



District of Columbia
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Family Services Administration (FSA)

NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY

Fiscal Year 2022
801 East Food Services and Culinary Training Program
(RFA): JA-FSA-801EastFood_001-22

Announcement Date: January 18, 2022
RFP Release Date: January 19, 2022
Pre-application Conference Date: January 26, 2022
Pre-application Site Visit Date: February 2, 2022
Application Submission Deadline: March 16, 2022

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The District of Columbia, Department of Human Services, Family Services Administration invites the submission of applications for funding for the provision of food services and a client culinary training program at the new 801 East Men's Shelter, located on St. Elizabeth's Campus. The total amount available for the solicitation is up to.

Purpose/Description of the Project: The District of Columbia (District), Department of Human Services (DHS), Family Services Administration (FSA), is seeking applications to provide meals and facilitate a client culinary training program at the 801 East Men's Shelter through funding for Fiscal Year (FY) 2022.

Homeward DC, the District's five-year strategic plan to guide homeless service systems transformation efforts, was released in 2015. The plan establishes a vision for transformation of the District's homeless services system into an efficient crisis response system focused on a) preventing homelessness whenever possible, b) ensuring immediate access to safe, dignified, service enriched emergency accommodations when housing loss cannot be prevented, and c) providing rapid connection to permanent housing using a variety of tools and strategies to meet each individuals unique needs and circumstances – in other words, ensuring homelessness is rare, brief, and nonrecurring.

Homeward DC acknowledged that the majority of the District's shelter facilities were too large, in poor condition, and were not designed for their current use – and accordingly, presented a variety of challenges in providing individuals and families in crisis the safe, welcoming, and supportive environment needed to regain stability. Accordingly, Homeward DC called for redevelopment of many of the District's shelter facilities while the District simultaneously worked on scaling housing programs and improving system efficiency and service quality.

801 East Men's Shelter is the District's first major shelter redevelopment project for individuals under the Homeward DC plan. The project will serve as an opportunity to test a new approach to providing tailored services to unaccompanied individuals with a goal of making the experience of homelessness as brief as possible.



The shelter will include different programming in different parts of the building. The building includes three separate shelter wings designed to meet the needs of different subpopulations: 1) 192 beds of low-barrier shelter, 2) 96 beds of shelter for individuals that are employed or otherwise on an employment track; and 3) 44 beds of shelter for seniors or other medically frail individuals. The facility also includes a Day Center and a Health Clinic and associated Medical Respite Program. The dorms will have separate, controlled entrances, though common areas – the Day Center, Health Clinic, Dining Hall, and Outdoor Terrace – will be accessible to everyone staying in the shelter as well as individuals in the community seeking housing stability assistance.

Through this RFA, DHS The District of Columbia (the “District”) Department of Human Services (DHS), seeks a Grantee to provide meal services for a shelter serving 350 unaccompanied adults experiencing homelessness at the new 801 East Men’s Shelter, as well as another 150 located on St. Elizabeth’s Campus. In addition, the provider will operate a training program to prepare and certify clients in a career in food services.

Eligibility: Non-profit community organizations, including those with IRS 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(4) determinations, faith-based organizations, such as churches, synagogues, mosques, or religiously based social service affiliates of such organizations, and private enterprises located in the District that have demonstrated experience working with individuals experiencing homelessness are encouraged to apply. Applications are also encouraged for collaborating community-based and faith-based organizations.

Length of Grant Award and Available Funding: The Grantee(s) will be awarded funding based on their capacity to meet the requirements of the program. The award period for the grant will be from May 1, 2022 through April 30, 2023. The amount available for the project is up to approximately \$1,500,000.00 for one base year and four option years, subject to funding availability.

RFA Release: The RFA will be released on January 19, 2022. A copy of the RFA may be obtained by the following means:

Download from the Office of Partnerships and Grant Services website under the District Grants Clearinghouse (<http://opgs.dc.gov/page/opgs-district-grants-clearinghouse>).

Email a request to Jennifer Miné at jennifer.mine@dc.gov with “Request copy of RFA # JA-FSA-801EastFood_001-22 in the subject line.

Deadline for Applications: The deadline for application submissions is **Wednesday, March 16, 2022 at 5:00 PM EST**. The applications shall be submitted via email to Jennifer Miné at jennifer.mine@dc.gov. Late or incomplete applications will not be forwarded to the review panel.

For additional information, contact Jennifer Miné at jennifer.mine@dc.gov.