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**FY2026 Technology Ecosystem Fund (TEF)**  
**REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS (RFA)**

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**Release Date of RFA:** Friday, March 27, 2026

**RFA ID No:** DMPED-FY26-BD-LO-TEF

**Information Session:** Scheduled for March 30, 2026 and April 17, 2026  
Please visit [dmped.dc.gov](http://dmped.dc.gov) for additional details and updates on information sessions.

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**Submission Deadline:** Friday May 29, 2026 at 4:00pm ET

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**ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED ELECTRONICALLY.**  
**Hand delivered or mailed applications, incomplete applications, or applications submitted after the Submission Deadline will not be accepted.**

Completed applications (including attachments) must be submitted through the Submittable portal. [Click Here](#) to start your application using Submittable or copy and paste the following link to your browser address bar: <https://wdcdmped.gvgrantcloud.com/account/Announcement>.

**DC Grant Opportunities:** All District Grant Opportunities are at the following websites:

- Office of Community Affairs - [All Current District Grants](#)
- Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development - [DMPED Grant Opportunities](#)

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## SECTION A. GENERAL INFORMATION

### A.1 Funding Opportunity

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 FY2026 Technology Ecosystem Fund (“**TEF**” or “**Program**”). The purpose of the Program is to grant funds to entities that provide support for entrepreneurs to establish, develop, and grow, early-stage technology companies within the District and/or provide training to District residents to work in the technology sector.

**The Program will provide grants to support the creation, incubation, acceleration, relocation, and growth of technology companies in the District of Columbia. The Program also aims to support organizations and projects that have a direct or indirect effect on the District’s technology ecosystem. This includes, but is not limited to, increasing access to capital for technology companies, providing support services to companies and entrepreneurial ecosystem intermediaries, and hosting events that bring together technologists, founders, startups, and entrepreneurs.**

### A.2 Source of Funds

The Program will be funded pursuant to The Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development Limited Grant-Making Authority Act of 2012, effective September 20, 2012 (D.C. Law 19-168; D.C. Official Code § 1-328.04(jj)(3)) and D.C. Official Code §2-1225.21(d-3)(1).

### A.3 Grant Funding and Anticipated Number of Awards

The total amount of funding available for this Program is **\$2,000,000.00**. DMPED anticipates making multiple awards in line with the following funding areas and contingent on the availability of an appropriated budget in such amount. The amounts and number of awards in each category are subject to change in DMPED’s sole discretion.

| <b>Funding Area</b>                        | <b>Number of Awards</b> | <b>Grant Funding Allocated</b> |
|--|-------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Incubators, Accelerators & Venture Studios | 1                       | \$1,250,000                    |
| Events, Summits & Convenings               | 3-4                     | \$500,000                      |
| Innovation Ecosystem Support               | 1                       | \$250,000                      |

### A.4 Conflicts Between RFA and Applicable Law

If any requirement of this RFA conflicts with a provision of any applicable law, including a District or federal law or regulation, the applicable legal provision shall control, and it is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure compliance.

## **A.5 Competition for Grant Award.**

This is a competitive RFA. Each applicant must demonstrate its ability to carry out the activities for the grant for which it applies.

Applications are evaluated in four phases: (i) Phase One is the Eligibility Intake Form (ii) Phase Two is pre-screening, (iii) Phase Three is the review panel, and (iv) Phase Four is the award recommendation. See **Section E** for further details.

### **Final determinations on awards and funding are final and cannot be appealed.**

## **A.6 Period of Performance**

All grant activities must be completed by September 30, 2028, unless such date is extended by DMPED in its sole and absolute discretion.

## **A.7 Grant Reporting and Monitoring**

If an applicant is awarded a grant under this Program, DMPED, at its sole discretion, may use several methods to monitor the grantee's post-award performance until closeout of the grant. Monitoring may include review of expenditures, review of progress towards performance targets, site visits, data collection, or other methods set forth in a grant agreement. At any point, the grant is subject to a performance or financial audit.

## **A.8 Schedule**

The following schedule outlines the anticipated dates and time durations for the RFA and application review. Each date below is subject to change.

|   |                        |
|---|------------------------|
| Release Date of RFA   | 3/27/2026              |
| Eligibility Intake Form Deadline                              | 4/24/2026 at 4:00pm ET |
| DMPED Invites Qualified Applicants to Submit Full Application | 4/27/2026              |
| Submission Deadline   | 5/29/2026 at 4:00pm ET |
| Applicant Prescreen Begins                                    | 5/29/2026              |
| Technical Review Begins                                       | 6/12/2026              |
| Conditional Award Notifications                               | 7/03/2026              |

## **SECTION B. PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

### **B.1 Applicant Eligibility Requirements**

Applicants must meet the following requirements to be considered for a grant under the Program.

1. Licensed businesses in good standing with the Department of Licensing and Consumer Protection (DLCP), the Office of Tax Revenue (OTR), the Department of Employment Services (DOES), and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Businesses not currently located in Washington, D.C. may not need to demonstrate compliance at the time of application, but will need to demonstrate compliance prior to award. Applicants must maintain their good standing status with the aforementioned entities throughout the pre-award process and the period of grantee's performance under the grant agreement.
2. Applicants may be for-profit or nonprofit entities, colleges, or universities.
3. Applicants must demonstrate a minimum of a 1:1 match for all grant funds requested. Match funding can include direct and in-kind support that the applicant has secured or expects to secure by the end of the period of performance as a condition of receiving an award. DMPED may rescind or terminate funding if awarded applicants are unable to secure the matching funds. For each funding commitment, applicants should clearly specify whether the financial support 1) has been received, 2) is anticipated to be received by the end of the period of performance 3) source of funding. Priority will be given to applications that include cash commitments in-hand and demonstrate a higher than 1:1 match of private investment to public funding for project-specific costs.
4. Applicants should have an existing presence or plan to establish a physical presence in the District of Columbia.
5. Applicants must be focused on seeding and building an entrepreneurial ecosystem not increasing the size and scale of an individual business entity.

### **B.2 Project Eligibility Requirement**

Projects proposed by applicants must fall into one or more of the following funding streams.

- **Incubator, Accelerator, or Venture Studio Programs**
  - Projects in this funding stream consist of programs that seek to grow local technology companies through targeted programming. Eligible Projects may include programs that provide mentorship, technical assistance, office or development space, access to capital, and other forms of support designed to support early-stage or growth-stage companies.
- **Events, Summits, Convenings, and Sector-Related Programs**
  - Projects in this funding stream consist of events, convenings, workshops, and other technology sector focused programming. Eligible Projects in this category will consist of in-person activities and events that strengthen and amplify the local ecosystem, foster collaboration, highlight industry advancements, or build community among entrepreneurs, investors, and other aligned stakeholders.
- **Innovation Ecosystem Support**

- Projects in this funding stream consist of activities or support mechanisms that do not fit squarely into the two categories above. This category is designed ensure that high impact proposals are not excluded due to categorical limitations. Eligible Projects in this category may consist of workforce development programs, upskilling initiatives for Washington D.C. residents, training or technical assistance for funding institutions or angel networks, or other programs that may benefit local entrepreneurs and the technology ecosystem broadly.

The Program objectives are to fund projects that will create a thriving technology ecosystem by providing support to technology companies, research projects with high commercial potential, and tech talent pipelines. Applicants must clearly delineate in their application which of the funding streams their Project supports.

Project programming, regardless of funding stream, must support entrepreneurs, founders, technologists, researchers, or companies in one or more of the following high-growth technology sectors

- Defense and national security technologies, with a preference for technology areas that have scalable private market opportunities
- Healthcare, preferably life sciences or medical technology companies
- Deep tech verticals including but not limited to:
  - Quantum
  - Advanced Computing
  - Artificial Intelligence
- Aeronautics or space applications including launch and non-launch technologies
- Financial technology companies or technologies that are aligned with other federally regulated markets

Applicants must demonstrate project partner support to encourage a coordinated, multi-institutional approach to advancing the District's technology and innovation ecosystem. Applicants may provide Letters of Commitment and intended plans for organizations that the applicant plans to engage to deliver the project. Applicants should specify each partner's defined role, potential resource contributions (e.g., funding, staff time, facilities, data, networks) and governance responsibilities. Applications must clearly articulate the ecosystem challenge being addressed and explain why cross-sector collaboration is necessary to achieve measurable, system-level impact. Preference will be given to proposals that show aligned incentives, shared accountability, and a plan for sustained collaboration beyond the grant term.

### **B.3 Reserved.**

### **B.4 Eligible Uses of Grant Funds**

Grant funds may be used solely to support the following costs:

1. Direct Project costs, including but not limited to:
  - a. Rental and venue expenses
  - b. Materials and supplies

- c. Marketing and advertising
- 2. Rent or facility build out
- 3. Staffing & personnel costs associated with the Project.
- 4. Contractual services for the Project

For nonprofit applicants: Indirect costs as allowed under the Nonprofit Fair Compensation Act of 2020 (NFCA), D.C. Official Code §§ 2-222.01 *et. seq.* (NICRA or other, at least 10%), allowable indirect costs include (please note that these funds cannot be used to pay for these costs outside of the NICRA or the 10% minimum per the NFCA)

## **B.5 Ineligible Uses of Grant Funds**

Grant funds may be used solely for the eligible costs outlined in **Section B.4**. A non-exhaustive list of ineligible costs is as follows:

- 1. Food or drink
- 2. Direct equity or debt investment
- 3. Debt service
- 4. Federal or District taxes
- 5. Any costs to satisfy liens and related penalties
- 6. Government impositions

## SECTION C. GRANT APPLICATION

Applicants must provide truthful and accurate responses to all qualification and eligibility questions and include all required attachments with the application. Applicants must attest to the accuracy of the information provided. Failure to provide accurate documents or omitting required attachments will disqualify the application from consideration for an award. The *primary applicant entity* must complete and include the required documents with the application submission.

### C.1 Eligibility Intake Form

Potential applicants will complete an Eligibility Intake Form to determine if their organization and project meets the minimum eligibility requirements for the Technology Ecosystem Fund Grant Program. As part of the pre-screening process, potential applicants will be required to disclose the following information:

- a. Organization Name
- b. Primary US location/HQ
- c. Organization website and contact information
- d. Names of lead staff members responsible for the project
- e. Overview of services or programs provided by organization
- f. Summary of project to be supported through grant funding
- g. Requested amount of grant funding
- h. Number of companies supported on average through organizational programming
- i. Potential Washington D.C. ecosystem partners, including roles, responsibilities, and anticipated resources to be provided by project partners
- j. An explanation of why the organization feels Washington D.C. is well positioned to become a leading technology economy and how the Project will support the Washington D.C. technology ecosystem

DMPED will review Eligibility Intake Form submissions and will invite organizations that fit the profile DMPED has outlined to submit the long form application by Friday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 4:00PM.

As part of the Eligibility Intake Form review process, DMPED encourages applicants to collaborate with other applicants whose proposed activities, mission, or programmatic focus is complementary. Applicants may develop a joint application that leverages the strengths of both organizations and amplifies the impact of their respective projects. Applicants acknowledge and agree that by submitting the Eligibility Intake Form, DMPED may publish on its website all or portions of applicant responses to allow applicants to collaborate with one another. Applicants are not required to collaborate on projects, applications, or ecosystem benefits.

### C.2 Grant Application

Applications must include elements for each section outlined below. Applications that fail to include all necessary elements may not be reviewed or considered or may be disqualified. Applications must provide sufficient information for DMPED to determine the merit of the application. Applications will be evaluated in accordance with the scoring criteria in **Section F.1**.

1. Organization/Consortium Overview (15 Points): Describe applicant's history and mission. Provide an overview of the organization including information about services, programs, or products, current presence in Washington D.C., if applicable, as well as information on US and global presence. Information on organization size in terms of total employees and number of locations, industry sector (as related to the sectors identified in **Section B.1**), and organizational/consortium structure should be included in this section.

Applicants must detail their commitment to building a successful innovation and technology ecosystem in Washington D.C. Include an overview of why the organization or consortium believes that Washington D.C. has the ability to grow and scale its existing technology ecosystem and how their proposed project will support DMPED and other ecosystem stakeholders achieve the outcomes as described in **Section A.3**.

If the applicant is the lead applicant in a consortium, applicant should describe the structure of the consortium, including which organizations will be performing critical functions of the project and what reporting mechanisms are in place to ensure efficient oversight of various pieces of the project.

To provide further information, applicants can reference their website or attach relevant organizational materials.

2. Project Overview (20 Points): Applicants must clearly describe how the grant would support the project to create, grow, and sustain a thriving technology ecosystem in Washington, D.C. This includes:
  - i. An overview of programs or events that the project will create;
  - ii. The funding stream that the project supports as described in Sections A.3 and B.2
  - iii. The technology sector(s) targeted by the Project, as described in Section B.2
  - iv. An anticipated timeline for the project, including anticipated milestones for key outcomes of the project's activities;
  - v. Number of organizations or individuals to be supported;
  - vi. The anticipated number of dollars invested in Washington D.C. based companies made either directly or as a result of the project;
  - vii. Partner organizations and collaborators including a breakdown of specific roles and contributions toward the project's goals; and
  - viii. A roadmap for how the project can achieve financial sustainability after the grant period of performance has ended.
3. Project History and Track Record (15 Points): Applicants must demonstrate a track record of success and detail the organization's history supporting the growth of entrepreneurs, founders, startups, translational research projects, and the Washington D.C. technology ecosystem as a whole. Applicants should include case studies, success metrics, and other data that highlight how programs have been successful in Washington D.C or in similar markets.
4. Capacity of Applicant & Partner Organizations (15 Points)
  - a. Key Personnel: Identify the team member(s) who will be responsible for working on

this project if awarded grant funds. The team members can be staff or contractors. Applications should also provide information that explains the relationship among team members, their respective roles, subject matter expertise, and contributions to the project, and the overall management of the team. Applicant should also provide a high level overview of the staff at partner organizations who will be responsible for leading on delegated workstreams.

- b. **Board of Directors/Advisors:** Applicant should provide biographies and descriptions of their board members and advisors if applicable. Information should be provided on how the project intends to leverage their respective board and advisory members in the pursuit of project goals.
5. **Budget (15 Points):** Applicants must provide:
- a. **Grant Budget:** An itemized budget that details the expenditures that will be allocated to the grant. Applicants must provide a budget that allocates all grant funding to project expenses within the grant period of performance (**Section A.6**).
  - b. **Project Budget:** An itemized budget that details all expenditures associated with the project. The project budget should clearly show the full amount of funding required to operate the project and should identify sources of funding, either secured or anticipated, that will support the project's goals. Applicants are required to, at a minimum, match all District funds 1:1 with private capital or in-kind contributions, with preference going to applications that demonstrate higher match ratios.
  - c. **Budget Narrative:** Written justification for the expenses detailed in Grant Budget. The Budget Narrative should provide additional context on funded portions of the project and should include names of vendors or contractors when possible.
6. **Organization's Theory of Success for Washington D.C. (20 Points):**
- a. Applicants must include a narrative description of why Washington D.C. is well positioned to become a leading technology economy. Applicants should explain their theory of change for the District and provide an overview of how their project will meet the goals that DMPED has laid out for the Program. Applicants should highlight their commitment to the District and provide examples of previous successes that they hope to replicate with the project.
  - b. Applicants must include information about their existing presence in Washington, D.C. If an applicant does not currently have a physical presence in Washington, D.C., applicants must provide information on proposed project partners with a local Washington D.C. presence or operations, and detail how they would leverage those relationships to ensure project success.

### C.3 Attachments

**The following attachments must be included with each application.** All application attachments must be submitted via Submittable in .pdf format and must clearly identify the document using the document names below.

| Attachment | Attachment Name/Description  |
|------------|--|
| C.1        | Active District of Columbia Business License issued by the Department of Licensing and Consumer Protection (DLCP).   |
| C.2        | Certificate of Good Standing issued by the Department of Licensing and Consumer Protection (DLCP).   |
| C.3        | Certificate of Clean Hands from the District of Columbia Office of Tax and Revenue (OTR) (current within last three months).   |
| C.4        | Tax Certification Affidavit (Download fillable form at <a href="#">Tax Certification Affidavit</a> )   |
| C.5        | Tax-exempt status determination letter, if applicable  |
| C.6        | Debarment Affidavit. Applicants shall provide a statement regarding any debarments, suspensions, bankruptcy, or loan defaults on real estate development projects and/or government contracts including any of the applicant teams' entities (Download fillable form from <a href="#">Debarment Affidavit</a> ).   |
| C.7        | Arrest and Convictions Statement (Download fillable form at <a href="#">Arrest and Conviction Statement</a> ).   |
| C.8        | Statement of Certification (Download fillable form at <a href="#">Statement of Certification</a> ).  |
| C.9        | Form W9 (Download fillable form from <a href="#">W9</a> ).   |
| C.10       | Insurance Policies Affidavit (Download fillable form at <a href="#">Insurance Policies Affidavit</a> ).  |
| C.11       | <i>If any federal funds:</i> Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) obtained from www.sam.gov or Proof of Enrollment. <i>If only local funds:</i> Dunn and Bradstreet Number via www.dnb.com or Proof of Enrollment.   |
| C.12       | Provide the first two pages of the applicant's most recent federal income tax return for the last two years, as accepted by the IRS.   |
| C.13       | Required Financial Document (Download fillable form <a href="#">Required Financial Document</a> ).   |
| C.14       | Statement of Financial Position (ie: organizational budget, balance sheet certified by an authorized representative of the organization, profit & loss, cashflow statement for the last three years, and any letters, filings, etc. submitted to the IRS within the three years before the date of the grant application) or, if available, audited financial statements for the last three years. |
| C.15       | Ethics and Accountability Statement (Download fillable form from <a href="#">Ethics and Accountability Statement</a> ).  |
| C.16       | Tax Compliance Report (Obtain at <a href="#">Tax Compliance Report</a> ) or equivalent certification of tax compliance with the IRS  |

| <b>Attachment</b> | <b>Attachment Name/Description</b>                                   |
|-------------------|--|
| C.17              | Letters of Support from Project Partner Organizations, if applicable |

## SECTION D. APPLICATION SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

### D.1 Submission Guidelines

The Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development (DMPED) is utilizing a Grants Management Platform to streamline the application and review process. While the application portal is branded with DMPED's name, the platform is powered by Submittable, which also provides customer service support to applicants. All applications for this funding opportunity must be submitted electronically through the portal. Applicants will be required to create a free Submittable account to access the application, upload required documents and receive communications regarding their submission.

1. All applications, including attachments, must be completed and submitted via [DMPED Grants Management Platform](#) no later than the Submission Deadline.
2. [DMPED Grants Management Platform](#) receives and records all applications upon submission. Unless requested by DMPED, any additions or deletions to a submitted application will not be accepted once applications are submitted or after the Submission Deadline. DMPED is not responsible for unreadable, incomplete, and/or out-of-order submissions.
3. Follow this link to access the [Help Center for DMPED Grants Management Platform](#).
4. Due to the variance of applicant internet speeds, applications with many attachments will take time to upload and process. Applicants should consider submitting applications no later than **two hours prior to** the Submission Deadline. If an application is submitted minutes before the Submission Deadline, the announcement may close in the middle of processing the application submission. If this occurs, DMPED will not receive the application.
5. DMPED is not responsible for malfunctions of the online platform. DMPED advises prospective applicants not to upload any documents to Dropbox or similar applications.
6. All attachments to the application must be submitted in Adobe Acrobat .pdf format, MS Word, MS Excel, and photos in PEG, PNG, or GIF format. Any other formats will deem the application incomplete. Do not combine all required documents into one .pdf file but attach each required attachment document separately following application guidelines. DMPED will not accept any attachments that contain files within a file, such as PDF Portfolio files, or an interactive or fillable PDF file. **Any attachments uploaded that are not requested and specified in the RFA or are password protected files will not be read** and will be deemed not received.
7. If an applicant encounters any technical system errors follow the link to the Submittable [Applicant Help](#) website or contact Submittable via email at [nextzensupport@submittable.com](mailto:nextzensupport@submittable.com).
8. Examples of events that would NOT be considered 'technical system errors are:
  - a. Failure to follow funding Request for Application (RFA) opportunity instructions.
  - b. Failure to follow application instructions.

- c. Local internet problem at the time of Submission Deadline.
- d. Unable to see final application “Submit” button.
- e. Forgotten username or password credentials.
- f. Security locked out of system resulting from forgetting password.
- g. Application closing during the submission process while the “Processing” indicator is still active.

## **D.2 Pre-Application Information Session**

DMPED will hold an information session via Cisco WebEx call on **March 30, 2026** and **April 16, 2026**. The details are available on DMPED’s website at [Grant Information Sessions](#).

The purpose of an information session is to allow prospective applicants to inquire about the grant, the RFA document, the application submission process, required application documents, and the application review process.

Verbal answers provided during an information session are intended solely for general discussion and do not represent the District’s final position. Applicants should submit questions in writing following the conclusion of the information session, no later than five (5) days after the date of the information session to receive an official response. Responses will be posted to the DMPED website. Oral explanations or instructions given by District officials prior to the grant award are not binding.

## **SECTION E. APPLICATION REVIEW**

To be eligible for an award, applications must include complete responses to all questions and all required documents, as further described in **Section C.1** and **Section C.2**.

Applications will be evaluated as described in **Section A.7**. DMPED anticipates a timeline of forty-five (45) days for each application review period described in **Section A.7** to complete all application reviews and obtain funding recommendations and approval.

Application review consists of four Phases.

### **E.1 Phase One: Eligibility Intake Form Review**

Phase One is a review of the Eligibility Intake Form. Any potential applicant must complete an Eligibility Intake Form in order to be considered for Phase Two. The Eligibility Intake Form will establish if the potential applicant meets the minimum eligibility requirements and if their proposed project is aligned with the goals of the Program.

At the end of Phase One, applicants will receive a notification confirming their eligibility to apply for the Program funds and, if applicable, will receive the application link to apply.

### **E.2 Phase Two: Pre-screening.**

Phase Two is a pre-screening of each application to verify timely submission of the application and to ensure that all questions are answered, all required documents listed in **Section C.2** are included, and all documents are signed, dated, and compliant with the RFA requirements.

To qualify for Phase Three, applicants must successfully satisfy the pre-screening requirements set forth herein. Only complete applications that pass the pre-screening will move to Phase Three.

At the end of Phase Two, applicants will receive a notification regarding the outcome of Phase Two and whether their application will progress to Phase Three.

### **E.3 Phase Three: Review Panel.**

Phase Three is a detailed review of the application by a review panel. The review panel will evaluate and score each application using the scoring criteria identified in **Section F.1**, with a narrative of the evaluation approach provided in **Section C.1**.

### **E.4 Phase Four: Award Recommendations.**

Phase Four is the final award determination. At the conclusion of Phase Three evaluations, recommendations for funding awards are submitted to the Deputy Mayor for final approval. The Deputy Mayor will make the final funding decision based on the Mayor's budget priorities, the resources available, and the goals of the Program. **Final determinations on awards and funding are final and cannot be appealed.**

## SECTION F. APPLICATION EVALUATION; SCORING CRITERIA

Applications will be scored based on the scoring criteria below, and the scores will guide the funding recommendations and award decisions. Applications must include the elements for each criteria outlined below, and as further described in **Section C.1**.

### F.1 Summary of Scoring Points

| #  | Scoring Criteria  | Maximum Points |
|----|---|----------------|
| 1. | Organization / Consortium Overview (C.2.1)              | 15             |
| 2. | Project Overview (C.2.2)                                | 20             |
| 3. | Program History and Track Record (C.2.3)                | 15             |
| 4. | Capacity of Applicant and Partner Organizations (C.2.4) | 15             |
| 5. | Budget (C.2.5)  | 15             |
| 6. | Washington D.C. Theory of Success (C.2.6)               | 20             |
|    | <b>Maximum Total</b>                                    | <b>100</b>     |

## SECTION G. CONDITIONAL AWARD REQUIREMENTS

### G.1 Conditional Award Letter

DMPED will send a conditional award letter to each successful applicant detailing the conditions of the grant award and identifying and requesting additional grant specific award documents, as outlined below:

| Ln. # | Document Description   |
|-------|--|
| 1.    | Active District of Columbia Business License issued by the Department of Licensing and Consumer Protection (DLCP), if applicable. <a href="#">DLCP</a>   |
| 2.    | Certificate of Good Standing issued by the Department of Licensing and Consumer Protection (DLCP). <a href="#">DLCP</a>  |
| 3.    | Current Certificate of Clean Hands from the District Office of Tax and Revenue (OTR). <a href="#">OTR</a>  |
| 4.    | Certificate of Insurance (COI) meeting minimum required coverage identified in the RFA <b>Exhibit A</b> (View Sample COI at <a href="#">Sample COI</a> )   |
| 5.    | First Source and Workforce Development Employment Agreement with the Department of Employment Services will be required if the conditional award is in the amount of <b>\$300,000 or more</b> pursuant to the First Source Amendment Act of 1984, as amended (D.C. Official Code § 2-219.01 <i>et seq.</i> ) and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, and Mayor’s Order 83-265. <a href="#">First Source Agreement</a>  |
| 6.    | Subcontracting Plan approved by the Department of Small and Local Business Development (DSLBD), Certified Business Enterprises if the award in the amount of <b>\$250,000 or more</b> . A Certified Business Enterprise Utilization and Participation Agreement must be executed between awardee and DSLBD, governing certain obligations of awardee under the Small, Local and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Development and Assistance Act of 2005, as amended (D.C. Law 16-33; D.C. Official Code §§2-218.01, <i>et seq.</i> ). <a href="#">Subcontracting Plan</a> |
| 7.    | Updated project budget (include description of project work), if applicable  |
| 8.    | Updated project schedule, if applicable  |
| 9.    | Form W9 (as submitted with application or updated W9 if needed). <a href="#">W9 Form</a>   |
| 10.   | Automated Clearing House (ACH) Form – Successful applicants will receive disbursements via an electronic transmission to the bank account designated for this grant. To establish this transfer, successful applicant(s) must fully complete and submit an ACH Form that includes the signature of an authorized representative from their financial institution (download fillable form from <a href="#">ACH Enrollment Form</a> )  |
| 11.   | Grant Agreement – Successful applicants are required to sign an agreement setting forth the terms and conditions for their receipt of grant funds.   |

## **G.2 Conditional Award Requirements**

To remain eligible for the grant and receive the award of funds, all documentation required by the conditional award letter must be submitted to DMPED within the timeframe identified in the conditional award letter. An applicant that cannot provide these materials **WITHIN THE TIMEFRAME IDENTIFIED IN THE CONDITIONAL AWARD LETTER** may be deemed ineligible for a grant award and the offer may be withdrawn.

## **G.3 Assurance of Continued Truth and Accuracy**

Prior to the award of grant funds, a successful applicant shall notify DMPED of any changes that may have occurred to its organization since the submission of its application.

## **G.4 Insurance Requirements**

Prior to the award of grant funds, applicants must show proof of all insurance coverage required by law and by the Program, as determined by DMPED. Successful applicants shall procure and maintain, during the entire period of performance, under the grant agreement, the types of insurance specified in **Exhibit A**. Applicants are not required to hold this coverage in order to apply but should expect to obtain coverage at the levels specified if awarded a grant. Applicants should consult their insurance provider for information about the coverage listed in **Exhibit A**.

## **SECTION H. GRANT ADMINISTRATION**

### **H.1 Invoice Submission**

Invoices must be submitted electronically through The District Integrated Financial System (DIFS) Supplier Portal. Successful applicants are required to register and submit invoices using the following link [https://cfo.dc.gov/supplier\\_portal](https://cfo.dc.gov/supplier_portal). Upon receipt of a complete invoice package, funds will be disbursed according to terms of the grant agreement.

### **H.2 Reporting; Site Visits**

Successful applicants shall be subject to reporting requirements and site visits as specified in the grant agreement to ensure compliance with the Program and the terms of the grant agreement.

## **SECTION I. AWARDS CONDITIONS AND LIMITATIONS**

- I.1 Funding for this grant is contingent upon continued appropriations to DMPED. This RFA does not commit DMPED to make a grant award.
- I.2 DMPED reserves the right to accept or deny any or all applications if it is determined to be in the best interest of DMPED to do so. DMPED reserves the right to suspend, terminate, or rescind an RFA if it determines it is in DMPED or District's interest or in accordance with any applicable federal or local regulation or requirement.
- I.3 DMPED reserves the right to issue addenda and/or amendments subsequent to the issuance of this RFA. DMPED reserves the right to request additional information from any applicant.
- I.4 DMPED shall not be liable for any costs incurred by applicants in the preparation of applications in response to this RFA. Applicants agree that all costs incurred in developing the application for this grant Program are the applicant's sole responsibility.
- I.5 DMPED may conduct pre-award on-site visits to verify information submitted in the application and to determine if the applicant's facilities are appropriate for the services intended.
- I.6 DMPED may enter into negotiations with an applicant and adopt a modified funding amount or other revision of an applicant's proposal that may result from negotiations.

**EXHIBIT A**  
**INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS**

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- A. **GENERAL REQUIREMENTS.** Grantee at its sole expense shall procure and maintain, from the Effective Date of the Grant Agreement (“Agreement”) until the Grant Closeout Date (defined in the Agreement), the types of insurance specified below. Grantee shall submit a Certificate of Insurance to the Grant Manager (GM) giving evidence of the required coverage prior to the Effective Date of the Agreement. In no event shall any work be performed until the required Certificates of Insurance signed by an authorized representative of the insurer(s) have been provided to, and accepted by, the GM.

If Grantee and/or its subcontractors maintain broader coverage and/or higher limits than the minimums shown below, District requires and shall be entitled to the broader coverage and/or the higher limits maintained by Grantee and subcontractors.

**B. INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS**

1. Commercial General Liability Insurance (“CGL”) - Grantee shall provide evidence satisfactory to the GM with respect to the services performed that it carries a CGL policy, written on an occurrence (not claims-made) basis, on Insurance Services Office, Inc. (“ISO”) form CG 00 01 04 13 (or another occurrence-based form with coverage at least as broad and approved by the GM in writing), covering liability for all ongoing and completed operations of Grantee and under all subcontracts, covering claims for bodily injury, including without limitation sickness, disease or death and mental anguish of any persons, broad form property damage, including loss of use resulting therefrom, personal and advertising injury, and including coverage for liability arising out of an Insured Contract (including the tort liability of another assumed in a contract) and acts of terrorism (whether caused by a foreign or domestic source). Such coverage shall have limits of liability of not less than \$1,000,000 for each occurrence, \$2,000,000 general aggregate, \$2,000,000 products and completed operations aggregate, and \$1,000,000 personal and advertising injury aggregate limit.

The Commercial General Liability shall be further endorsed to:

- a) To the fullest extent permitted by law, provide additional insured coverage using ISO form CG 2010 0413 and CG2037 04 13 (or its equivalent) to The Government of the District of Columbia;
- b) Coverage available to the additional insureds shall apply on a primary and non-contributing basis as respects any other insurance, deductibles, or self-insurance available to the additional insureds;
- c) A waiver of subrogation in favor of The Government of the District of Columbia;
- d) Any Annual Aggregate shall apply on a per location or per project basis; and
- e) Defense costs shall be in addition to and not erode the limits of liability.

2. Automobile Liability Insurance - Grantee shall provide evidence satisfactory to the GM of commercial (business) automobile liability insurance written on ISO form CA 00 01 10 13 (or another form with coverage at least as broad and approved by the GA in writing) including coverage for all owned, hired, borrowed and non-owned vehicles and equipment used by Grantee in connection with work under the Agreement, with a minimum combined single limit of \$1,000,000. Such policy or policies of automobile liability insurance shall be written on an "occurrence" (as opposed to a "claims made") basis.

The Commercial Auto Liability policy shall be further endorsed to:

- a) To the fullest extent permitted by law, provide additional insured coverage to The Government of the District of Columbia;
- b) Coverage available to the additional insureds shall apply on a primary and non-contributing basis as respects any other insurance, deductibles, or self-insurance available to the additional insureds;
- c) A waiver of subrogation in favor of The Government of the District of Columbia;
- d) Defense costs shall be in addition to and not erode the limits of liability;
- e) If applicable, include Form CA 99 48 03 06 Pollution Liability - Broadened Coverage for Covered Autos - Business Auto, Motor Carrier, and Truckers (or its equivalent); and
- f) Moving and Storage Companies shall be required to provide evidence of BMC91 or BMC91X filing.

For Grantees providing transportation:

Grantees providing transportation must additionally comply with the following:

- a) Operators holding a restricted WMATC Certificate of Authority must have a single limit of \$1.5 million in combined (bodily injury and physical damage) coverage, or
- b) Operators holding an unrestricted WMATC Certificate of Authority must have a single limit of \$5M in combined (bodily injury and physical damage) coverage.

In addition, both types of WMATC certificate holders must have in place the following Licensing Requirements as applicable:

- a) Commercial Driver's License (CDL) with the following endorsements:
  - i) P (Passenger): All drivers MUST have a P endorsement enabling them to transport passengers (16 or more).
  - ii) S (School Bus): All drivers operating school buses (flashing lights, swing arm w/stop sign) must also have an S endorsement. Please note that driver credentials for any vehicles that are converted school buses must have S.
- b) Valid (unexpired) US Department of Transportation Medical Examiner Certification ("Medical Card").

For Grantees using District Government-Owned Vehicles:

Agencies that provide Grantees with District Government-owned or leased motor vehicles are responsible for ensuring that such vehicles are used only for the performance under the Agreement. Grantee and its subcontractors are prohibited from using such vehicles for

home-to-work transportation unless specifically provided for under the terms of the Grant and approved in writing by the GM, or otherwise provided by law. Grantee shall obtain automobile liability insurance with a minimum combined single limit of \$1,000,000 to cover bodily injury and property damage to protect Grantee and the District Government against third-party claims arising from the use of District Government-owned vehicles. The Commercial Auto Liability Policy shall be endorsed to include:

- a) To the fullest extent permitted by law, provide additional insured coverage to The Government of the District of Columbia;
- b) Coverage available to the additional insureds shall apply on a primary and non-contributing basis as respects any other insurance, deductibles, or self-insurance available to the additional insureds; and
- c) A waiver of subrogation in favor of The Government of the District of Columbia.

In the event of loss, destruction, or damage to any government-owned vehicles used in the performance of contract, Grantee shall be liable for full cost of repair or replacement of lost, destroyed, or damaged vehicle.

- 3. Workers' Compensation Insurance - Grantee shall provide evidence satisfactory to the GM of Workers' Compensation insurance in accordance with the statutory mandates of the District of Columbia or the jurisdiction in which the Grant work is performed.

Employer's Liability Insurance - Grantee shall provide evidence satisfactory to the GM of employer's liability insurance as follows: \$500,000 per accident for injury; \$500,000 per employee for disease; and \$500,000 for policy disease limit.

The Workers Compensation and Employers Liability shall be further endorsed to:

- a) Include a Waiver of Subrogation in favor of The Government of the District of Columbia.
- b) Where applicable, include United States Longshore and Harbor Workers Compensation Act (USL&H).
- c) Where applicable, include Jones Act Coverage for seamen or crew members on an "if any" basis.

- 4. Crime Insurance (3rd Party Indemnity) - Grantee shall provide a Crime policy including 3<sup>rd</sup> party fidelity to cover the dishonest acts of Contractors, its employees and/or volunteers which result in a loss to the District. The Government of the District of Columbia shall be included as loss payee. The policy shall provide a limit per occurrence as per the following grid:

| Grant Amount         | Crime limit |
|----------------------|-------------|
| \$1 - \$50,000       | n/a         |
| \$50,001 - \$100,000 | \$20,000    |
| Above \$100,001      | \$50,000    |

### C. SUBCONTRACTOR INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

Any and all subcontractors engaged by Grantee for work under the Agreement shall be required to have the same insured required of Grantee. Should Grantee wish to propose different insurance requirements for the subcontractor than the ones outlined in the Agreement, then, prior to commencement of work by the subcontractor, the Grantee shall submit in writing the name and brief description of work to be performed by the subcontractor to the GM. The GM will promptly provide in writing to Grantee with a decision regarding the insurance requirements applicable to the subcontractor. When requested by the GM, Grantee must provide proof of the subcontractor's required insurance prior to commencement of work by the subcontractor.

**D. PRIMARY AND NONCONTRIBUTORY INSURANCE**

The insurance required herein shall be primary to and will not seek contribution from any other insurance, reinsurance or self-insurance including any deductible or retention, maintained by the Government of the District of Columbia.

**E. DURATION.** Grantee shall carry all required insurance until all Grant work is accepted by The Government of the District of Columbia and shall carry listed coverages for ten years for construction projects following final acceptance of the work performed under the Agreement and two years for non-construction related grants.

**F. LIABILITY.** These are the required minimum insurance requirements established by The Government of the District of Columbia. However, it is understood that The Government of the District of Columbia does not in any way represent that the insurance or the limits of insurance specified herein are sufficient or adequate to protect your interests or liabilities and will not in any way limit Grantee's liability under the Agreement.

**G. CONTRACTOR'S PROPERTY.** Grantee and subcontractors are solely responsible for any loss or damage to their personal property, including but not limited to tools and equipment, scaffolding, and temporary structures, rented machinery, or owned and leased equipment. A waiver of subrogation shall apply in favor of The Government of the District of Columbia.

**H. MEASURE OF PAYMENT.** The Government of the District of Columbia shall not make any separate measure or payment for the cost of insurance and bonds. Grantee shall include all the costs of insurance and bonds in the grant price.

**I. NOTIFICATION.** Grantee shall ensure that all policies provide that the GM shall be given thirty (30) days prior written notice in the event of cancellation, non-renewal, or material changes to the extent such cancellation or material changes results in Grantee no long complying with the above requirements. Grantee shall provide the GM with ten (10) days' prior written notice in the event of non-payment of premium. The Grantee will also provide the GM with an updated Certificate of Insurance should its insurance coverages renew prior to the Grant Closeout Date. The Government of the District of Columbia may reasonably change the above insurance coverage requirements prior to the Grant Closeout Date by giving Grantee at least 30 days' notice of the change. Grantee must comply, at

Grantee's expense, and deliver to the GM evidence of compliance before the change becomes effective.

- J. **CERTIFICATES OF INSURANCE.** Grantee must send to GM, prior to the Effective Date of the Agreement, certificates of insurance evidencing the required insurance coverage and endorsements required herein. Grantee must also provide the GM with evidence of renewal before the expiration date of each insurance policy. Grantee is responsible for providing the GM with 30 days advanced written notice if the certificate of insurance by the insurer has been canceled, reduced in coverage, or otherwise altered. Certificates of insurance must reference the corresponding Grant ID number. Evidence of insurance shall be submitted to:

**The Government of the District of Columbia**  
**And mailed to the attention of:**  
**Margaret Platek**  
**Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development**  
**Attention: Contracts, Procurement and Grants (Certificates of Insurance)**  
**Email: [dmped.grants@dc.gov](mailto:dmped.grants@dc.gov)**

The GM may request, and Grantee shall promptly deliver updated certificates of insurance, endorsements indicating the required coverages, and/or certified copies of the insurance policies. If the insurance initially obtained by Grantee expires prior to Grant Closeout Date, renewal certificates of insurance and additional insured and other endorsements shall be furnished to the GM prior to the date of expiration of all such initial insurance. For all coverage required to be maintained after completion, an additional certificate of insurance evidencing such coverage shall be submitted to the GM on an annual basis as the coverage is renewed (or replaced).

- K. **DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION.** Grantee agrees that The Government of the District of Columbia may disclose the name and contact information of its insurers to any third party which presents a claim against The Government of the District of Columbia for any damages or claims resulting from or arising out of work performed by Grantee, its agents, employees, servants or subcontractors in the performance of pursuant to the Agreement.
- L. **CARRIER RATINGS.** All Grantee's and its subcontractors' insurance required in connection with the Agreement shall be written by insurance companies with an A.M. Best Insurance Guide rating of at least A- VII or better (or the equivalent by any other rating agency) and licensed in the District of Columbia.
- M. **WARRANTIES.** When applicable, Grantee should be named as an additional insured on the applicable manufacturer's/distributor's Commercial General Liability policy using Insurance Services Office, Inc. ("ISO") form CG 20 15 04 13 (or another occurrence-based form with coverage at least as broad). GM should collect, review for accuracy, and maintain all warranties for goods and services.