

**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT
NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY**

2021 Green Zone Environmental Program - Watershed Protection Projects

The Department of Energy and Environment (the Department) seeks eligible entities to develop projects that will provide District youth and young adults, ages 14-24, participating in the Green Zone Environmental Program (GZEP), a summer workforce development program, with education and training focused on improving water quality, establishing or deepening participants' connection to the environment, and provide skills for entry-level jobs in the green economy. In addition, projects should raise awareness and lead to behavior change on issues of water quality and the impacts of stormwater runoff on District water bodies. The amount available for the project is approximately \$60,000. An applicant may apply for up to \$20,000.

Beginning 2/26/2021, the full text of the Request for Applications (RFA) will be available on the Department's website. A person may obtain a copy of this RFA by any of the following means:

Download from the Department's website, www.doe.dc.gov. Select the *Resources* tab. Cursor over the pull-down list and select *Grants and Funding*. On the new page, cursor down to this RFA. Click on *Read More* and download this RFA and related information from the *Attachments* section.

Email a request to GZEP2021.watershedprojects@dc.gov with "Request copy of RFA 2021-2109-WPD" in the subject line.

The deadline for application submissions is April 9, 2021, at 11:59 p.m. A complete electronic copy must be e-mailed to GZEP2021.watershedprojects@dc.gov with a time stamp before the due date and time.

An informational conference call and opportunity for question and answers will be held on March 10, 2021 from 1p.m-2p.m. Information on the conference call will be featured in the RFA and on the Department's website on February 26, 2021.

Eligibility: All the checked institutions below may apply for these grants:

- Nonprofit organizations, including those with IRS 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(4) determinations;
- Faith-based organizations;
- Government agencies;
- Universities/educational institutions; and
- Private Enterprises.

For additional information regarding this RFA, write to: GZEP2021.watershedprojects@dc.gov.