** Applicants submitting incomplete applications will be notified by Monday, September 12, 2016 and will have two business days to upload missing information. Corrected applications are due on September 14, 2016 at 2 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.**

Selection Process: DSLBD will select grant recipients through a competitive application process that will assess the Applicant’s eligibility, experience, and capacity. DSLBD will determine

grant award selection and notify all applicants of their status via email on or before Monday October 17, 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 November 1, 2016.

For more information, contact Cristina Amoruso, DC Main Streets Coordinator, at the Department of Small and Local Business Development at (202) 727-3900 or cristina.amoruso@dc.gov.