

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

**NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY**

**H STREET, NE SMALL BUSINESS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT GRANTS**

The Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development (DMPED) invites the submission of applications for the H Street, NE Small Business Capital Improvement Grant. Funding for this program is authorized under the "H Street NE Retail Priority Area Incentive Act of 2010," effective April 8, 2011 (D.C. Law 18-354; D.C. Official Code § 1-325.171 et seq.), and as amended by the "H Street NE Retail Priority Area Incentive Amendment Act of 2012," effective September 20, 2012 (D.C. Law 19-168).

**Grant funds purpose and availability:**

The purpose of the H Street, NE Small Business Capital Improvement Grants is to support existing small businesses, attract new businesses, increase the District's tax base, and create new jobs for District residents. DMPED will award individual grants of up to a maximum of \$85,000 each to support and foster growth among small businesses. Grant funds will be utilized to reimburse grantees for capital expenditures to improve the subject property or for the purchase of equipment that will be used onsite.

**Eligible applicants:**

Eligible applicants include (1) small businesses and (2) real estate developers that have secured one or more small business tenant(s) and propose to improve property in preparation for these tenants. *Eligible small businesses and commercial tenants shall not include liquor stores, restaurants, nightclubs, phone stores, or businesses with 20 or more locations in the United States.*

**Eligible applicants must possess all of the following prior to an award being made:**

1. Have direct frontage on the H Street, NE corridor from 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, NE to 15<sup>th</sup> Street, NE (or provide technical assistance to businesses located in this area). Prospective applicants can verify their location eligibility at [greatstreets.dc.gov](http://greatstreets.dc.gov).
2. Be a registered business in Good Standing with the DC Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA), the DC Office of Tax and Revenue (OTR), the DC Department of Employment Services (DOES), and the federal Internal Revenue Service (IRS).
3. Retain site control of the property either through fee simple ownership or an executed contract or lease with the property owner. Grantees must demonstrate site control for at least two years after receiving a grant.

Prior to the execution of a grant agreement, the grantee must enter into a First Source Agreement with DOES. More information about the First Source Program can be found at [does.dc.gov](http://does.dc.gov).

The grant application will be released on **Friday, November 22, 2013**. The grant application will be available on the Great Streets website at [greatstreets.dc.gov](http://greatstreets.dc.gov). Applicants must submit a

completed online application to DMPED by **Monday, February 17, 2014 at 4:00 PM**. Late applications will not be forwarded to the review team.

DMPED will host an informational session on the H Street, NE corridor; once confirmed, details will be posted on the DMPED website at [dcbiz.dc.gov](http://dcbiz.dc.gov) and on the Great Streets website at [greatstreets.dc.gov](http://greatstreets.dc.gov).

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