

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY MAYOR FOR PLANNING AND ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT**

NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY (NOFA)

FY2019 Innovation Accelerator Grant

Grant Identification No.: DMPED – BD019 - 2320

Background Information: The Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development (DMPED) invites the submission of applications for the Innovation Accelerator Grant. Funding for this program is authorized from the Economic Development Special Account, per D.C. Official Code §2-1225.21(d).

Purpose of Grant Program: The purpose of the Innovation Accelerator Grant is to enable entities to develop and manage a program to provide business development and financial support for early stage, DC-based businesses led by underrepresented entrepreneurs, such as people of color, women, LGBTQ individuals, and persons with disabilities. These businesses may be technology, technology-enabled or non-technology businesses.

Length of Award: **Date of grant execution through September 30, 2020.**

Anticipated Number of Awards: DMPED will award 2 or more grants for an aggregate total of \$400,000.00 to manage accelerator programs. Joint ventures (i.e. teams with members from more than one organization) are eligible to apply, but the grants will be disbursed to one organization.

Eligibility Criteria

The successful applicants will have experience with mentoring, training and investing in early stage companies led by underrepresented entrepreneurs. Applicants should be familiar with the local entrepreneurship ecosystem and have a demonstrated commitment to supporting underrepresented entrepreneurs in the Washington, DC region. For-profit corporations and non-profit/tax-exempt corporations (designated by the Internal Revenue Service) will be eligible to apply. Applicants must be authorized to do business in the District of Columbia as required by the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs, and comply with District Certified Business Entity and First Source requirements.

Availability of RFA: The grant application will be released on June 21, 2019. The RFA will be posted on DMPED's website (www.dmped.dc.gov),

Grant Information Sessions: DMPED will host at least one informational session. Once confirmed, details about the informational session(s) will be posted on DMPED's website.

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Deadline for Electronic Submission: Applicants must submit a completed online application to DMPED via the GiftsOnline system by **Monday, July 22, 2019, at 12:00 PM.**

DMPED reserves the right to issue addenda and/or amendments subsequent to the issuance of the NOFA or RFA, or to rescind the NOFA or RFA.