

**OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY MAYOR FOR PLANNING AND ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT  
NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY  
FY19 Great Streets Retail Small Business Grant**

**Grant Identification No.: DMPED - GHS – 019-RSBG21**

The Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development welcomes submissions from eligible small businesses seeking to improve their place of business through this capital improvement grant program.

**Purpose:** The purpose of the Great Streets Initiative is to transform certain designated emerging commercial corridors into thriving, walkable, shoppable and inviting neighborhood experiences. The Great Streets Initiative does this by supporting existing businesses, attracting new businesses, increasing the District’s tax base, and creating new job opportunities for District residents.

**Background Information:** The Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development (DMPED) invites the submission of applications for Great Streets Retail Small Business Grants. Pursuant to the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development Limited Grant-Making Authority Amendment Act 2016, effective October 8, 2016 (D.C. Law 21-160; D.C. Official Code § 1-328.04); and from the Economic Development Special Account pursuant to D.C. Official Code §2-1225.21.

**Award:** DMPED will award up **\$3,500,000.00 total** in grants. Maximum request per application is **\$50,000.00**.

**Eligible businesses:** A new or existing small business owner whose business location is either within, and/or plans to move to a Great Street Corridor are eligible (see map at: <http://ht.ly/m90F30cM0bz> ).

**Ineligible businesses:** Adult Entertainment, Auto Body Shops, Financial Institutions, Construction/General Contracting, Home-Based Businesses, Non-Profit Child Development Centers, Hotels, Phone Stores, and Real Estate Development/Property Management Realtor.

Following is a list of the Great Street Corridors:

7 <sup>th</sup> Street/Georgia Ave NW	New York Avenue NE
Connecticut Avenue NW	North Capitol Street NW/NE
Georgia Avenue NW	Pennsylvania Avenue SE
H Street – Bladensburg Road NE	Wisconsin Avenue NW
Minnesota/Benning Road NE	Nannie Helen Burroughs Avenue NE
Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue SE/ South	Rhode Island Avenue NE
Capitol Street SE/SW	U Street/14 <sup>th</sup> Street NW (ADMO/Mt. Pleasant)

For additional eligibility requirements and exclusions, please review the Request for Application (RFA) which will be posted at <http://greatstreets.dc.gov> by **Friday, September 7, 2018**

**Period of Performance:** November 2018 through September 2019.

**Grant Information Sessions:** DMPED will host multiple information and live web chat sessions on the Great Streets Corridors. Once confirmed, details about the information sessions will be posted on the Great Streets website at [www.greatstreets.dc.gov](http://www.greatstreets.dc.gov).

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**Deadline for Electronic Submission:** Applicants must submit a completed online application to DMPED via the MicroEdge system no later than 12 noon EST on **Monday, October 22, 2018**