

DEPARTMENT OF SMALL AND LOCAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY (NOFA)

FY2022 DC MAIN STREETS

FOR

Palisades (Ward 3) and Woodley Park (Ward 3)

The District of Columbia (“DC” or “District”) Department of Small and Local Business Development (DSLBD) is re-soliciting grant applications from eligible applicants to operate a DC Main Streets Program in one of the two service areas listed below. **The submission deadline is Tuesday, November 2, 2021 at 12:00 noon.**

The purpose of this Program’s grant is to fund organizations to assist business districts with the retention, expansion, and attraction of neighborhood-serving retail stores. The Program’s goal is to help unify and strengthen the District’s commercial corridors.

DSLBD’s DC Main Streets grant awards under this NOFA will fund **one grant in the amount of \$175,000** for the Palisades service area and **one grant in the amount of \$150,080** for the Woodley Park service area (“Grant Awards”).

Eligible Applicants: Eligible applicants are DC-based nonprofit organizations which are up-to-date on their requisite taxes, licenses, and permits.

The DC Main Streets Grant Awards, subject to the availability of funding by the District, are recurring grants which can be renewed annually as long as the grantee continues to meet the standards for accreditation by the National Main Street Center and the District’s and DSLBD’s other requirements specified in the grant agreement. The FY2022 grant performance period is December 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022.

Application Process: Interested applicants must complete an online application on or before **November 2, 2021 at 12:00 noon**. Instructions for the application can be found in the Request for Applications (RFA), which will be posted on October 4, 2021 at <https://dslbd.dc.gov/service/current-solicitations-opportunities>. All prior applicants for these two service areas may reapply in accordance with the posted RFA. DSLBD will not accept applications submitted via hand delivery, mail, or courier service. Late submissions and incomplete applications will not be forwarded to the review panel.

Selection Process: DSLBD will select grant recipients through a competitive application process. All applications from eligible applicants received before the deadline will be forwarded to a review panel to be evaluated and scored based on the selection criteria. The Director of

DSLBD will make the final determination of grant awards. Grantees will be selected by November 30, 2021 (but this date is subject to change).

Funding for this award is contingent on continued funding from the DC Council. The RFA does not commit DSLBD or the District to make an award.

DSLBD reserves the right to issue addenda, amendments and/or a revocation subsequent to the issuance of the NOFA or this RFA.

All applicants must attest to executing the DSLBD grant agreement as issued (see sample document with the online application) and to starting services on December 1, 2021.

For More Information: Attend DSLBD's Online Application Information Session. Please refer to the Request for Applications to see the date, time, and location of this meeting.

Questions may be sent to Elizabeth Anderson, DC Main Streets Grants Manager, Department of Small and Local Business Development, at elizabeth.anderson1@dc.gov. All questions must be submitted in writing.