# **NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY**

# **Mayor’s Office of LGBTQ Affairs**

**FY22-23 Homeless Youth Empowerment & Self-Sufficiency Community Grant (YESS)**

## **Background Information:**

The Mayor’s Office of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Questioning Affairs (MOLGBTQA) is soliciting grant applications from qualified Community-Based Organizations (CBOs) serving the District of Columbia’s LGBTQ constituents for its FY 2022 LGBTQ Youth Empowerment & Self Sufficiency Community Grant. The grant is intended to provide funding to programs that provide targeted services and resources to the District’s youth at-risk of becoming or experiencing homelessness.

## Funding priority areas identified for FY 2022 are aligned with Mayor Muriel Bowser’s administration budget priorities:

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| * Education * Jobs & Economic Development * Public Safety * Civic Engagement | * Health & Wellness * Youth Engagement * Arts & Creative Economy * COVID-19 Recovery |

## **Eligibility Criteria:**

Organizations that meet the following eligibility requirements at the time of application may apply:

* Community-Based Organization with a Federal 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status or evidence of fiscal agent relationship with a 501(c)(3) organization;
* Organization or program serves the District’s LGBTQ residents or business owners;
* Organization’s principal place of business is located in the District of Columbia; and
* Organization is currently registered in good standing with the DC Department of Consumer & Regulatory Affairs, Corporation Division, and the Office of Tax and Revenue.
* Current grantees must be current on any reporting obligations for the FY21 grant cycle.

## **Program Scope:**

In FY 2022, **MOLGBTQA’s Homeless Youth Empowerment & Self Sufficiency Community Grant** will fund programs with demonstrated ties to Mayor Bowser’s priority areas and community needs in the following program areas: economic and workforce development, youth engagement and education, health education, linkage to human services, promotion of the arts and humanities, and recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic and corresponding public health emergency.

**Release Date of RFA:** Monday, July 12th, 2021

**Availability of RFA:** The RFA will be posted on MOCA’s website (communityaffairs.dc.gov) & on the District’s Grant Clearinghouse Website.

**Amount of Awards:** Eligible organizations can be awarded up to $10,000.

**Length of Awards:** Grant awards are for FY 2021-FY 2023

**Performance Period:** October 1, 2021 – September 30, 2023

**Pre-Bidder’s Conference:**  11:00 AM, Friday, July 16th, 2021**,** [**Virtual Meeting Link Here**](https://dcnet.webex.com/dcnet/j.php?MTID=mdca34f226718999b58631f3766c68c62)

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