

**DEPUTY MAYOR FOR GREATER ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY
OFFICE OF THE WORKFORCE INVESTMENT COUNCIL**

NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY

DC Workforce Intermediary – Targeted Industry Partnership Grant

The DC Workforce Investment Council (WIC) is soliciting applications for performance-based grants to provide workforce services that support District residents in gaining access to work-based learning activities and other career opportunities, as well as ensuring businesses have access to a pipeline of skilled adult workers. Grants will be awarded to providers offering services in one of the following sectors: healthcare, information technology, and/or infrastructure.

The organizations receiving grants under this Request for Applications (RFA) will be responsible for providing services under one program model: (1) work-based learning training for jobseekers that incorporates federally endorsed curricula and credentials and prepares participants for career opportunities in one of the targeted sectors; and (2) support services for the jobseekers participating in industry specific workforce efforts supported through the District, assisting them with employment barriers both during training and after placement in employment. Grantees will work in partnership with DC Department of Employment Services (DOES), and will provide intake, tracking, and placement services to assist employers in identifying skilled workers.

The WIC convened group consisting of representatives from employers, labor unions, industry associations, and DOES that help guide the efforts of grantee(s) under this solicitation; and working to incorporate the Committee's feedback to improve program services and partnerships. In addition, funded providers will be responsible for participating in quarterly Industry Sector meetings

Funds must be used solely for the purposes noted above and further specified in this solicitation's forthcoming RFA, and will not be disbursed until grantee(s) achieve required performance outcomes.

Eligibility: Organizations, or multiple organizations in partnership, that are eligible to apply for this grant include public or private organizations with demonstrated effectiveness in providing the requested services and meeting the employment needs of the target population, including, but not limited to:

- Non-profit, community, or faith-based organizations;
- Institutions of higher education;
- Trade associations or chambers of commerce;
- Targeted industry employers (provided they are willing to place participants with other industry employers);
- Private, for-profit service providers; or
- Labor unions or labor-management partnerships.

Additionally, to be eligible to receive funds under this solicitation, an organization must be current on all taxes and liabilities owed to the District, and must be in good fiscal standing.

Length of Award: Date of execution through September 30, 2017, with an option for one (1) renewal year depending on grantee performance, and at the sole discretion of the WIC.
Available Funding: The amount of funding available for this award is up to \$115, 955.83 per grantee in total. Funding for this award is contingent on continued fiscal year 2018 appropriations and their approval by Congress; as well as availability of funds. This notice does not commit the WIC to make an award. Total Funding availability for the Targeted industry Partnership Grant \$347,867.50.

Anticipated Number of Awards: The WIC anticipates making up to six (6) awards under this RFA.

Application Process: The RFA will be released on February 28, 2017. The RFA will be posted on the District's Grant Clearinghouse Website at <http://opgs.dc.gov/page/opgs-district-grants-clearinghouse>. All applications must be submitted online by following the links and instructions posted to this website.

An information meeting on the RFA will be held on March 3, 2017 at 2 p.m. at the Workforce Investment Council, located at 2235 Shannon Place SE Suite 3031, Washington, DC 20020. Attendance is strongly encouraged.

For additional information, contact LaToyia Hampton, Grants Manager of the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development, at Latoyia.hampton@dc.gov.

All questions concerning this RFA must be submitted in writing via electronic mail to Anika.holmes@dc.gov.

The deadline for submission is 3:00PM EST, Friday, March 17, 2017.