# Notice of Funding Availability: Innovation Grants for FY2020

## Background

The DC Developmental Disabilities Council (DDC) is a Mayoral appointed body established in accordance with the mandates of the D.C. Developmental Disabilities Basic State Grant Program. This grant program has as its legislative authority Public Law 106-402, the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000. The DDC promotes systemic change, capacity building and advocacy activities in efforts to promote a consumer and family-centered, comprehensive system, and a coordinated array of services, supports, and other assistance for individuals with developmental disabilities and their families.

The DDC is soliciting applications for FY2020 Innovation Grants. The purpose of these grants is to support creative ideas in our DC community that will build inclusive communities where people with and without disabilities thrive together.

## Eligibility

Public and private entities, nonprofit organizations, education institutions, community-based organizations, faith-based organizations, and fiscally sponsored unincorporated groups.

## Length of Awards

Grant awards will be made in early FY2020 and last through September 30, 2020.

## Available Funding for Awards

The amount available for this award period is approximately $50,000.

## Anticipated Number of Awards

It is anticipated that the DDC will have funding available for approximately 3 to 5 new awards.

## Request for Applications

The Request for Applications (RFA) will be released on Wednesday, November 13, 2019 and the deadline for submission is Friday, December 13, 2019 at 5:00pm. The RFA will be available on the DDC’s website - htts://ddc.dc.gov, at the DDC office at 441 4th Street NW, Suite 729N, or by contacting the DC Developmental Disabilities Council at (202) 724-8612.

The DDC will facilitate one pre-application conference call on Friday, November 8, 2019 from 1:00-2:00pm at 866-624-8591, passcode: 2413505.

For additional information regarding this competition, including to request reasonable accommodations for the conference call or other parts of the applications process, please contact Alison Whyte, Executive Director via email at [alison.whyte@dc.org](mailto:alison.whyte@dc.org) or phone 202-727-8005.