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Office of Youth Programs
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**Marion S. Barry Summer Youth Employment
Program(MBSYEP)
Youth Pathways to STEM Grant**

Request for Applications (RFA)

RFA No.: 2026-DOES-Youth Pathways to STEM

RFA Issue Date	March 31, 2026
Closing Date and Time	April 29, 2026
Submission	Application submission deadline: <i>Applications shall be submitted electronically through the Grants Management Portal, click here:</i> https://dcdoesgrants.gvgrantcloud.com/account/announcements Paper Applications will not be accepted
Pre-Application Conference	A virtual pre-application conference will be held on April 13, 2026, at 2:00 pm. (Please email OGAGRANTS@dc.gov if you will be attending the pre-application meeting.)

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LATE OR INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

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SECTION 1: APPLICATION CHECKLIST

1.1 In addition to the narrative responses in Section 7, applicants must upload the documents listed below directly to the online application portal. These documents are used to verify that an applicant organization is eligible to receive grant funds from the District of documents, information, and attestations will be deemed non-responsive and will not be eligible for award. False attestations or documentation may result in forfeiture of the grant and other penalties, as appropriate.

(a)	<u>Certificate of Clean Hands</u> : Each applicant must submit a current Certificate of Clean Hands from the District of Columbia Office of Tax and Revenue (OTR). A Certificate of Clean Hands can be requested via OTR’s online portal, https://mytax.dc.gov/ . DOES requires that the submitted Certificate of Clean Hands reflect a date within a 30-day period immediately preceding the application’s submission. Self-Certification and Certificates of Good Standing will not be accepted.	<input type="checkbox"/>
(b)	Documentation that the grantee has legal status (i.e., <u>Current Business License</u> , nonprofit incorporation, etc.) to conduct business within the District of Columbia.	<input type="checkbox"/>
(c)	<u>IRS Tax-Exempt Determination Letter</u> (for nonprofits only)	<input type="checkbox"/>
(d)	<u>IRS 990 Form</u> from most recent tax year (for nonprofits only)	<input type="checkbox"/>
(e)	IRS W-9 Form: If the applicant is not a current vendor (receiving funding) from DOES, submit a completed W-9 form. The form can found at https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw9.pdf	<input type="checkbox"/>
(f)	Copy of most recent and complete set of audited financial statements. If audited financial statements have never been prepared due to the size or newness of an organization, the Applicant must provide, at a minimum, an Organizational Budget, an Income Statement (or Profit and Loss Statement), and a Balance Sheet certified by an authorized representative of the organization, and any letters, filings, etc. submitted to the IRS within the three (3) years before the date of the grant application.	<input type="checkbox"/>
(g)	General Terms and Conditions (Attachment A is complete and signed)	<input type="checkbox"/>
(h)	Applicant Assurances, Certifications & Disclosures (Attachment B is complete and signed)	<input type="checkbox"/>
(i)	Non-Disclosure Agreement (Attachment C is complete and signed)	<input type="checkbox"/>

(j)	Relationship Disclosure Statement (Attachment D is complete and signed)	<input type="checkbox"/>
(k)	DC Contribution and Solicitation Certification (Attachment E is complete and signed)	<input type="checkbox"/>
(l)	Insurance Affidavit (Attachment H is complete and signed) – See Attachment G for minimum insurance limits required.	<input type="checkbox"/>
(m)	System for Award Management (SAM) with Federal Government: The Applicant must be registered in the System for Award Management at www.sam.gov and provide evidence of this registration as part of its application package to DOES.	<input type="checkbox"/>
(n)	List of Board of Directors’ members and positions	<input type="checkbox"/>
(o)	List of Partners and Affiliations, as relevant	<input type="checkbox"/>
(p)	Resumes for Key and Essential Staff	<input type="checkbox"/>
(q)	Organizational Chart	<input type="checkbox"/>
(r)	Completed Table Identifying Past Grants and Contracts as set forth in Section 7.5.	<input type="checkbox"/>
(s)	Itemized Budget	<input type="checkbox"/>
(t)	Proof of Occupancy	<input type="checkbox"/>

SECTION 2: GENERAL INFORMATION

2.1 Introduction

2.1.1 The District of Columbia Department of Employment Services (DOES) issues this Request for Applications (RFA) for the 2026 MBSYEP Youth Pathways to STEM Grant.

2.2 Agency Contact

2.2.1 For additional information regarding this grant competition, please contact:

Vanessa Black
 Department of Employment Services
 Office of Grant Administration and Resource Allocation (OGARA)
 Email: OGAGrants@dc.gov

2.3 Key Dates

Notice of Funding Announcement Date	March 13, 2026
Request for Application Release Date	March 27, 2026
Pre-Application Conference Date	April 13, 2026
Application Submission Deadline	April 29, 2026
Award Selection Notice Date	TBD
Anticipated Award Start Date	TBD

2.4 Grantmaking Authority

- 2.4.1 DOES is authorized to issue this grant pursuant to Section 2 of the “Workforce Job Development Grant-Making Authority Act of 2012” effective April 23, 2013 (D.C. Law 19-269; D.C. Code § 1-328.05).
- 2.4.2 DOES reserves the right without prior notice, to reduce or cancel one or more programs listed in this Request for Applications (RFA). DOES reserves the right to reject all applications, adjust the total available funds or cancel the RFA in part or whole. Funding levels for the total program and budget amounts of individual awards shall be contingent upon continued receipt of funding by DOES, as well as any reduction, elimination or reallocation of funds by a federal grantor, the Executive Office of the Mayor (EOM) and/or DOES. Any adjustments shall be in accordance with authorizing legislation for the use of funds, all D.C. Municipal Regulations for grant-making and the applicable federal and DOES terms of agreement.

2.5 Overview

- 2.5.1 DOES connects District of Columbia (District) residents, job seekers, and employers to opportunities and resources that empower fair, safe, and effective working communities. DOES provides a range of programs and services to jobseekers, including job development, job search assistance, self-directed job search, vocational training, apprenticeship, unemployment insurance, transitional employment, and referrals to supportive services and educational programs.

The Office of Youth Programs (OYP) develops and administers workforce development programs for District youth. OYP provides occupational skills training, work experience, academic enrichment and life skills training to facilitate the development of work habits and skills that are essential for success in the workplace.

DOES, through OYP, is seeking applications for the District’s Marion Barry Summer Youth Employment Program (MBSYEP) Youth Pathways to STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) Grant. The MBSYEP Youth Pathways to STEM Grant will provide District youth who are interested in becoming STEM professionals with a 6-week learning experience that includes 5-weeks of in-person career exploration and 1-week dedicated to visiting universities across the country to experience student life in a STEM-related major.

SECTION 3: AWARD INFORMATION

3.1 Total Amount of Funding to be Awarded

3.1.1 Up to \$150,000.00 is available in total for awards through this RFA.

3.2 Anticipated Number of Awards

3.2.1 DOES intends to issue up to one (1) grant award.

3.2.2 The maximum amount of grant award funding that can be applied for is based on how many participants the applicant projects to serve and for how long.

3.3 Performance and Funding Period

3.3.1 The MBSYEP Youth Pathways to STEM Grant will operate from date of award to September 30, 2026.

3.3.2 DOES reserves the right to exercise single option years up to three additional years beyond the original period of performance contingent upon grantee performance and available funding.

3.4 Source of Funding

3.4.1 The MBSYEP Youth Pathways to STEM Grant is funded 100% through local funds from District of Columbia appropriations.

3.4.2 Funding for grant awards is contingent on availability of funds. This RFA does not commit DOES to make a grant award. DOES maintains the right to adjust the number of grant awards and grant award amounts based on funding availability and quality of the applications. Grant funds shall only be used to support activities specifically outlined in the scope of this RFA.

3.5 Anti-Deficiency Considerations

3.5.1 Grantees must acknowledge and agree that the commitment to fulfill financial obligations of any kind pursuant to any and all provisions of a grant award, or any subsequent award shall remain subject to the provisions of (i) the federal Anti-Deficiency Act, 31 U.S.C. §§1341, 1342, 1349, 1351, (ii) the District of Columbia Anti-Deficiency Act, D.C. Official Code §§ 47-355.01-355.08 (2001), (iii) D.C. Official Code § 47-105 (2001), and (iv) D.C. Official Code § 1-204.46, as the foregoing statutes may be amended from time to time, regardless of whether a particular obligation has been expressly so conditioned.

SECTION 4: BACKGROUND & PURPOSE

4.1 Background

In Washington, D.C., there are numerous opportunities for high-achieving youth, but there is also a significant gap in college readiness. Many students in the District come from lower-income households and face obstacles like limited access to college preparatory resources, inadequate guidance on the admissions process, or a lack of college role models. According to recent data, students of color, particularly Black and Latino youth, are underrepresented at many top-tier institutions, and they are often less likely to apply to colleges outside of their immediate geographic area.

4.2 Purpose

The purpose of the MBSYEP Youth Pathways to STEM Grant is to provide District youth ages 16-18 who are interested in becoming STEM professionals with a 6-week learning experience that includes 5-weeks of in-person career exploration and 1-week dedicated to visiting universities across the country to experience student life in STEM-related majors.

SECTION 5: ELIGIBILITY

5.1 Eligibility Requirements

- 5.1.1 Applicants shall meet all applicable eligibility requirements listed in this RFA. Applications that do not meet the eligibility requirements will be considered unresponsive and will not be considered for funding under this RFA.
- 5.1.2 Eligible applicants include public and private non-profit and for-profit organizations eligible to do business with the District government, including but not limited to community-based organizations, faith-based organizations, Public, charter, or alternative secondary schools and post-secondary institutions.
- 5.1.3 Applicants must be current on payment of all federal and District taxes, including Unemployment Insurance and Paid Family Leave taxes and Workers' Compensation premiums. Applicants cannot be listed on any federal or local excluded parties' lists.

5.2 Experience Requirements

- 5.2.1 Applicants must have demonstrated experience and qualifications delivering high quality, structured and specialized workforce development training responsive to this RFA, including:
 - (a) A background in education, youth services, or a related field. This includes experience working directly with students, particularly in high school settings; and
 - (b) Demonstrated effectiveness providing the requested services and meeting the needs of the target population.

SECTION 6: SCOPE OF WORK/PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

6.1 Target Population to be Served

- 6.1.1 OYP shall identify participants that will participate in the MBSYEP Youth Pathways to STEM Grant who are:
- (a) Between the ages of 16 and 18 years old;
 - (b) Current MBSYEP and Marion Barry Youth Leadership Institute (MBYLI) participants; and
 - (c) Enrolled in high school or homeschooled, with a strong academic record and demonstrated commitment to pursuing higher education.

6.2 Location of Services

- 6.2.1 With the exception of the week-long college-tour, the Youth Pathways to STEM Program shall be provided in-person in the District of Columbia at a location with a metro station or a bus stop within a 3-block radius.
- 6.2.2 Applicants shall provide legal proof of ownership or occupancy. Adequate proof of ownership or occupancy that may be submitted includes the following:
- (a) Certificate of Occupancy issued by the District of Columbia; and
 - (b) Fully executed building lease or rental agreement that is current and valid; or
 - (c) Signed approval letter and building use agreement from D.C Public Schools; or
 - (d) Signed approval letter and a permit from the D.C. Department of Parks and Recreation.
- 6.2.3 Grantee must submit written notice of any site changes within 24 hours of the proposed change. DOES must approve any site changes prior to the proposed change.

6.3 Scope of Services

- 6.3.1 The Youth Pathways to STEM Program shall take place over six (6) weeks from June 29, 2026 – August 7, 2026.
- 6.3.2 The Grantee shall serve 20 participants throughout the six (6) week program.
- 6.3.3 The Program shall include the following core program requirements:
- (a) **Orientation:** The program will commence with an in-person orientation session to familiarize students with the program’s expectations, guidelines, and code of conduct.
 - (b) **Training and Internships:** The program shall provide 5-weeks of in-person career exploration and internships. The grantee is responsible for ensuring internship placements and providing professional development workshop training

and/or college planning sessions in STEM fields such as Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics. This will provide participants with practical experience and exposure to various aspects of the STEM industry.

- (c) **College Tours:** Over the course of the 6-week program, one (1) week must be dedicated to visiting universities, both in the region and out-of-state, to experience student life in STEM-related majors in accordance with this section. Participants will get to know the history and the admissions process of the undergraduate school.
- (d) **Documentation and Media:** The program, especially the college tour experience, shall be documented through video and picture to capture the highlights and memorable moments of the program.

6.3.4 Provision of all necessary resources for a successful college tour week shall include:

- (a) Travel arrangements (e.g. bus transportation or flights) so long as no more than 3 days of the week are spent traveling;
- (b) Overnight hotel accommodations;
- (c) Confirmation of campus tours at the colleges or universities;
- (d) Career networking activities at or near the colleges or universities;
- (e) Meals and snacks each day;
- (f) Writing materials (e.g. pens, notebook);
- (g) Educational resources (e.g. books, brochure); and
- (h) Program swag to foster a sense of community and pride.

6.3.5 College Tour - The college tour shall include tours/visits to a minimum of four (4) and a maximum of six (6) of the following colleges or universities:

- (i) Florida A & M University
- (ii) Georgia Institute of Technology
- (iii) North Carolina A & T State University
- (iv) Spelman University
- (v) Temple University
- (vi) University of Michigan
- (vii) Xavier University

6.4 Staffing Requirements

6.4.1 Grantee shall employ adequate administrative, professional, and paraprofessional staff to meet the specifications of the scope of work and shall maintain documentation that staff possesses adequate training and continued competence to perform the duties they have been assigned.

6.4.2 Grantee shall travel with and accompany participants on the college tour.

6.4.3 Grantee shall implement a staffing plan that ensures an adult to participant ratio of 1:8.

- 6.4.4 Staff who have direct contact with participants shall have background checks completed, compliant with the *Criminal Background Checks for the Protection of Children Act of 2004* (D.C. Code § 4-1501.01 *et seq.*).
- 6.4.5 Grantees must have at least one (1) local, certified mandated reporter for each physical site serving youth.
- 6.4.6 At least two (2) staff per physical site serving youth must have Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and First Aid training. All staff must be aware of the location of the trained CPR personnel on-site.

6.5 Reporting and Deliverables

- 6.5.1 Grantees will be required to collect, track, and report information on all grant activities, services provided, and individuals served.
- 6.5.2 The required program reports are described below and shall be submitted in accordance with the timeline and method below:

Table 1. Reporting

Items	Reports	Quantity	Format and Method of Delivery	Due Date
Item 1	Attendance Sheets	1	Via email	Weekly/Friday by 3:00pm
Item 2	Monthly Program Report	1	Via email	Monthly by the 10th of the subsequent month
Item 3	Status Report (OGARA)	1	Via Grant Management System	Monthly by the 10th of the subsequent month
Item 4	Expenditure Report (OGARA)	1	Via Grant Management System	Monthly by the 10th of the subsequent month
Item 5	Close out/Final Report	1	Via Grant Management System	30 days after grant end date
Item 6	LEP/NEP Report	1	Via email	Quarterly

- 6.5.3 The monthly report will cover course topics covered, attendance rate, certification status, and any participant highlights/challenges and career exploration activities conducted. A template will be provided.
- 6.5.4 Any reports generated are the sole property of DOES. The grantee must receive prior written permission from DOES, in order to use or disclose any report or its contents.

6.5.5 A summary of all deliverables including quantity, formats, and deadlines are included in the table below. Each deliverable shall be submitted to the Grant Administrator within the due date timeline specified below. Upon award, the executed Grant Agreement will contain a finalized deliverable table.

Table 2. Deliverables

Items	Deliverables	Quantity	Format and Method of Delivery	Due Date
Item 1	Curriculum Submission, Detailed Budget Submission and Review	1	In-Person/Virtua 1	One (1) Weeks after Award
Item 2	Letter confirming all college/university school tours	1	Via Email	June 5, 2026
Item 3	Host Application	1	Via Email	Within 5 Days of Award
Item 4	Host Orientation	1	In-Person	Within 5 Days of Award
Item 5	Pre-Site Visit	1	In-Person	May 22, 2026
Item 6	Background Check	All Host Sites	Via email	May 29, 2026
Item 7	Career roadmap for each participant that aligns with their track	1	Excel; Via Email	Completion of the program
Item 8	Curriculum Submission, Detailed Budget Submission and Review	1	In-Person/Virtua 1	One (1) Weeks after Award
Item 9	Airline Ticket, Bus and/or Train	TBD	Via Email	TBD
Item 10	Hotel Room	TBD	Via Email	TBD
Item 11	Gift Card/Voucher	Gift Card	Via Email	TBD
Item 12	Final Report	1	Via Email	By September 30, 2026

6.5.6 All final program deliverables must be submitted to DOES within the timeframe above but no later than the last day of the period of performance.

6.6 Data Collection

6.6.1 Grantee shall collect data regarding contact with Limited English Proficient (LEP) and Non-English Proficient (NEP) participants and report this data to DOES Language Access Coordinator on a form approved by DOES on a quarterly basis.

- 6.6.2 Grantee shall collect and report statistical information as requested by DOES, including individual-level data on enrollment, youth demographics, specific services provided, and participation in workshops and other program specific related activities and outcomes.

6.7 Evaluation and Monitoring

- 6.7.1 Grantee will be required to participate in ongoing monitoring and evaluation activities led by DOES designated evaluator. These may include technical/virtual site visits, surveys, interviews, focus groups, administrative records review, and other data collection and evaluation strategies.

SECTION 7: APPLICATION COMPONENTS

7.1 Application Profile

- 7.1.1 Each application must include an Application Profile, which identifies the applicant type of organization, program service area and the amount of the funds requested.

7.2 Applicant Summary

- 6.2.1 Each application must include an Application Summary. This section of the application must summarize how the organization will implement the project in service of the goal and objectives.

7.3 Staffing Plan

- 7.3.1 The staffing plan should describe staff organization for the program, the proposed staff ratio and provide narrative descriptions for key staff, including number of hours per week, job responsibilities, and qualifications. The plan should clearly indicate which staff positions will need to be hired.

7.4 Project Narrative

- 7.4.1 The applicant must provide a full description of the program and how it will accomplish the how the applicant will successfully achieve the goals of the grant. Furthermore, this section should discuss the process the applicant will use to meet all the requirements set forth in Section 5. The program narrative shall include:
- (a) Organizational Profile
 - (i) State the mission of your organization.
 - (ii) Describe the history of your organization (year founded and by whom) and its size (total organization budget and staff).
 - (iii) Describe the experience your organization and staff have to deliver the proposed program.
 - (iv) Describe your organization's experience providing college readiness and preparation to high school youth.

- (v) Describe your experience of traveling with high school and college youth on overnight college tour visits.
- (vi) Describe your experience providing career development training, professional development, and networking opportunities in the STEM field for both high school and college students.
- (b) Participant Profile
 - (i) Describe your experience working with the targeted population. Detail the program team, tenure, experience, and connection with the community, and how the program personnel are best suited to implement serve the target population.
 - (ii) Describe the anticipated challenges and the strategies to overcome them
 - (iii) Describe where the program will be located, provide the address and discuss how your partnership with the proposed school and demonstrate presence or ability to provide services in that Ward.
- (c) Program Description
 - (i) Identify and describe how your organization will deliver the high-quality, structured program responsive to the requirements outlined in this RFA.
 - (ii) Describe the curriculum the organization intends to use within the proposed program which shall include five weeks of career pathway planning, soft skills training and development, professional development training, coaching, and mentorship, access to industry-recognized credentials, and a one-week college tour and career networking.
 - (iii) Describe how your organization will provide relevant internship opportunities in STEM settings to participants.
 - (iv) Describe the proposed site where program activities will be carried out.
 - (v) Describe how your program has historically provided relevant programming and services.

7.5 Past Performance

7.5.1 Identify District agencies from which the Applicant has received funding as a contractor, grantee, partner, subcontractor or subgrantee in the past three years by completing the table in “Attachment F” of the application.

Grant or Contract Title	District Agency and point of contact	The grant number(s), contract number(s), or other identifier(s)	The amount(s) paid	What was accomplished as a result of the funding	Briefly describe each dispute, investigation, and/or audit, if any, related to any of these District grants or contracts.

7.5.2 If the applicant would like to submit a past performance form, applicants are welcome to use the template in “Attachment I” (Past Performance) as additional supporting documentation.

7.6 Itemized Budget and Budget Narrative

7.6.1 All applicants must submit an itemized budget and a budget narrative for all funds requested. The budget narrative should serve as an independent document that clearly outlines all proposed expenditures for the grant. Budget narratives must detail how funds will be expended towards the program. All costs must be reasonable and necessary to carry out the grant objectives. The budget shall include a lunch and snack for Participants on a daily basis.

7.6.2 The budget section should also contain assurances that no funds received as a result of this grant will be used to supplant any formula funds dedicated towards the targeted population, administrative efforts, or other regularly occurring activities.

7.6.3 The itemized budget can include the following budget items, as outlined in the budget section of the online application.

- (a) Personnel
- (b) Fringe
- (c) Equipment
- (d) Materials & Supplies
- (e) Contractual Services
- (f) Travel
- (g) Other Direct Costs
- (h) Indirect Costs

7.6.4 Grant funds awarded must be applied to direct program costs such as program staff salary and benefits, program supplies and materials, student engagement activities, program evaluation, staff time and expenses related to procuring background checks, staff time related to data entry, reporting, accounting costs when related to program expenses, and cleaning supplies. The Nonprofit Fair Compensation Act of 2020, D.C. Law 23-185, Subchapter XI-A, allows any grantee to apply a federal Negotiated Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (NICRA) to the grant funds and approved budget. If a grantee does not have a NICRA, the de-minimums indirect rate is 15%.

7.6.5 Subcontracting for the delivery of any of the core implementation requirements is prohibited unless approved by DOES.

7.6.6 Grant funds may not be used for any of the following activities: Any program other than the one described in the application; alcohol of any kind; bad debts; contingencies; -09indemnity insurance; self-insurance; retirement or pension plans; post-retirement benefits; legal expenses or professional service costs; land or building purchases or

capital improvements; purchase of vehicles; food or beverages for staff, board, or volunteers; interest on loans; fines and penalties; fundraising or grant-writing; investment management costs or fees; membership to lobbying organizations or activities; direct gifts to lobbying campaigns; public relations of the organization (e.g., displays, ads, exhibits, conventions, travel); faith-based activities; staff or board bonuses, and/or staff, volunteer, or board incentives; re-granting (also known as sub-granting unless approved by the DOES); subcontracting (unless approved by the DOES); and payment, sales tax or other excepted taxes, or fees to any government agencies except as may be needed to comply with the District of Columbia’s Criminal Background Check policy.

SECTION 8: REVIEW AND SCORING OF THE APPLICATION

8.1 Review Panel

A review panel will be composed of a minimum of three individuals who have been selected for their unique experience and expertise in workforce and business development, data analysis, evaluation of programs and past performance, and social services planning and implementation. The review panel will review, score, and rank each application using the Technical Rating Scale in Table 3 against the established Scoring Criteria in Table 4.

8.2 Technical Rating Scale

Indicators have been developed for each review criterion to assist the applicant in presenting pertinent information related to that criterion and to provide the reviewer with a standard for evaluation. The five review criteria are outlined below.

Table 3: Technical Rating Scale

Numeric Rating	Adjective	Description
0	Unacceptable	Fails to meet minimum requirements, (e.g., no demonstrated capacity); major deficiencies which are not correctable; Applicant did not address the factor
1	Poor	Marginally meets minimum requirements; major deficiencies which may be correctable
2	Minimally Acceptable	Marginally meets minimum requirements; minor deficiencies which may be correctable
3	Acceptable	Meets requirements; no deficiencies
4	Good	Meets requirements and exceeds some requirements; no deficiencies.
5	Excellent	Exceeds most, if not all, requirements; no deficiencies.

The technical rating is a weighting mechanism that will be applied to the point value for each scoring criterion to determine the applicant’s score for each criterion. The applicant’s total technical score will be determined by adding the applicant’s score in each scoring criterion. For example, if a scoring criterion has a point value range of zero (0) to forty (40) points, using the

Technical Rating Scale above, and the District evaluates the applicant’s response as “Good,” then the score for that criterion is 4/5th of 40 points or 32 points.

8.3 Scoring Criteria

The review panel will review all applications that pass an initial internal checklist of required application components. Responsive applications will be evaluated strictly in accordance with the requirements stated in this RFA.

Each reviewer will independently review and objectively score applications against the specific scoring criteria outlined in Table 2, based on a 100-point scale.

- Organization Profile 10 points
- Participant Profile 20 points
- Program Description 40 points
- Past Performance 15 points
- Budget and Budget Narrative 15 points

Table 4: Scoring Criteria

ITEM	SCORING CRITERIA	Pts.
1	Organization Profile	10
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The extent to which the applicant has stated the mission of the organization. • The extent to which the applicant has described the history of the organization (year founded and by whom) and its size (budget and staff). • The extent to which the applicant has demonstrated that its staff is well equipped with the knowledge, skills and abilities necessary to effectively deliver the proposed program. • The extent to which the applicant has demonstrated experience working with the targeted population. • The extent to which the applicant described the organization’s experience providing college readiness and preparation to high school youth. • The extent to which the applicant described the organization’s experience of traveling with high school and college youth on overnight college tour visits. • The extent to which the applicant described the organization’s experience providing career development training, professional development, and networking opportunities in the STEM field for both high school and college students. 	
2	Participant Profile	20
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The number of participants that will serve under this grant. • The extent to which the applicant has described the anticipated challenges and strategies to overcome them. • The extent to which the applicant has described where the program will be located, the partnership with the proposed school and demonstrated presence or ability to provide services in that Ward. 	
3	Program Description	40

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The extent to which the applicant has described its proposed plan to deliver the high-quality, structured program responsive to the requirements outlined in this RFA. Detail the program(s) and daily activities for the first five weeks and the plan for the week of the college tour. • The extent to which the applicant has provided a description of how it will deliver high quality, structured workforce development training in response to this RFA. • The extent to which the applicant describes curriculum the organization intends to use within the proposed program. • The extent to which the applicant describes planned field trips or special projects and the objective(s) they will address. • The extent to which the applicant describes relevant internship opportunities in finance settings to participants. • The extent to which the applicant describes how the program has historically provided relevant programming and services 	
4	Past Performance	15
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The extent to which the applicant has provided prior performance data highlighting prior success in accomplishing the goals outlined in the RFA. • The extent to which the applicant has provided prior program evaluations or reviews that highlight prior success in accomplishing the goals outlined in the RFA. • The extent to which the applicant was a grantee successfully providing pathways to finance or healthcare for MBSYEP in the past two years in the District of Columbia. 	
5	Budget and Budget Narrative	15
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The extent to which the applicant provides a clear explanation of how the budget amount is derived. • The extent to which the applicant has allocated the funds (i.e., salaries, supplies, training materials, etc.). 	
TOTAL POINTS		100

SECTION 9: APPLICATION SUBMISSION

9.1 Application Submission

- 9.1.1 In order to be considered for funding, complete applications and attachments must be received electronically via the grant management system - <https://dcdoesgrants.gvgrantcloud.com/account/announcements> no later than the deadline listed on the front cover of this RFA. **Applications submitted after 3:00 p.m. April 27, 2026, will not be considered.**
- 9.1.2 To register for the grant management system, please visit: <https://dcdoesgrants.gvgrantcloud.com/account/register>.
- 9.1.3 For technical support, please email OGAgrants@dc.gov.

9.2 Pre-Application Conference

- 9.2.1 DOES will host a virtual information session to provide an overview and answer questions related to the RFA. The virtual pre-application conference will be held on April

13, 2026, at 2:00 pm. Please email OGAgrants@dc.gov if you will be attending the pre-application meeting to receive the meeting invite link.

SECTION 10: AWARD ADMINISTRATION

10.1 Notification

- 10.1.1 Each Applicant, whether successful or unsuccessful, will receive notification of the final decision on the application. Letters of notification or any other correspondence addressing selection for award do not provide authorization to begin the program.
- 10.1.2 Applicants that are selected for funding may be required to respond in a satisfactory manner to conditions that may be placed on the application before funding can proceed. DOES may enter into negotiations with an Applicant and adopt a firm funding amount or other revision of the application that may result from negotiations.
- 10.1.3 The NOGA sets forth the amount of funds granted, the terms and conditions of the award, the effective date of the award, the budget period for which initial support will be given, and the total program period for which support is awarded. The NOGA shall be signed by the DOES Director or designee. The NOGA will be sent to the Applicant's contact that is authorized to sign the NOGA and reflects the only authorizing document. The NOGA will be sent prior to the start date and a meeting between Grantee and DOES will occur shortly after the NOGA is fully executed. All awardees will be held to a minimum level of effort to effectively execute the grant and meet the designated goals and deliverables outlined in this RFA. More specifics on the "minimum level of effort" will be specified in the NOGA.

10.2 Reimbursement

- 10.2.1 The Government of the District of Columbia shall make payments on reimbursement requests in accordance with the terms outlined in the Notice of Grant Agreement (NOGA). Payments will be made via the District Integrated Financial System (DIFS).

10.3 Appeal

- 10.3.1 An applicant may appeal a non-responsiveness determination or a grant award selection.
- 10.3.2 To ensure a fair and equitable appeals process, all appeals will be reviewed and decided **solely** by the DOES General Counsel. Appeals must be in writing and addressed to: DOES General Counsel, 4058 Minnesota Avenue NE, Suite #4311, Washington DC 20019. Appeals may also be submitted via email to doesappeals@dc.gov with the subject heading "Appeal of Grant Award Selection" or "Appeal of Non-Responsiveness Determination". Appeals of the grant award selection must be received by the General Counsel within two business days of the award selection notice or the responsiveness determination.

- 10.3.3 If an applicant communicates with program staff regarding an appeal, the appeal may be dismissed with prejudice, and the applicant may be precluded from consideration for future grant opportunities.
- 10.3.4 Appeals must contain the basis for the appeal request and identify any factors that oppose the grant award selection or the responsiveness determination. Additional information not included within the original submitted application will not be considered during the appeal process, unless specifically requested by the DOES General Counsel.
- 10.3.5 For an appeal of grant award selection, the appeal process will consider the submitted application, and the applications of the grantees selected.
- 10.3.6 For an appeal of a non-responsive determination, the appeal process will consider the submitted application and the responsiveness determination.
- 10.3.7 The DOES General Counsel may coordinate a meeting to address the appeal. The General Counsel will issue a written appeal decision. The decision of the General Counsel may only be overturned by the DOES Director.

SECTION 11: POST-AWARD REQUIREMENTS

11.1 Grantee Requirements

- 11.1.1 If an applicant is awarded the grant and accepts the grant award by signing the Notice of Grant Award (NOGA), the requirements in this section are in effect.
- 11.1.2 Grantee must complete the activities as described in the application for which the grantee was funded. Any deviations should be made in writing for review and approval by the OYP, prior to being implemented.
- 11.1.3 Grantee shall sign up to be a 2026 MBSYEP volunteer host.
- 11.1.4 Grantee shall conduct an In-Person/Virtual meeting 14 days before travel to include participants, parents, guardians/families to ensure alignment and address any questions.
- 11.1.5 Grantee shall conduct a check-in meeting 7 days before travel to prepare participants for the tour.
- 11.1.6 All college locations and schedules must be approved in writing by OYP prior to travel.
- 11.1.7 Grantee shall attend a mandatory in-person orientation for youth and parents in partnership with DOES OYP prior to the start of the program.

- 11.1.8 Grantee shall conduct survey of participant and parent or guardian regarding satisfaction of program. Survey must be approved by DOES prior to administering the survey.
- 11.1.9 Grantee shall attend a kickoff meeting with DOES OYP staff to discuss onboarding and information that will allow Grantee to be successful in executing the program.
- 11.1.10 Grantees shall ensure that all staff that are working with participants, leading all classes/sessions with participants, and chaperoning participants on college tour have successful completion of Host Background Checks pursuant to the *Criminal Background Checks for the Protection of Children Act of 2004* (D.C. Code § 4-1501.01 *et seq.* (2011)),.
- 11.1.11 Grantee shall participate in monthly meetings. During these meetings vendor performance, administrative issues and participant highlights/challenges will be discussed.
- 11.1.12 Grantee shall submit weekly progress reports to track each participant's performance and attendance.
- 11.1.13 Grantee shall work with each participant to develop a career road map based on the participant's track.
- 11.1.14 Grantee shall submit a final report detailing the program's success and highlights, areas for improvement and must include the participant's written professional road map which shall include S.M.A.R.T goals detailing how they will meet their desired professional goals in the future.

11.2 Pre-Program Requirements

- 11.2.1 Prior to the start of the program, Grantee must successfully complete and provide supporting documentation, as applicable:
 - (a) DOES Orientation;
 - (b) Pre-Program Site Visit;
 - (c) All DOES mandatory meetings;
 - (d) Background Checks;
 - (e) Program Training(s) (if applicable);
 - (f) Program Timeline (Approved by OYP)
 - (g) Security Awareness Training(s) (if applicable);
 - (h) Grantees shall be required to submit proof of insurance for the insurance clauses as determined by the Office of Risk Management (ORM), based on the scope of their work. The Grantee at its sole expense shall procure and maintain, during the entire period of performance under this Agreement, the required types of insurance specified by ORM (Appendix 2);
 - (i) Grantees must have at least one (1) local, certified mandated reporter for each physical site serving youth. The certificate(s) of completion of the mandated

reporter training must be provided during monitoring visits and submitted to DOES. Mandated reporters are professionals obligated by law to report known or suspected incidents of child abuse and/or neglect. In addition, grantees should have a policy on how staff, volunteers, or contractors are informed or trained for suspicion of abuse and neglect and how to contact the organization's mandated reporter. Access the training here or at <https://dc.mandatedreporter.org>. The mandated reporter must have all current background clearances

- (j) At least two (2) staff per physical site serving youth must have Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and First Aid training. Certification of completion and must be submitted to DOES. All staff must be aware of the location of the trained CPR personnel on-site. This will be confirmed during monitoring visits; and

SECTION 12: GENERAL PROVISIONS

12.1 General

- 12.1.1 General Terms and Conditions is incorporated by reference in this RFA. Applicants and Grantees must comply with any and all applicable terms and conditions outlined in Attachment A.
- 12.1.2 DOES is the sole owner of and controls all deliverables, reports, data, information, process, procedure, or product by, for or from this grant award. The Grantee must receive written permission from DOES to use or distribute any deliverable, report, data, information, process, procedure, or product by, for or from this grant award, prior to the proposed use or distribution.
- 12.1.3 Grantee shall provide interpretation services and translation of vital documents for LEP/NEP customers. All translated materials must have DOES brand and be reported to DOES' Language Coordinator on a quarterly basis.
- 12.1.4 Grantee must maintain and provide documentation related to this program for 3 years after submission of the final payment. At any time before final payment and 3 years thereafter, DOES may have the Grantee's invoices, vouchers and statements of cost audited. Any payment may be reduced by amounts found by DOES not to constitute allowable costs as adjusted for prior overpayment or underpayment. In the event that the District has made all payments to the Grantee and an overpayment is found, the Grantee shall reimburse the District for said overpayment within 30 days, after written notification.

12.2 Insurance

- 12.2.1 All applicants that receive awards under this RFA must show proof of all insurance coverage required by law prior to receiving funds. DOES reserves the right to request certificates of liability and liability policies pre-award and post-award and make

adjustments to coverage limits for programs per requirements promulgated by the District of Columbia Office of Risk Management. Insurance requirements are set forth in Attachment H.

12.2.2 The Government of the District of Columbia should be listed as an *Additional Insured* and the *Certificate Holder*. The policies should also contain a *Waiver of Subrogation* provision in favor of the Government of the District of Columbia.

Attachment A – General Terms and Conditions

Individual grant agreements may contain terms and/or conditions which may differ somewhat from those in this general template; therefore, each recipient must read, refer and adhere to the terms and conditions in any respective award document.

The following terms and conditions are applicable to this, and all Requests for Applications issued by the District of Columbia Department of Employment Services (DOES) and to all awards, if funded under this RFA:

- (1) Funding for a DOES subaward is contingent on DOES' receipt of funding (local, federal, or private) to support the services and activities to be provided under this RFA.
- (2) DOES may suspend or terminate an RFA pursuant to its own grant making rule(s) or any applicable federal regulation or requirement.
- (3) The RFA does not commit DOES to make any award.
- (4) Individual persons are not eligible to apply or receive funding under any DOES RFA.
- (5) DOES reserves the right to accept or deny any or all applications if the DOES determines it is in the best interest of DOES to do so. An application will be rejected if it does not comply with eligibility requirements, formatting or submission requirements outlined in the RFA. DOES shall notify the applicant if it rejects that applicant's proposal for review.
- (6) DOES reserves the right to issue addenda and/or amendments subsequent to the issuance of the RFA, or to rescind the RFA. The prospective applicant is responsible for retrieving this information via sources outlined in the RFA (e.g. DC Grants Clearinghouse).
- (7) DOES shall not be liable for any costs incurred in the preparation of applications in response to the RFA. The applicant agrees that all costs incurred in developing the application are the applicant's sole responsibility. No funds already awarded the applicant under other instruments or agreements shall be used by the applicant to fund the preparation of the application.
- (8) DOES may conduct pre-award site visits (either in-person or virtually) to verify information submitted in the application and to determine if the applicant's facilities are appropriate for the services intended.
- (9) DOES shall determine an applicant's eligibility by way of local and federal registries for excluded parties searches and documents and certifications submitted by the applicant.
- (10) The Applicant Organization must obtain a Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number to apply for funding and register for the federal System for Award Management (SAM) at www.sam.gov prior to award. DOES reserves the right to require registry into local and federal systems for award management at any point prior to or during the Project Period (i.e., the total number of years for which funding has been approved).
- (11) DOES may enter into negotiations with an applicant and adopt a firm funding amount or other revision of the applicant's proposal that may result from negotiations.
- (12) DOES shall establish terms of agreement for an award funded under this RFA. If funded, the applicant will receive a Notice of Grant Award (NOGA). The NOGA will establish the Project Period and define any segments of the Project Period (e.g. initial partial year, or a 12-month budget period). The NOGA shall outline conditions of award or restrictions.

- (13) Continuation of funding, if awarded shall be based on availability of funds, documented satisfactory progress in interim and annual reports, continued eligibility and determination that the continued funding and activities is in the best interest of the District of Columbia.
- (14) DOES shall provide the citations to the local or federal statute/s and implementing regulations that authorize the award; all applicable District of Columbia and Federal regulations, including 2 CFR 200 and Department of Labor, payment provisions identifying how the awardee will be paid for performing under the award; reporting requirements, including programmatic, financial and any special reports required by the funding agency; and compliance conditions that must be met by the awardee.
- (15) If there are any conflicts between the terms and conditions of the RFA and any applicable federal or local law or regulation, or any ambiguity related thereto, then the provisions of the applicable law or regulation shall control and it shall be the responsibility of the applicant to ensure compliance. Additional information about grants management policy and procedures may be obtained at the following site: <https://oca.dc.gov/page/division-grants-management>.
- (16) **Branding:** GRANTEE shall incorporate the provided DOES logos, taglines, identifiers and/or other branding on all products, programs, activities, services, resources and related property and materials funded by DOES.
- (17) **Living Wage:** GRANTEE shall comply with the Living Wage Act of 2006 (D.C. Code §§ 2-220.01– 2- 220.11). Recipients of contracts or government assistance, including grants, shall pay affiliated employees and subcontractors who perform services under the contracts no less than the current living wage of \$17.95. Effective July 1, 2026, the District’s Minimum Wage and Living Wage is \$18.40 per hour.
- (18) **Monitoring**
- a. Specific monitoring and progress report schedules will be established, agreed upon, and included in the NOGA. DOES staff are responsible for monitoring and evaluating the program and may also make periodic scheduled and unscheduled visits to worksite locations.
 - b. During technical/virtual site visits, GRANTEES are required to provide access to facilities, records, youths, and staff, as deemed necessary by DOES for monitoring purposes. DOES monitoring may involve observation, interviews, and collection and review of reports, documents, and data to determine GRANTEES’ level of compliance with federal and/or District requirements and to identify specifically whether the GRANTEES’ operational, financial, and management systems and practices are adequate to account for grant funds in accordance with federal and/or District requirements.
 - c. Any monitoring reports generated are the sole property of DOES. GRANTEES must receive prior written permission from DOES, in order to use or disclose any report or its contents.
 - d. GRANTEES shall, at the request of the District government, provide to the District government a certification of its compliance with Mayor’s Order 2021-99 for in person or hybrid services.
- (19) **Audit**
- a. GRANTEES must maintain and provide documentation related to this program for three years after submission of the final payment. At any time before final

payment and three years thereafter, DOES may have GRANTEES' invoices, vouchers and statements of cost audited. Any payment may be reduced by amounts found by DOES not to constitute allowable costs as adjusted for prior overpayment or underpayment. In the event that the District has made all payments to the GRANTEES and an overpayment is found, GRANTEES shall reimburse the District for said overpayment within thirty days, after written notification.

- b. GRANTEES shall establish and maintain books, records, and documents (including electronic storage media) in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles and Practices, which sufficiently and properly reflect all revenues and expenditures of grant funds awarded by the District pursuant to this solicitation.
- c. GRANTEES shall grant reasonable access to DOES, the D.C. Auditor, any applicable federal department, the Comptroller General of the United States, or any of their duly authorized representatives to any books, documents, papers and records (including computer records or electronic storage media) of the GRANTEE that are directly pertinent to charges to the program, in order to conduct audits and examinations and to make excerpts, transcripts and photocopies. This right of access also includes timely and reasonable access to GRANTEES' personnel for the purpose of interviews and discussions related to such documents.
- d. Any reports generated are the sole property of DOES. GRANTEES must receive prior written permission from DOES, in order to use or disclose any report or its contents

(20) **Nondiscrimination in the Delivery of Services**

- a. In accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, and the District of Columbia Human Rights Act of 1977, as amended, no person shall be denied the benefits of or be subjected to discrimination under any program activity receiving government funds.
- b. In accordance with DC Language Access Act, individuals shall be provided equal access and participation in public services, programs, and activities held in the District of Columbia if they cannot or have limited capacity to speak, read, or write English.

GRANTEE shall comply with all applicable District and federal statutes and regulations and Mayor's Order, as may be amended from time to time, including the below.

Federal Laws and Regulations

- The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. § 12101 et seq.
- Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29 U.S.C. § 701 et seq.
- The Hatch Act, 5 U.S.C. § 7321 et seq.
- The Fair Labor Standards Act, 29 U.S.C. § 201 et seq.
- The Clean Air Act (Subgrants over \$100,000) 42 USC § 7401 et seq.
- The Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, 29 U.S.C. § 651 et seq.
- The Hobbs Act (Anti-Corruption), 18 U.S.C. § 1951

- Equal Pay Act of 1963, 29 U.S.C. § 206(d)
- Age Discrimination Act of 1975, 42 U.S.C. § 6101 et seq.
- Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, 29 U.S.C. § 621 et seq.
- Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, 20 U.S.C. § 1001 et seq.
- Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986, 8 U.S.C. § 1101 et seq.
- Executive Order 12459 (Debarment, Suspension and Exclusion)
- Medical Leave Act of 1993, 5 U.S.C. § 6381 et seq.
- Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995, 2 U.S.C. § 1601 et seq.
- Drug Free Workplace Act of 1988, 41 U.S.C. § 8102 et seq.)
- Assurance of Nondiscrimination and Equal Opportunity as found in 29 CFR § 34.20
- Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C. § 2000d et seq.
- Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), Public Law 113-128
- 20 CFR § 680.450 and 20 CFR § 680.460
- Stevens Amendment – Further Consolidated Appropriations Act 2020, at P.L. 116-94, Division A, Title V, Section 505.

District of Columbia Laws and Regulations

- District of Columbia Municipal Regulations Title 27 – Chapter 19 – Section 1905 through Section 1907
- Universal Paid Leave Amendment Act of 2016, D.C. Official Code § 32-541.01 et seq.
- District of Columbia Language Access Act of 2004, D.C. Official Code § 2-1931 et seq.
- Living Wage Act of 2006, D.C. Official Code § 2-220.01 et seq.
- Workforce Intermediary Establishment and Reform of First Source Amendment Act of 2011, D.C. Official Code 2-219.01 et seq.
- District of Columbia Human Rights Act of 1977, D.C. Official Code § 2-1401.01 et seq.
- Campaign Finance Reform Amendment Act of 2018, D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.03 et seq.
- Nonprofit Fair Compensation Act of 2020, D.C. Official Code § 2-222.01 et seq.

_____ an Applicant/Grantee for a grant/sub-grant with the Department of Employment Services (DOES) acknowledges receipt of the DOES Grant Terms and Conditions. The Applicant/Grantee organization agrees to be bound by the DOES Grant Terms and Conditions in their entirety if selected for funding.

Applicants/Grantees of sub-grants funded in whole or part by the Department of Labor Employment & Training Administration (ETA) also agree to be bound by the DOL ETA Grant Award Standard Terms.

The person whose signature appears below is authorized to sign this assurance and commit the Applicant/Grantee to the above provisions.

Applicant's Authorized Representative (Print)	Title
Applicant's Authorized Representative's Signature	Date

Attachment B – Applicant Assurances, Certifications & Disclosures

This section includes assurances, certifications and disclosures made by the authorized representative of the Applicant/Grantee organization, who may legally bind the Applicant/Grantee. These assurances and certifications reflect requirements for recipients of local and pass-through federal funding. By signing below, the Applicant/Grantee certifies that the information provided is accurate, and that the organization attests to the following in its entirety:

- (1) The Applicant/Grantee has provided the individual, by name, title, address, email, and phone number, who are authorized to negotiate with the Department of Employment Services on behalf of the organization.
- (2) We agree that all costs incurred in developing the application are the Applicant/Grantee's sole responsibility.
- (3) We are able to maintain adequate files and records and can and will meet all grant reporting requirements.
- (4) Our fiscal records are kept in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) and account for all funds, tangible assets, revenue, and expenditures whatsoever; that all fiscal records are accurate, complete, and current at all times; and we give DOES or the District of Columbia, through any authorized representative, the right to audit and inspect all records books, papers, or documents related to the grant.
- (5) We will provide timely and reasonable access to personnel for the purpose of interviews and discussions related to Applicant/Grantee's records and operations.
- (6) We are current on payment on all federal and District taxes, including Unemployment Insurance taxes and Workers' Compensation premiums. (This statement of certification shall be accompanied by a Certificate of Good standing from the District of Columbia Office of Tax & Revenue (OTR) stating that the entity has complied with the filing requirements of District of Columbia tax laws and has paid all taxes due to the District of Columbia or is in compliance with any payment agreement with OTR).
- (7) We are in compliance with, and will continue to comply with, the applicable required minimum insurance coverages required of grant recipients as described in Attachment H "Insurance Requirements" that cover all activities that might be undertaken in connection with the performance of the grant.
- (8) We have demonstrated administrative and financial capability to provide and manage the proposed services and ensure an adequate administrative performance and audit trail.
- (9) We are not proposed for debarment or presently debarred, suspended, or declared ineligible, as required by Executive Order 12549, —Debarment and Suspension, and implemented by 2 CFR180, for prospective participants in primary covered transactions and are not proposed for debarment or presently debarred as a result of any actions by the District of Columbia Contract Appeals Board, the Office of Contracting and Procurement, or any other District contract regulating agency.
- (10) We have the financial resources and technical expertise necessary for the completion of the program. In addition, we have the equipment and sites adequate to perform the grant or subgrant, or the ability to obtain them.
- (11) We have the ability to comply with the required or proposed delivery or performance schedule, taking into consideration all existing and reasonably expected commercial and governmental business commitments.

- (12) We have a satisfactory record performing similar activities as detailed in the award or we can establish that we have the skills and resources necessary to provide the programming described in the grant.
- (13) We have a satisfactory record of integrity and business ethics.
- (14) We have the necessary organization, experience, accounting and operational controls, and technical skills to implement the programming described in the grant, or the ability to obtain them.
- (15) We are in compliance with the applicable District licensing and tax laws and regulations;
- (16) We are in compliance with provisions of the Drug-Free Workplace Act.
- (17) We meet all other qualifications and eligibility criteria necessary to receive a grant award under applicable laws and regulations.
- (18) We agree to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the Government of the District of Columbia and its authorized officers, employees, agents, and volunteers from any and all claims, actions, losses, damages, and/or liability arising out of this grant or subgrant from any cause whatsoever, including the acts, errors, or omissions of any person and for any costs or expenses incurred by the Government of the District of Columbia on account of any claim therefore, except where such indemnification is prohibited by law.
- (19) We will ensure that the sites under our organization's ownership, lease, or supervision, which shall be utilized in providing the programming, are compliant with all District statutes, codes, and regulations
- (20) We possess legal authority to apply for the grant; that a resolution, motion, or similar action has been duly adopted or passed as an official act of our governing body, authorizing the filing of the application, including all understandings and assurances contained therein, and directing and authorizing the person identified as the official representative of the Applicant to act in connection with the application and to provide such additional information as may be required.
- (21) We will comply with provisions of federal law which limit certain political activities of employees of a State or local unit of government whose principal employment is in connection with an activity financed in whole or in part by federal grants. (5 USC 1501, et. seq.).
- (22) We will comply with the minimum wage and maximum hour(s) provisions of the federal Fair Labor Standards Act, if applicable.
- (23) We will comply with all requirements imposed by the federal-sponsoring agency concerning special requirements of law, program requirements, and other administrative requirements.
- (24) We will comply with the provisions of the Code of Federal Regulations Title 28, Chapter 1: Part 22 – Confidentiality of Identifiable Research and Statistical Information; Part 42 – Nondiscrimination; Equal Employment Opportunity; Policies and Procedures; Part 66 – Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative.
- (25) We will provide an Equal Employment Opportunity Program, if required to maintain one, where the application is for \$500,000 or more.
- (26) We and all contractors will comply with: Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; Subtitle A, Title III of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) (1990); Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; and the Age Discrimination Act of 1975.

- (27) In the event a federal or State court or federal or State administrative agency makes a finding of discrimination after a due process hearing on the grounds of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, or disability against a recipient of grant funds, the recipient will forward a copy of the finding to the Office for Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Justice.

The Applicant is required to disclose, in a written statement, the truth of which is sworn or attested to by the Applicant, whether the Applicant, or where applicable, any of its officers, partners, principals, members, associates, or key employees, within the last three (3) years prior to the date of the application, has:

- (1) Been indicted or had charges brought against them (if still pending) and/or been convicted of:
 - a. any crime or offense arising directly or indirectly from the conduct of the Applicant or the Applicant’s organization, or
 - b. Any crime or offense involving financial misconduct or fraud, or
 - c. Any crime or offense involving a minor
- (2) Been the subject of legal proceeding arising directly from the provision of services by the organization
- (3) Been listed on the Child Protection Register (CPR) as a “substantiated” case

If the response is in the affirmative, the Applicant shall fully describe any such indictments, charges, convictions, or legal proceedings (and the status and disposition thereof) and surrounding circumstances in writing and provide documentation of the circumstances.

The Applicant hereby assures and certifies compliance with all federal statutes, regulations, policies, guidelines, and requirements, including OMB Circulars No. A-21, A-87, A-102, A- 110, A-122, A-128, A-133; E.O. 12372 and Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements – 28 CFR, Part 66, Common Rule, that govern the application, acceptance, and use of federal funds for this federally-assisted program.

Certified By:

Applicant’s Authorized Representative (Print)	Title
Applicant’s Authorized Representative’s Signature	Date
Applicant’s Authorized Representative’s Address	Phone
Email	

Attachment C – Non-Disclosure Agreement

I, _____ hereby affirm that DOES records and any information gathered therefrom are strictly confidential and shall not be divulged to unauthorized persons. The Applicant must demonstrate an ability to maintain the confidentiality of information. Specifically, the Applicant must agree to the following conditions:

- Participant records shall be kept confidential and shall not be open to public inspection nor shall their contents or existence be disclosed to the public. Participant records may not be divulged to unauthorized persons.
- No person receiving information concerning a participant shall publish or use the information for any purpose other than that for which it was received.
- Whoever willfully discloses, receives, makes use of, or knowingly permits the use of information concerning a child or other person shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined not more than \$250.00 or imprisoned for not more than 90 days, or both. (D.C. Official Code § 16-2336).
- I also affirm that I will not disclose any information from any project meetings that is not a matter of public record.
- I understand that if my organization is selected as a Grantee, then each staff person and volunteer who will be working on the program must submit a signed non-disclosure agreement, after award but prior to engaging in work.
- I will hold confidential any information gathered or disclosed to grantee as a project staff member/volunteer in accordance with all applicable District and Federal confidentiality statutes.

By signing this document, I acknowledge that I have read and fully understand the statement contained herein.

Certified By:

Applicant’s Authorized Representative (Print)	Title
Applicant’s Authorized Representative’s Signature	Date

Attachment D – Relationship Disclosure Statement

The applicant and each of its principal team members, if any, must submit a statement that discloses any past or present business, familiar or personal relationship with any individual(s) that are currently employment by or through the D.C. Department of Employment Services.

Please identify any past or present business, familiar, or personal relationship in the space below. Use extra sheets if necessary.

This is to certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, and after making reasonable inquiry, the above represents a full and accurate disclosure of any past or present business, familiar, or personal relationship with any of the individuals listed above. The undersigned acknowledges and understands that this Disclosure Statement is being submitted to the False Claims Act and that a failure to disclose a material relationship(s) may constitute sufficient grounds to disqualify the Offeror.

OFFEROR:

By: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

Attachment E - DC Contribution and Solicitation Certification

I _____, am an authorized representative of _____, an organization in receipt of a sub-grant from the Department of Employment Services valued at \$100,000.00 or more (“the organization”). Pursuant to D.C. Code § 1-328.15, I hereby certify under penalty of perjury to the best of my knowledge after due diligence that:

1. The organization has not made a contribution or solicitation for contribution to any of the following within one (1) year beginning on the date the contribution or solicitation for contribution was made and continuing for one (1) year after the general election for which the contribution or solicitation for contribution was made, whether or not the contribution was made before the primary election:
 - a. An elected District official who is or could be involved in influencing or approving the award of a grant;
 - b. A candidate for elective District office who is or could be involved in influencing or approving the award; or
 - c. A political committee affiliated with a District candidate or elected District official described in subparagraphs (a) or (b).
2. The organization has not made a contribution to any of the following within eighteen (18) months, beginning on the date the contribution or solicitation for contribution was made and continuing for eighteen (18) months after that date:
 - a. A constituent-service program or fund, or substantially similar entity, controlled, operated or managed by:
 - i. An elected District official who is or could be involved in influencing or approving the award of a grant;
 - ii. A person under the supervision, direction or control of an elected District official who is or could be involved in influencing or approving the award of a grant.
 - b. A political party; or
 - c. An entity or organization:
 - i. That a candidate or elected District official described in section 1(a), (b) or a member of his or her immediate family controls; or
 - ii. In which a candidate or elected District official described in section 1(a), (b) has an ownership interest of 10% or more.

This does not apply to my organization.

Signature

Name and Title

Date

Attachment G – Insurance Requirements

- A. **GENERAL REQUIREMENTS.** The Grantee at its sole expense shall procure and maintain, during the entire period of performance under this Grant, the types of insurance specified below. The Grantee shall submit a Certificate of Insurance to the Grant Manager (GA) giving evidence of the required coverage prior to commencing performance under this grant. In no event shall any work be performed until the required Certificates of Insurance signed by an authorized representative of the insurer(s) have been provided to, and accepted by, the GA.

If the Grantee and/or its subcontractors maintain broader coverage and/or higher limits than the minimums shown below, the District requires and shall be entitled to the broader coverage and/or the higher limits maintained by the Grantee and subcontractors.

B. INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

1. Commercial General Liability Insurance (“CGL”) - The Grantee shall provide evidence satisfactory to the GA with respect to the services performed that it carries a CGL policy, written on an occurrence (not claims-made) basis, on Insurance Services Office, Inc. (“ISO”) form CG 00 01 04 13 (or another occurrence-based form with coverage at least as broad and approved by the GA in writing), covering liability for all ongoing and completed operations of the Grantee and under all subcontracts, covering claims for bodily injury, including without limitation sickness, disease or death and mental anguish of any persons, broad form property damage, including loss of use resulting therefrom, personal and advertising injury, and including coverage for liability arising out of an Insured Contract (including the tort liability of another assumed in a contract) and acts of terrorism (whether caused by a foreign or domestic source). Such coverage shall have limits of liability of not less than \$1,000,000 for each occurrence, \$2,000,000 general aggregate, \$2,000,000 products and completed operations aggregate, and \$1,000,000 personal and advertising injury aggregate limit.

The Commercial General Liability shall be further endorsed to:

- a) To the fullest extent permitted by law, provide additional insured coverage using ISO form CG 2010 0413 and CG2037 04 13 (or its equivalent) to The Government of the District of Columbia
 - b) Coverage available to the additional insureds shall apply on a primary and non-contributing basis as respects any other insurance, deductibles, or self-insurance available to the additional insureds
 - c) A waiver of subrogation in favor of The Government of the District of Columbia
 - d) Any Annual Aggregate shall apply on a per location or per project basis
 - e) Defense costs shall be in addition to and not erode the limits of liability
2. Automobile Liability Insurance - The Grantee shall provide evidence satisfactory to the GA of commercial (business) automobile liability insurance written on ISO form CA 00 01 10 13 (or another form with coverage at least as broad and approved by the GA in

writing) including coverage for all owned, hired, borrowed and non-owned vehicles and equipment used by the Grantee in connection with work under this agreement, with a minimum combined single limit of \$1,000,000. Such policy or policies of automobile liability insurance shall be written on an "occurrence" (as opposed to a "claims made") basis.

The Commercial Auto Liability policy shall be further endorsed to:

- a) To the fullest extent permitted by law, provide additional insured coverage to The Government of the District of Columbia
- b) Coverage available to the additional insureds shall apply on a primary and non-contributing basis as respects any other insurance, deductibles, or self-insurance available to the additional insureds
- c) A waiver of subrogation in favor of The Government of the District of Columbia
- d) Defense costs shall be in addition to and not erode the limits of liability
- e) If applicable, include Form CA 99 48 03 06 Pollution Liability - Broadened Coverage for Covered Autos - Business Auto, Motor Carrier, and Truckers (or its equivalent)
- f) Moving and Storage Companies shall be required to provide evidence of BMC91 or BMC91X filing

For Grantees providing transportation:

Grantees providing transportation must additionally comply with the following:

- a) Operators holding a restricted WMATC Certificate of Authority must have a single limit of \$1.5 million in combined (bodily injury and physical damage) coverage, or
- b) Operators holding an unrestricted WMATC Certificate of Authority must have a single limit of \$5M in combined (bodily injury and physical damage) coverage.

In addition, both types of WMATC certificate holders must have in place the following Licensing Requirements as applicable:

- a) Commercial Driver's License (CDL) with the following endorsements:
 - i) P (Passenger): All drivers MUST have a P endorsement enabling them to transport passengers (16 or more).
 - ii) S (School Bus): All drivers operating school buses (flashing lights, swing arm w/stop sign) must also have an S endorsement. Please note that driver credentials for any vehicles that are converted school buses must have S.
- b) Valid (unexpired) US Department of Transportation Medical Examiner Certification ("Medical Card").

For Grantees using District Government-Owned Vehicles:

Agencies that provide Grantees with District Government-owned or leased motor vehicles are responsible for ensuring that such vehicles are used only for the performance under this Grant. Grantee and its subcontractors are prohibited from using such vehicles for home-to-work transportation unless specifically provided for under the terms of the Grant and approved in writing by the GA, or otherwise provided by law. Grantee shall

obtain automobile liability insurance with a minimum combined single limit of \$1,000,000 to cover bodily injury and property damage to protect the Grantee and the District Government against third-party claims arising from the use of District Government-owned vehicles. The Commercial Auto Liability Policy shall be endorsed to include:

- a) To the fullest extent permitted by law, provide additional insured coverage to The Government of the District of Columbia;
- b) Coverage available to the additional insureds shall apply on a primary and non-contributing basis as respects any other insurance, deductibles, or self-insurance available to the additional insureds; and
- c) A waiver of subrogation in favor of The Government of the District of Columbia.

In the event of loss, destruction, or damage to any government-owned vehicles used in the performance of contract, Grantee shall be liable for full cost of repair or replacement of lost, destroyed, or damaged vehicle.

3. Workers' Compensation Insurance - The Grantee shall provide evidence satisfactory to the GA of Workers' Compensation insurance in accordance with the statutory mandates of the District of Columbia or the jurisdiction in which the Grant is performed.

Employer's Liability Insurance - The Grantee shall provide evidence satisfactory to the GA of employer's liability insurance as follows: \$500,000 per accident for injury; \$500,000 per employee for disease; and \$500,000 for policy disease limit.

The Workers Compensation and Employers Liability shall be further endorsed to:

- a) Include a Waiver of Subrogation in favor of The Government of the District of Columbia.
 - b) Where applicable, include United States Longshore and Harbor Workers Compensation Act (USL&H)
 - c) Where applicable, include Jones Act Coverage for seamen or crew members on an "if any" basis.
4. Cyber (Media Liability and Network Security/Privacy) Liability Insurance covering acts, errors, omissions, and violation of any consumer protection laws arising out of Grantee's operations or services with a limit of \$1,000,000 per claim and in the aggregate. Such coverage shall include but not be limited to, third party and first party coverage for loss or disclosure of any data, including personally identifiable information and payment card information, network security failure, violation of any consumer protection laws, unauthorized access and/or use or other intrusions, infringement of any intellectual property rights (except patent), negligence or breach of duty to use reasonable care, breach of any duty of confidentiality, invasion of privacy, or violations of any other legal protections for personal information, defamation, libel, slander, commercial disparagement, negligent transmission of computer virus, or use of computer networks in connection with denial of service attacks. Such coverage shall include regulatory defense and fines/penalties in any jurisdiction anywhere in the world. Such coverage shall include contractual privacy coverage for data breach response and crisis management costs that

would be incurred by Grantee on behalf of The Government of the District of Columbia in the event of a data breach including legal and forensic expenses, notification costs, credit monitoring costs, and costs to operate a call center. Grantee shall maintain coverage in force during the term of this Agreement and for an extended reporting period of not less than two (2) years after.

5. Professional Liability Insurance (Errors & Omissions) - The Grantee shall provide Professional Liability Insurance (Errors and Omissions) to cover liability resulting from any error or omission in the performance of professional services under this Grant. The policy shall provide limits of \$1,000,000 per claim or per occurrence for each wrongful act and \$2,000,000 annual aggregate. The Grantee warrants that any applicable retroactive date precedes the date the Grantee first performed any professional services for the Government of the District of Columbia and that continuous coverage will be maintained or an extended reporting period will be exercised for a period of at least ten years after the completion of the professional services. Limits may not be shared with other lines of coverage.
6. Commercial Umbrella or Excess Liability - The Grantee shall provide evidence satisfactory to the GA of commercial umbrella with minimum limits of \$2,000,000 per occurrence and \$2,000,000 in the annual aggregate. Coverage must excess of required commercial general liability, commercial auto liability, and employers' liability. The insurance required under this paragraph shall be written in a form that annually reinstates all required limits. Coverage shall be primary to any insurance, self-insurance or reinsurance maintained by The Government of the District of Columbia and the "other insurance" provision must be amended in accordance with this requirement and principles of vertical exhaustion.
7. Sexual/Physical Abuse & Molestation - The Grantee shall provide evidence satisfactory to the GA with respect to the services performed that carries \$1,000,000 per occurrence limits; \$2,000,000 aggregate of affirmative abuse and molestation liability coverage. Coverage should include physical abuse, such as sexual or other bodily harm and non-physical abuse, such as verbal, emotional, or mental abuse; any actual, threatened or alleged act; errors, omission or misconduct. This insurance requirement will be considered met if the general liability insurance includes an affirmative sexual abuse and molestation endorsement for the required amounts or through a separate stand-alone sexual abuse and molestation policy with confirmation there are no exclusions for abuse or assault & battery under the General Liability. So called "silent" coverage or "shared" limits under a commercial general liability or professional liability policy will not be acceptable. Limits may not be shared with other lines of coverage. The applicable policy may need to be submitted to the Office of Risk Management for compliance review.

C. SUBCONTRACTOR INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

Any and all subcontractors engaged by Grantee for work under this Grant shall be required to have the same insured required of Grantee. Should the Grantee wish to propose different insurance requirements for the subcontractor than the ones outlined in the Grant, then, prior to commencement of work by the subcontractor, the Grantee shall submit in writing the name and brief description of work to be performed by the subcontractor to the GA. The GA will promptly provide in writing to the Grantee with a

decision regarding the insurance requirements applicable to the subcontractor. When requested by the GA, the Grantee must provide proof of the subcontractor's required insurance prior to commencement of work by the subcontractor.

D. PRIMARY AND NONCONTRIBUTORY INSURANCE

The insurance required herein shall be primary to and will not seek contribution from any other insurance, reinsurance or self-insurance including any deductible or retention, maintained by the Government of the District of Columbia.

E. DURATION. The Grantee shall carry all required insurance until all Grant work is accepted by The Government of the District of Columbia and shall carry listed coverages for ten years for construction projects following final acceptance of the work performed under this Grant and two years for non-construction related Grants.

F. LIABILITY. These are the required minimum insurance requirements established by The Government of the District of Columbia. However, it is understood that The Government of the District of Columbia does not in any way represent that the insurance or the limits of insurance specified herein are sufficient or adequate to protect your interests or liabilities and will not in any way limit the Grantee's liability under this Grant.

G. CONTRACTOR'S PROPERTY. Grantee and subcontractors are solely responsible for any loss or damage to their personal property, including but not limited to tools and equipment, scaffolding, and temporary structures, rented machinery, or owned and leased equipment. A waiver of subrogation shall apply in favor of The Government of the District of Columbia.

H. MEASURE OF PAYMENT. The Government of the District of Columbia shall not make any separate measure or payment for the cost of insurance and bonds. The Grantee shall include all the costs of insurance and bonds in the Grant price.

I. NOTIFICATION. The Grantee shall ensure that all policies provide that the GA shall be given thirty (30) days prior written notice in the event of cancellation, non-renewal, or material changes to the extent such cancellation or material changes results in Grantee no long complying with the above requirements. The Grantee shall provide the GA with ten (10) days' prior written notice in the event of non-payment of premium. The Grantee will also provide the GA with an updated Certificate of Insurance should its insurance coverages renew during the Grant. The Government of the District of Columbia may reasonably change the above insurance coverage requirements during the Term by giving Grantee at least 30 days' notice of the change. Grantee must comply, at your expense, and deliver to the GA evidence of compliance before the change becomes effective.

J. CERTIFICATES OF INSURANCE. The Grantee must send to GA, at least 10 days after execution of this Agreement, certificates of insurance evidencing the required insurance coverage and endorsements required herein. Grantee must also provide us with evidence of renewal before the expiration date of each insurance policy. Grantee is responsible for providing us with 30 days advanced written notice if the certificate of insurance by the

insurer has been canceled, reduced in coverage, or otherwise altered. Certificates of insurance must reference the corresponding Grant number. Evidence of insurance shall be submitted to:

The Government of the District of Columbia

**And mailed to the attention of:
Vanessa Black/Department of Employment Services
Vanessa.black@dc.gov**

The GA may request, and the Grantee shall promptly deliver updated certificates of insurance, endorsements indicating the required coverages, and/or certified copies of the insurance policies. If the insurance initially obtained by the Grantee expires prior to completion of the Grant, renewal certificates of insurance and additional insured and other endorsements shall be furnished to the GA prior to the date of expiration of all such initial insurance. For all coverage required to be maintained after completion, an additional certificate of insurance evidencing such coverage shall be submitted to the GA on an annual basis as the coverage is renewed (or replaced).

- K. DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION. The Grantee agrees that The Government of the District of Columbia may disclose the name and contact information of its insurers to any third party which presents a claim against The Government of the District of Columbia for any damages or claims resulting from or arising out of work performed by the Grantee, its agents, employees, servants or subcontractors in the performance of this Grant.
- L. CARRIER RATINGS. All Grantee's and its subcontractors' insurance required in connection with this Grant shall be written by insurance companies with an A.M. Best Insurance Guide rating of at least A- VII or better (or the equivalent by any other rating agency) and licensed in the District of Columbia. M.
- M. WARRANTIES. When applicable, the Grantee should be named as an additional insured on the applicable manufacturer's/distributor's Commercial General Liability policy using Insurance Services Office, Inc. ("ISO") form CG 20 15 04 13 (or another occurrence-based form with coverage at least as broad). GA should collect, review for accuracy, and maintain all warranties for goods and service

Attachment H - Insurance Policies Affidavit

As the duly authorized officer of _____, a _____ [LLC, corporation, etc.] (“Applicant”), with a business address of _____, an applicant for Grant Program/RFA _____ of the District of Columbia Department of Employment Services (DOES), I certify that the following are the names of the Applicant’s current insurance carriers with the type of insurance coverage under each policy:

Insurance Carrier	Type of Coverage

By signing this form, the Applicant agrees to provide DOES the following insurance documents if DOES decides to award Applicant a grant under this Grant Program/RFA within five (5) business days of notification:

- i. A copy of the binder or cover sheet of each current policy that covers activities that might be undertaken in connection with the performance of the grant;
- ii. Endorsements for each of these policies - except for Worker’s Compensation, Errors and Omissions, and Professional Liabilities – that name the Government of the District of Columbia and its officers, employees, agents and volunteers as additional named insured for liability arising out of performance of the award; and
- iii. A written waiver of subrogation against the Government of the District of Columbia and its officers, employees, agents, volunteers, contractors and subcontractors from each of the applicant’s insurance carriers providing coverage for activities that might be undertaken in connection with the performance of the grant.

Certified By:

Applicant’s Authorized Representative (Print)	Title
Applicant’s Authorized Representative’s Signature	



PAST PERFORMANCE FORM – Attachment I (OPTIONAL)

Name of Organization (applicant):		
Name of Funding Agency/Organization:		Award Amount:
Type of Funding Year	Award Start Date	Award End Date:
Program Summary (brief description of services and activities provided under the grant or contract).		

Performance Data

Service Level of Contract/Grant		Number of Participant Enrolled	
Number of Participant that Completed		Number for Participants that Achieved an Outcome	

PERFORMANCE RATING DESCRIPTION

1	Unsatisfactory	Performance is consistently unacceptable
2	Below Expectations	Performance fails to meet contract / grant requirements on a frequent basis
3	Meets Expectations	Performance is regularly in compliance with requirements, specifications, regulations and standards provided by agency.
4	Exceeds Expectations	Performance is routinely above contract / grant requirements and/or product specifications
5	Outstanding	Performance is consistently superior

PERFORMANCE FACTORS		1	2	3	4	5
Vendor Responsiveness / Customer Service. Contractor or Grantee attends required trainings, meetings, and responds to program point of contact frequently and in a timely matter. Professionalism of Contractor or Grantee.						
Knowledge. Contractor or Grantee demonstrated knowledge about the contract/grant and the services that were outlined to be provided.						
Performance. Contractor or Grantee achieved the performance measures outlined in the contract/grant and they meet the deliverable in a timely manner.						
Program Requirements. Contractor or Grantee provided invoices, reports, and other programmatic requirements in accordance to the contract terms and conditions.						
Cost Control. Contractor or Grantee demonstrated performance of cost control effectiveness and budget management						

Completed By: _____

Date: _____

Phone No.: _____

Email: _____