**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

**DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES**

**OFFICE OF POLICY AND PROGRAM SUPPORT**

**NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY**

**FY23 Financial Services for the DC Career Mobility Action Plan Program**

The Department of Human Services (DHS), Office of Policy, and Program Support, is soliciting grant applications in this Request for Applications (RFA) to select one partner organization to provide financial management trainings and counseling, create escrow accounts and administer monthly deposits into accounts, and administer income support payments to 600 participants. These grants are part of a broader range of services being provided through the Career Mobility Action Plan (Career MAP) program, a groundbreaking new pilot designed to remove barriers that families with low income confront as they pursue employment that can sustain their families. The program provides rental assistance and other income supports designed to mitigate benefits cliffs and help families pursue employment growth. Partner organizations will be responsible for managing a significant volume of financial transactions to effectively deliver benefits to participants, including management of 600 individual United States Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) insured escrow accounts with monthly deposits, and monthly direct payments to participants. They must also be able to provide strong financial literacy training services that include education on benefits cliffs, asset building, tax filing and credits, debt management, credit repair, access to banking and other financial services, and other relevant topics for all 600 participants; as well as more individualized coaching that is optionally available to up to 300 participants. Applicants should have strong previous experience and expertise in each of the required services under this RFA; and may choose to enter into partnerships with subgrantees with relevant expertise and capacity to deliver the full range of required services. Within the RFA scope of work requirements, applicants are asked to define additional specific services, service levels, and other approaches for carrying out grant activities based on their organization’s knowledge of effective practices for serving Career MAP families.

This is a cost-reimbursable grant funding opportunity with lump sum advance payments available. Each applicant must propose a program budget to serve Career MAP families that includes program and participant related costs.

The Request for Applications (RFA) covers the project period January 1, 2023 – September 30, 2023, with a total of $3,440,000 available in funding, $2,940,000 of which is set aside for escrow accounts and payments to participants. Award totals are subject to availability of funds and documentation that all costs proposed are allowable and reasonable and must be approved by DHS.

Beginning Monday, November 14, 2022, the full text of the Request for Applications (RFA) will be available for response. A person may obtain a copy of this RFA by any of the following means:

**View and Submit** Financial Services RFA at<http://forms.dhs.dc.gov/s3/FY23-Financial-Services-for-the-DC-Career-MAP-Program>

**Download** from the Mayor’s Office of Community Affairs and District Grants Clearinghouse website at <https://communityaffairs.dc.gov/content/community-grant-program>

**The deadline for application submissions is Monday, December 4, 2022, at 4:00pm.** All applications must be submitted through the Financial Services RFA submission link provided.

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

[x] -Nonprofit organizations, including those with IRS 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(4) determinations

[x] -Faith-based organizations

[x] -Universities/educational institutions

[x] -Private Enterprises

For additional information regarding this RFA, send an e-mail to Careermaprfa@dc.gov.