

**OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY MAYOR FOR PLANNING AND ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT**

NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY (NOFA)

FY26 Capitol Hill Construction Impact Grant Program

Request for applications (RFA) Release Date: Friday, May 1, 2026

RFA ID No: DMPED-FY26-BD-LO-CHCI

Introduction: The Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development (“**DMPED**”) invites the submission of applications from qualified organizations for a grant under the Capitol Hill Construction Impact grant program (“**CHCI**” or “**Program**”). The purpose of the program is to provide short-term financial relief to support small businesses impacted by District Department of Transportation (“**DDOT**”) construction near Pennsylvania Avenue, SE, and Potomac Avenue, SE, and along 8th Street SE, between Pennsylvania Avenue, SE, and Virginia Avenue, SE, in the District of Columbia (“**District**”).

Construction activities in these streets may limit access, visibility, and customer flow for neighborhood-serving small businesses. The Program provides short-term financial relief to help sustain affected businesses during this period.

Small businesses may use grant funds to prepare for or recover from any revenue losses they may face as a result of these construction projects. Specifically, grant funds may be used to pay or reimburse the following cost of the impacted business, provided they are sufficiently documented, reasonable and necessary for the operation of the business during the period of construction, and incurred within the same period as the applicable construction project(s) are conducted:

- Rent
- Utilities
- Insurance
- CAM (common area maintenance)
- Mortgage
- Other reasonable business operations costs as proposed by the applicant and approved by DMPED

Authority: The Program will be funded pursuant to section 2032(oo) of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development Limited Grant-Making Authority Act of 2012, effective September 20, 2012 (D.C. Law 19-169; codified as amended at D.C. Official Code §1-328.04(oo)).

Anticipated Number of Awards: DMPED expects to award 10-30 grants under the Program, in an aggregate amount of up to \$150,000, contingent on the availability of an appropriated budget in such amount. Awards are anticipated to range between \$5,000 and \$15,000.

Eligibility: Applicants must meet the following eligibility criteria to be considered for an award under the Program:

1. The business must be impacted by the 8th Street Bus Priority Project (not yet underway) or the Pennsylvania Avenue and Potomac Avenue SE Intersection project (currently underway).
2. The business must require support to maintain operations, retain employees, and continue serving their communities during the DDOT construction projects.
3. The business must demonstrate financial need.
4. The business must have less than 100 employees.
5. The annual revenue of the business must be below \$15,000,000.
6. The business must be independently owned with 3 or less franchises.
7. The business must be currently operational at the time of application.
8. The business site must have the following characteristics:
 - a. Brick and mortar operations, not entirely ecommerce
 - b. Offer walk-in and in-person services to customers
9. The applicant must demonstrate valid site control through an active lease or deed.
10. The business must be located in this map that shows areas affected by construction in the Capitol Hill area:
<https://dcgis.maps.arcgis.com/apps/instant/lookup/index.html?appid=19119b86708d4ce5b1d656080ea1dd62>
11. The business must be in good standing with the District of Columbia and have up to date business license and compliance documents.

The following applicants are **not** eligible to receive a grant under the Program:

- An applicant that does not meet all the numbered eligibility criteria above
- Any business that is part of a large corporate chain

Additional details about eligibility and criteria for selecting applicants will be included in the RFA.

Grant Information Session: DMPED will host a virtual information session for interested applicants. Please check DMPED's website for more details: <https://dmped.dc.gov/service/grant-opportunities>.

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Availability of RFA: The RFA will be released on Friday, May 1, 2026 and posted at <https://dmped.dc.gov/service/grant-opportunities>.

Grant Application Submission Deadline: Applications will be accepted through Friday, June 12, 2026 at 4:00PM ET. All applications must be submitted electronically, according to the instructions contained in the RFA. Late applications will not be accepted.

Application Process: The grant application process will include an initial screening of applications to evaluate the completeness of the application, followed by scoring by a review panel, and a final approval of funding by the Deputy Mayor.

Final Determination of Award: DMPED anticipates a timeline of forty-five (45) days after the submission deadline to complete all application reviews. Award and funding determinations are final and cannot be appealed. The Deputy Mayor will make the final funding decision, based on a review panel's recommendations, the Mayor's budget priorities, the available resources, the goal of achieving a balance as to communities served, and the goals of the Program.

Reservations: DMPED reserves the right to issue addenda and/or amendments subsequent to the issuance of the NOFA or RFA or it may rescind the NOFA or RFA at any time in its sole discretion.