

DEPARTMENT OF SMALL AND LOCAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

Revised 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”) in six service areas (listed below). This revised NOFA is an extension of the original application deadline, which was August 1, 2014 as published in the June 27, 2014 edition of the DC Register. **The new submission deadline is August 29, 2014, 1:00 p.m.**

Through this grant, DSLBD will fund clean teams, which will: 1) Improve commercial district appearance to help increase foot traffic, and consequently, opportunity for customer sales; 2) Reduce litter, graffiti, and posters which contributes to the perception of an unsafe commercial area; 3) Maintain a healthy tree canopy and landscape that contributes to the perception of a safe and attractive shopping area; 4) 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 that are incorporated in the District of Columbia and, have demonstrated capacity with: a) providing clean team services or related services to commercial districts or public spaces; b) providing job-training services to its employees; and c) providing social support services to its Clean Team employees.

DSLBD will **award** one grant up to \$100,000 for **each** of the following **service areas** (i.e., a total of six grants).

- 12th Street, NE
- Connecticut Avenue, NW
- Georgia Avenue, NW
- Kennedy Street, NW
- Minnesota Avenue, NE
- Ward 1

The **grant performance period** to deliver clean team services is October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015.

Application Process: Interested applicants must complete an online application (RFA Part 2, see below) and submit it on or before **Friday, August 29, 2014 at 1:00 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 **Request for Application** (RFA) comprises two parts:

1. **RFA Part I: Program Guidelines and Application Instructions** document, which includes: a detailed description of clean team services; service area boundaries; applicant eligibility requirements; and selection criteria. Part 1 of the RFA is posted at

www.dslbd.dc.gov (click on the *Our Programs* tab and then *Solicitations and Opportunities* on the left navigation column).

2. **RFA Part II: the Online Form** through which an Applicant submits its eligibility information and grant applications for each service area of interest. To access the online application form, an organization must complete and submit an online **Expression of Interest** (Registration) form at <https://octo.quickbase.com/db/bi5n5mq5b>. Organizations, which previously submitted an Expression of Interest form and received online access, will not need to re-submit a form. DSLBD will activate their online access on or before August 18, 2014.

Selection Criteria for applications will include: a) Applicant Organization's demonstrated capacity to provide clean team or related services, and managing grant funds; b) Proposed service delivery plan for basic clean team services; and, c) Proposed service delivery plan for additional clean team services. Applicants should reference RFA Part 1 for detailed description of selection criteria.

Selection Process: DSLBD will select grant recipients through a competitive application process that will assess the Applicant's eligibility, experience, capacity, service delivery plan, and, budget. Applicants may apply for one or more service areas by submitting a separate application for each service area. DSLBD will determine grant award selection and notify all applicants of their status via email on or before September 10, 2014.

Funding for this award is contingent on continued funding from the grantor. 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.

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