

Doing Business with the District Government Grant Funding Workshop Panelists

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Yolanda Brown (Yolanda.brown@dc.gov) serves as the Deputy Director of Grants and Finance for Serve DC – The Mayor’s Office on Volunteerism, the District of Columbia Government agency dedicated to promoting service as an innovative, sustainable solution to the challenges we face as a community and a nation. At Serve DC, Ms. Brown is responsible for grants management, including the annual oversight of more than \$2 million in AmeriCorps grants designed to strengthen nonprofit capacity, create and expand programs that fight poverty, advance economic opportunity and academic achievement and more than \$4.5 million in U.S. Department of Homeland Security grants designed to ensure residents play a major role in making their communities safer, stronger and better prepared to address threats of terrorism, crime and disasters.

Ms. Brown previously served as the Office Manager for Serve DC, where she was responsible for all agency day-to-day operations and logistics, as well as financial, personnel and human-resources management and oversight. Prior to joining Serve DC, Ms. Brown worked at the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board maintaining specialized program, project and contractual data for use in assessing program performance. Ms. Brown is a graduate of Towson University, where she studied Geography with a concentration in Urban Planning and Development. She is currently pursuing a Master of Science degree in Nuclear Engineering at The George Washington University, as well as a certificate in Public Management through The George Washington University and the DC Department of Human Resources.

Lamont Lee (lamont.lee@dc.gov) has a Bachelor of Science degree in Marketing and Economics from the Wharton School of Finance and Commerce at the University of Pennsylvania (1979). Before entering Yale SOM in 1983, he worked in corporate banking at Manufacturers Hanover Trust Company in New York City. At Yale SOM, he concentrated in Accounting and Finance and had a summer internship at the Port Authority of New York (1984) where he studied transportation planning problems. After graduation from Yale SOM, he worked as a financial consultant for small firm in Washington, D.C. before joining the District government in 1987. After holding a series of positions in the financial arm of District government, Mr. Lee has become a Special Assistant to the Director at the Office of Business and Economic Development.

Mr. Lee is now Community Services Program Manager for the DC Department of Housing and Community Development. In that capacity, he heads up Neighborhood Based Activities, which is a series of grant programs providing a range of critical neighborhood revitalization services in low and moderate income areas of the District through non-profit intermediaries (Community Development Corporations). Neighborhood Based Activities includes: Predevelopment for Affordable housing, Housing Counseling Services, Support and Training for Tenants and Tenant Associations subject to expiring federal subsidy, Façade Storefront Improvement, Technical Assistance to Small Businesses, Job Placement and Training, and Crime Prevention Efforts.

CAMILLE I. NIXON (Camille.nixon@dc.gov) Serves as the Project Manager DC Department of Small and Local Business Development.

Alex Chi (alex.chi@dc.gov) serves as Director of Digital Inclusion, Connect.DC for Office of the Chief Technology Officer (OCTO). Alex leads the effort to promote participation in technology for all residents, small businesses, community institutions and visitors in the District of Columbia, leveraging innovative approaches and stakeholder resources. He directed the

development and launch of the Connect.DC website, Sub grant program and Community Advisory Board. In addition, he orchestrated the phased deployment of multiple Digital Inclusion Centers and the launch of the OCTO Connect.DC Mobile Technology Lab across the city. Alex joined OCTO in his second stint as a public servant. Alex worked in private sector for 15 years after serving in the District almost two decades ago as the first Chief and Program Manager of District Wider-Area Network Operations (DCWAN).

Alex has more than 25 years of leading technology services experience in the private, public and non-profit sectors. With his innovative thinking and in-depth knowledge of technology evolution and its business operations impact, Alex has accomplished many milestones achievements for the employers and customers he has served.

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Dr. Unique N. Morris (unique.morris@dc.gov) has several years of experience in the fields of education, program development, evaluation, and compliance. Dr. Morris earned her Ph.D. at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore, a Masters of Business Administration degree from Trinity University, and a Bachelor of Arts degree in English from Johnson C. Smith University. Dr. Morris currently serves as Deputy Director in the Office of Grants Management and Compliance at the Office of the State Superintendent of Education for the District of Columbia. Dr. Morris is a member of the American Education Research Association, Sisters of the Academy Institute, Text and Academic Authors Association of America and the International Leadership

Princess Johnson (princess.johnson@dc.gov) is a seasoned Grants Management Specialist with the Department of Health, (HASTA), with over 7 years in grants management and administration. She is a graduate of Fort Valley State University with a degree in Business Administration and currently pursuing a master's degree in International Marketing. She has been at the service of the District of Columbia residents in various capacities for over 11 years.

Jabari Bruton-Barrett (Jabari.bruton@dc.gov) is the Deputy Bureau Chief of Partnerships, Capacity Building, and Community Outreach (PCBCO) at DC Department of Health HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis, STD and TB Administration (HAHSTA). Mr. Bruton-Barrett joined HAHSTA in 2008. He has over 10 years of experience implementing, coordinating, and designing HIV/AIDS focused trainings and programs, capacity building assistance (CBA) programs, and community mobilization efforts. As the Deputy Bureau Chief of PCBCO, he oversees all capacity building activities for Effi Barry Program grantees. Specifically, he mediates the technical assistance (TA) and professional consultation being administered to Effi Barry Program sub-grantees to improve their overall organizational infrastructure and programmatic capacity to implement a range of HIV/AIDS prevention focused programs. In addition, Mr. Bruton-Barrett oversees several of HAHSTA's public and private partnerships. Prior to joining HAHSTA, Mr. Bruton-Barrett worked on multiple HIV/AIDS focused projects where he implemented and coordinated a plethora of trainings, TA, and CBA programs for federal government agencies, foundations, and community/faith-based organizations. Mr. Bruton-Barrett has a personal commitment to increasing the capacity of community and faith-based organizations located in the District of Columbia. Mr. Bruton-Barrett holds a Masters of Science in Management Health Care Administration and a Bachelors of Science in Psychology.

Bryan Cheseman (bryon.cheseman@dc.gov) has over 20 years of experience in maintaining day to day financial, accounting, administrative, and personnel services to meet operational goals of both private and municipal operations.

Following a BA in economics he took a position with Thomas Cook Foreign Exchange. There he oversaw the operations of offices with the World Bank (WB) and the International Monetary Fund (IMF) that provided currency transfers for WB staff that carried out projects and provided analytical and advisory services to over 100 countries and IMF staff that provided technical assistance to middle-income countries. Since 1998, Bryan has held the position of Administrative Officer with the Government of the District of Columbia. He has spent the last twelve years with the Community Health Administration (CHA). His primary responsibility, over the last four years has been the development of the Office of Grants Monitoring and Program Evaluation (GMPE) within CHA.

Michael Snoddy (Michael.snoddy@dc.gov) has been a program monitor with the DC Department of Health, Addiction Prevention and Recovery Administration (APRA) since 2004. In his capacity he coordinates the writing of Requests for Applications (RFAs) and the allocations process from grant awards to the issuance of Notice of Grant Awards and grant agreements. Mr. Snoddy also conducts on-site fiscal reviews of all providers that have contracts for outpatient and residential treatment. He has over thirty years of experience working with local, state and the federal government.