



NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY (NOFA)

**FY2019 New Communities Initiative
Youth Development and Community Wellness Programs**

Grant Identification No.: **DMPED – NCI - 572818**

Background Information: The District's Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development (ODMPED) invites the submission of applications for the New Communities Initiative, Youth Development and Community Wellness Grants pursuant to 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), as amended, and from the Economic Development Special Account pursuant to D.C. Official Code §2-1225.21.

Purpose of Grant Program: The New Communities Initiative Human Capital Plan requires grantee organizations to provide Community Health and Wellness and Youth Development programs. **Community Health and Wellness programming** shall include a focus on healthy living, and making smart choices related to health and wellness. The program targets seniors (55 years and older) as well as youth (up to age 24). Examples include: health education programs, health screenings and testing, outreach and activities (i.e.: treatment and prevention; healthy food selection, understanding nutrition labels and food preparation, etc.).

Youth Development and/or senior oriented programming will focus on improving the lives and economic opportunities for youth (up to age 24) and seniors (55 years and older). Examples include: financial literacy programs, youth enrichment programs, pre-retirement planning, youth parenting classes, and higher education mentoring programs (i.e. SAT prep., application and financial aid instruction, college preparation etc.).

The target populations for this initiative are head of households and the members of their family in the households, in residing in the designated New Communities areas. The Human Capital Team in the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning & Economic Development (DMPED) will work with grantees to verify prospective clients are eligible for New Communities funded programs/services. These will include existing households and those either temporarily or permanently relocated from:

- Northwest One
- Barry Farm
- Lincoln Heights/Richardson Dwellings
- Park Morton

**Applicants targeting the Lincoln Heights/Richardson Dwellings (Ward 7) New Community with emphasis on prioritizing programming for residents of Richardson Dwellings will receive greater consideration during the review.*

Length of Award:

Date of grant execution through September 30, 2019.

Anticipated Number of Awards:

DMPED will award individual grants of up to a maximum of \$40,000.00. Total funding availability for this grant program is \$240,000.

Eligibility Criteria:

Not-for-Profit organizations that meet all of the following criteria are eligible to apply:

Applicants must meet all of the following conditions:

- Be a community-based or faith-based organization with 501(c)(3) status in hand at time of application with an active board of directors that is familiar with the community to be served;
- Be a registered organization in good standing with the DC Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA), Corporation Division, the Office of Tax and Revenue (OTR), and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and the Department of Employment Services DOES);
- Organization or program that serves District's residents or business owners; and
- Organization is headquartered or program is conducted in the District of Columbia

Preference will be given to applicants who demonstrate:

- A desire to offer programming in Lincoln Heights/Richardson Dwellings with emphasis on Richardson Dwellings;
- Strong evidence of collaboration, partnership, and joint programming with other District Government agencies and community-based organizations;
- Effective cross-cultural community programs and services;
- Organizational capacity to deliver effective programs that address specific needs of the community and fill existing gaps in service delivery;
- Cultural diversity and linguistic competency to work with diverse segments of the District's community, particularly those with limited or no English proficiency;
- Ability to effectively engage and work with culturally and linguistically diverse communities in the District; and
- Proven track record and ability to reach under-served groups within the District.

NOTE: *For organizations that are former and current NCI grantees, NCI staff will evaluate performance under their previous and/or current grant agreement. This includes timely submission of monthly and final close-out reports, site visit reports, and implementation of the program in accordance with the executed grant agreement. ***If your organization has not completed or submitted a final close-out report for a prior year's grant for which programming has ended the organization will be deemed ineligible to apply.***

****Applicants must be current and in good standing with all other funding received from any other District of Columbia agencies.***

Availability of RFA:

The grant application will be released on Friday, December 14, 2018
The RFA will be posted on DMPED's website (www.dmped.dc.gov),
and OPGS District Clearing house at (www.opgs.dc.gov)

Grant Information Sessions:

A Pre-Application Conference will be hosted by DMPED. Prospective applicants that have questions regarding this Request for Applications (RFA) are encouraged to attend the information session. Please be sure to have a Government issued I.D. for entry into the building.

A conference line will also be available during the time of the Information session (see number below). The line will be open at 10:50am until noon.

An Information session will be held: Monday, January 7th, 2019 11am - noon
* 1015 Half Street SE, Suite 675, Washington, DC 20003

Conference line 1: 866-793-8038

Leader: 7322642

Participants: 8466591

If you cannot attend, please feel free to dial in to the conference call.

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Deadline for Electronic Submission: Applicants must submit a completed online application to DMPED via the MicroEdge system by **Wednesday, January 16, 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