



NOTICE OF FUNDS AVAILABILITY

Office of Youth Programs SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM 2013

The District of Columbia Department of Employment Services (DOES) is soliciting grant applications to support the delivery of a variety of workforce exploration and experience-based programs that will provide purposeful and developmentally appropriate employment and career exploration opportunities. Applicants must employ the youth development philosophy in their approach and program design. DOES is seeking proposals for high quality summer youth employment programs that will help improve the outcomes for the District's youth. The Summer Youth Employment Program strives to:

- Offer District youth an opportunity to develop the skills, attitudes, and commitment necessary to succeed in today's world of work.
- Provide a mechanism through which eligible youth can earn money, gain meaningful work experience, participate in skills training workshops, and be exposed to various careers.
- Enhance basic academic, occupational, and other skills necessary for youth to obtain and maintain long-term employment.
- Help youth make a smooth transition from school to career and/or higher education.

Applicants will be required to deliver project-based learning components as part of their programming. Project-based learning engages and motivates participants in active learning processes by using real problems, materials, and tasks to produce outcomes as opposed to "make work" activities. In order to create a standardized model of summer youth employment, and allow the outcomes from summer youth programming to be more easily codified, applicants are required to provide skills training to reinforce the goals set for the Summer Youth Employment Program.

Applicant must select one of the four Growth Industry Sector Program Categories listed below:

- Agricultural/Environmental
- Information Technology/Telecommunications
- Media/Publications/Communications/Entertainment
- Business/Professional

Applicant must select two of the five Project-Based Learning Components listed below:

- Employability Skills Training
- Work Readiness Training
- Academic Enrichment
- Career Exploration and Awareness
- Leadership Skills

Eligibility: Applicant's primary vision and program focus must be serving children, youth, and/or families within the District of Columbia. Applicant must be in good financial standing with the DC Office of Tax and Revenue and the Internal Revenue Service, as well as follow all appropriate financial reporting standards. Applicant cannot be listed on the federal or District excluded parties' lists.

Length of Awards: Grant awards will be made for a period of six months. Duration of actual SYEP 2013 program is six (6) weeks.

Available Funding for Awards: Total budgets for proposed summer youth employment programming must fall between \$10,000 (serving 25 participants) and \$32,000 (serving 80 participants) based on the established per participant rate of \$400.00.

Anticipated Number of Awards: DOES anticipates making at least two awards and may make multiple awards depending on funding availability. The Request for Applications (RFA) will be released on **Thursday, February 21, 2013** and the **deadline for submission is Friday, March 22, 2013, 2:00pm EST**. The RFA will be available on the DOES website, www.does.dc.gov, by contacting the DOES Grants Office at doesgrants@dc.gov, and it will also be posted on the District's Grant Clearinghouse website at: <http://opgs.dc.gov/page/opgs-district-grants-clearinghouse>.

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