



## FY 2018 NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY (NOFA) District of Columbia Flexible Rent Subsidy Pilot Program

### Background

The District of Columbia (District), Department of Human Services, hereinafter referred to as the “Grantor” or “DHS,” is accepting detailed proposed (also referred to as “applications”) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 to establish the Flexible Rent Subsidy Pilot Program (herein referred to as “Program”) pursuant to its authority set forth in Section 30 of the Homeless Services Reform Act (HSRA) of 2005, effective October 22, 2005 (D.C. Law 16-35; D.C. Official Code §§ 4-756.01(a), et seq.), as amended, and Mayor’s Order 2007-80 dated April 2, 2007.

The mission of the DHS is to empower every District resident to reach their full potential by providing meaningful connections to work opportunities, economic assistance, and supportive services. Within DHS, the Family Services Administration (FSA) provides protection, intervention, and supportive services to meet the needs of vulnerable adults and families experiencing or at risk of homelessness.

### Program Scope:

The Program is designed to support District residents, who are at imminent risk of experiencing homelessness, to achieve stability in permanent housing through individualized financial assistance and training. Financial assistance will be provided in the form of direct funds, which will be made payable only to the recipient’s landlord, in instances where a variance exists between the head of household’s income and the totally monthly rent expenses. The Program is designed to accommodate approximately up to one-hundred and twenty (120) families. Specific details on the program scope are listed in the RFA.

### Target Population

Eligible recipients of this Program must meet the following requirements:

- A. Reside in the District of Columbia as defined by section 2 of the HSRA (D.C. Official Code § 4-751.01(32));
- B. Be at imminent risk of experiencing homelessness at the time of application;
- C. Be a household that headed by an individual that is at least twenty-one (21) years or older;
  - i. Has physical custody of at least one (1) dependent child;
  - ii. Is currently employed or has recent history of employment;
  - iii. Is at or below thirty percent (30%) of Area Median Income (AMI);
  - iv. Is the lease holder for the rental unit;
  - v. Is willing to complete a budget and financial management class or training prior to enrollment in the Program; and
- D. Only one family per household.



## Eligibility

DHS will accept applications from eligible applicants to include: nonprofit organizations, including those with IRS 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(4) determinations, Faith-based organizations universities/educational institutions, and private enterprises

<b>Release Date of RFA:</b>	Wednesday, August 30, 2017
<b>Availability of RFA:</b>	The RFA will be posted on the <a href="#">District's Grant Clearinghouse</a> Website
<b>Total Estimated Available Funding:</b>	Up to one million two hundred fifty thousand dollars and zero cents (\$1,250,000.00)
<b>Total Estimated Number of Awards:</b>	One
<b>Estimated Period of Performance:</b>	November 2017 – October 2018
<b>Length of Award:</b>	Twelve (12) months with up to three (3) additional option years
<b>Pre-Application Conference:</b>	Wednesday, September 13, 2017 Specific details on time and location will be released in the RFA
<b>Deadline for Submission:</b>	4:00PM on Wednesday, September 27, 2017 Specific details on submission will be released in the RFA
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