**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT**

**NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY**

 **Overnight Meaningful Watershed Educational Experiences for Fifth Grade Students in the District of Columbia**

The Department of Energy and Environment (DOEE) seeks eligible entities to continue DOEE's commitment to provide Overnight Meaningful Watershed Educational Experiences (OMWEE) to fifth grade students enrolled in DC Public Schools and DC Public Charter Schools. The OMWEE program offers District students the opportunity to spend three (3) days and two (2) nights learning about their local watersheds and the Chesapeake Bay while immersed in a non-urban environment. This hands-on outdoor program also provides professional development for teachers, advances the integration of environmental literacy into classroom curriculum, and helps prepare District students to be competitive in the green economy.

The project period is one (1) year, with the option of up to two (2) additional years, for a total of three (3) years. $550,000 is available for the first year for one award.

Beginning 1/18/2019, the full text of the Request for Applications (RFA) will be available on the Department’s website. A person may obtain a copy of this RFA by any of the following means:

**Download** from the Department’s website, [www.doee.dc.gov](http://www.doee.dc.gov/). Select the *Resources* tab. Cursor over the pull-down list and select *Grants and Funding*. On the new page, cursor down to this RFA. Click on *Read More* and download this RFA and related information from the *Attachments* section.

**Email** a request to 2019OvernightMWEE.grant@dc.gov with “Request copy of RFA 2019-1911-WPD” in the subject line.

**Pick up a copy in person** from the Department’s reception desk, located at 1200 First Street NE, 5th Floor, Washington, DC 20002. To make an appointment, call Kara Pennino at (202) 654-6131 and mention this RFA by name.

**Write** DOEE at 1200 First Street NE, 5th Floor, Washington, DC 20002, “Attn: Kara Pennino RE:2019-1911-WPD” on the outside of the envelope.

**The deadline for application submissions is 3/1/2019, at 4:30 p.m.** Five hard copies must be submitted to the above address and a complete electronic copy must be e-mailed to 2019OvernightMWEE.grant@dc.gov.

**Eligibility:** All the checked institutions below may apply for these grants:

[x] -Nonprofit organizations, including those with IRS 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(4) determinations;

[x] -Faith-based organizations;

[ ] -Government agencies

[x] -Universities/educational institutions; and

[ ] -Private Enterprises.

For additional information regarding this RFA, write to: 2019OvernightMWEE.grant@dc.gov.