
FY25 Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Questioning/Queer, Intersex, Asexual (LGBTQIA+) Violence Prevention & Response Team Grant (VPART) REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS (RFA)

<u>Release Date of RFA</u>	Friday, July 19, 2024
<u>Pre-Bidder's Conference</u>	Thursday, July 18, 2024, May 21, 2024 (2:30 pm - 4:00 pm) Frank D. Reeves Municipal Building – Edna Room 2000 14th Street NW, Second Floor Washington, DC 20009 RSVP Here: https://tinyurl.com/LGBTQVPARTPREBID25
<u>Submission Deadline</u>	Monday, August 5, 2024, at 5:00 PM EST. No exceptions to the deadline will be made.

Please note that applications must be submitted electronically via ZoomGrants. Incomplete applications or those submitted after the deadline will not be accepted.

<u>Submission Details & Technical Support</u>	Online submissions only. Please submit your complete application through the following online portal: MOLGBTQA FY 2025 LGBTQIA+ VPART Grant -- ZOOMGRANTS LINK For technical support, please contact ZoomGrants: Submit a ticket at Questions@ZoomGrants.com or call 866-323-5404x2.
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<u>Availability of RFA:</u>	Download the RFA on MOCA's website (communityaffairs.dc.gov), MOLGBTQA's website (MOLGBTQA's Website), and on the District's Grant Clearinghouse website.
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SECTION I – BACKGROUND

A. Introduction

The Executive Office of Mayor Muriel Bowser and the Mayor's Office of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Questioning Affairs (MOLGBTQA) is soliciting grant applications for its FY2025 LGBTQIA+ Violence Prevention & Response Team ("VPART") Grant from qualified community-based organizations (CBOs) serving the District of Columbia's lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, gender-non-conforming, questioning, queer, intersex, sexual and gender expansive (LGBTQIA+) community. Qualified CBOs shall serve Washington D.C.'s LGBTQIA+ community to provide violence prevention outreach or victim response services.

The MOLGBTQA convenes a monthly VPART meeting with the mission to bring together community and government agencies to reduce violence and harm against members of the LGBTQIA+ community.

VPART will be implemented through a collaborative network of CBOs. These CBOs will work together to provide comprehensive outreach and support services tailored to the needs of victims of crime and individuals affected by opioid-related drug overdose. Coordinated by the MOLGBTQA, this team will leverage the strengths and resources of each organization to ensure a holistic and effective response to the community's needs.

B. Funding Areas

To qualify for the FY2025 LGBTQIA+ VPART Grant, applicants must identify at least one service area to be addressed: Violence Response Services or Victim Prevention Outreach. Applicants may indicate their interest in providing both services. Please specify the service area(s) for which you are applying and how your skills and experience are relevant to the needs and goals of the community. It is encouraged that applicants apply to as many services and programs as possible to demonstrate their full capacity to support the objectives of VPART. If selected for funding, applicants may be asked to focus on fewer services and programs within each area. This will depend on the number of grantees selected and how they are organized to be a part of VPART.

Victim Response Services

Objective: To address and mitigate violence within the LGBTQIA+ community through comprehensive support, education, and outreach.

1. **Case Management:** Assist LGBTQIA+ individuals who have been victimized and are navigating the criminal, civil legal, and social service systems. Provide assessments, planning, facilitation, and coordination to identify and access culturally and linguistically appropriate goods or services based on victims' self-identified goals and needs.
2. **Legal Services:** Provide professional legal advice regarding one's role in criminal proceedings.
3. **Trauma-Informed Mental Health Services:** Link individuals impacted by crime or addiction to treatment and care provided by mental health professionals. Services must



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be culturally appropriate, victim-centered, and delivered in a manner that is welcoming and suitable for trauma survivors.

Violence Prevention Outreach:

Objective: To further reduce violence and harm within the LGBTQIA+ community by providing education, resources, and direct support aimed at harm reduction, recovery, and education and training.

1. **Cultural Humility Training:** Train and provide support to nonprofits, businesses, and government organizations that serve the LGBTQIA+ population throughout Washington, DC.
2. **Community Education:** Provide guidance and strategies for community members that may reduce the likelihood of physical or emotional harm. This includes conducting workshops, seminars, and public awareness campaigns.
3. **Harm Reduction Intervention:** Deliver essential harm reduction and overdose prevention resources to community members through outreach, potential establishment of support networks, and/or direct connection to addiction treatment services.

Target Population

The target population for these funds are individuals who identify as LGBTQIA+ with a focus on those who are at a higher risk of experiencing violence and opioid-related drug overdose.

C. Eligible Organization

Applicants shall meet the following minimum requirements to be considered for the FY25 LGBTQIA+ VPART Grant:

1. The organization is a community-based organization with a Federal 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status and is a Licensed business with the [District of Columbia's Department of Licensing and Consumer Protection \(DLCP\)](#);
2. The organization's principal place of business must be located in the District of Columbia; if the business is a national or regional organization, it must have a location in the District through which it provides services;
3. The organization must provide services to District residents or collaborate with an organization that provides services to District residents.
4. All services and programming funded by the grant must be provided within the District of Columbia; and
5. The organization must be registered and in good standing with the [DLCP](#) and the [Office of Tax and Revenue \(OTR\)](#). Applicants must maintain their good standing status with the aforementioned entities throughout the pre-award process and the grant's performance period;
6. Applicants shall provide an affidavit regarding any debarments, suspensions, or default[M(1)]ts with the [Office of Contract and Procurement \(OCP\)](#);



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7. *(This requirement applies only to current MOLGBTQA grantees)* Current grantees must be:
- Current on MOLGBTQA reporting obligations for the FY24 grant cycle;
 - In good standing with the District's legal requirements, including those imposed by any grants or contracts, and;
 - Progress reports must reflect substantial progress towards the goals of the grant agreement.

Preference will be given to applicants who demonstrate strong evidence of responding to one of Mayor Muriel Bowser's funding areas listed in section B above.

Individuals and for-profit entities are not eligible to receive grants. No grant funds expended by the eligible applicants may be used to subsidize or defray the operating cost of for-profit businesses. However, eligible applicants may partner with for-profit business entities, schools, or other non-profit organizations on the development of the projects.

D. Budget

A grant budget includes all the costs associated with carrying out the grant project or program. To determine how much you will spend, you must know what activities and services you will provide, when they will be provided, and by whom. The organization must submit the budget to run the entire program in the supporting document section. In addition, the organization must submit the budget requested in ZoomGrants for the requested amount.

Please note that the budget requested should be a percentage or portion of the entire budget of the program. We may finance only a portion of the program.

E. Eligible Funding Uses

Grant funds may be used to support the following project costs:

- Personnel Costs directly related to the implementation of the project.
- Fringe Benefits
- Travel and Transportation
- Supplies
- Consultants or Contractors working on the implementation of the project.
- Small Equipment (Not to exceed \$300)
- Communications
- Marketing and Promotions
- Printing/copies
- Training
- Operating Expenses
- Indirect Costs

F. Ineligible Funding Uses

Grant funds cannot be used to pay for the following items:

- Acquisition/Purchase of real property
- Rental or Lease Payments
- Acquisition/Purchase of vehicles
- Federal and District Taxes
- Any costs to satisfy liens and related penalties.
- Government impositions
- Food and Beverage
- Organizational Capacity Building
- Debt Service
- Lobbying
- Clothing^[M(2)]
- To subsidize or defray the operating costs of for-profit businesses

G. Awards Amounts and Duration

Award sizes will vary, and eligible organizations can be funded up to **\$50,000**. The grant will be awarded for one year starting on October 1, 2024, and ending on September 30, 2025.

Programs must be run and evaluated during this period. In its sole discretion, the grantor may use several methods to monitor the grant, including quarterly reports, site visits, review of performance planning, engagement efforts, and data collection. At any point, the grant is subject to a performance or financial audit.

Funding for this award is contingent on continued funding from the grantor. An RFA does not commit to MOLGBTQA to make an award.

H. Award Notification

Award letters are expected to be released in October 2024^[M(3)] via email and posted in the grant application program, ZoomGrants. For successful applicants, the Letter of Agreement will contain funding restrictions; programmatic, administrative, and national policy requirements; reporting documents including the total budget along with the amount of grant funding for the program; and payment terms.

I. Submission Guidelines

The **ONLY** method to apply is through the ZoomGrants online portal. **Applications are due no later than Monday, August 5, 2024, at 5:00 PM Eastern Time.** All applications will be recorded upon receipt. Applications received after **Monday, August 5, 2024, at 5:00 PM Eastern Time** will be disqualified and will not be forwarded to the Review Panel for funding considerations. Any additions or deletions to an application, unless requested by the funding agency, will not be accepted after the deadline of **Monday, August 5, 2024, at 5:00 PM**



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Eastern Time. Applications with incomplete, illegible, or corrupted files or digital material will not be considered.

The grant application will be available through the online grant application: ZoomGrants. To apply, an applicant must go to the link that will be posted on [MOCA's website](#). Once the applicant clicks on the link, they will be prompted to create a ZoomGrants account or login to their existing account and then will be able to access the grant application.

All applications must be submitted via the online application system. All attachment documents must be submitted in PDF format. Any other form will deem the submission incomplete.

Due to the variance of applicant internet speeds, applications with many attached documents will take time to process. Applicants should consider submitting applications no later than **3 hours** before the submission deadline. If an application is submitted minutes before the submission deadline, the announcement may close in the middle of processing the application. If this occurs, the grantor will not receive the application submission. The grantor will not make exceptions to this rule.

The grantor is not responsible for malfunctions of the online platform. Applicants that encounter technical systems errors must contact the support desk at questions@zoomgrants.com. Please be sure to notify us of any technical system errors by 2:00 PM on August 5, 2024. This action must not grant an extension to submit the application. Once it is 5:00 PM, the system will no longer allow for edits or submission.

J. Pre-Bidders Conference

A pre-bidder's conference will be held on Thursday, July 18, 2024 (2:30 pm - 4:00 pm) Frank D. Reeves Municipal Building – Edna Room.

K. Contact Person:

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L. Terms and Conditions

- Funding for this award is contingent on continued funding from the grantor. The RFA does not commit MOLGBTQA to make an award.
- MOLGBTQA reserves the right to accept or deny any or all applications if MOLGBTQA determines it is in the best interest of MOLGBTQA to do so. MOLGBTQA shall notify the applicant if it rejects that applicant's proposal. MOLGBTQA reserves the right to suspend or terminate an outstanding RFA.
- MOLGBTQA reserves the right to issue addenda and/or amendments after the



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issuance of the RFA or to rescind the RFA.

- MOLGBTQA shall not be liable for any costs incurred in the preparation of applications in response to the RFA. Applicant agrees that all costs incurred in developing the application are the applicant's sole responsibility.
- MOLGBTQA may conduct pre-award on-site visits to verify information submitted in the application and to determine if the applicant's facilities are appropriate for the services proposed.
- MOLGBTQA may enter negotiations with an applicant and adopt a firm funding amount or other revisions for the applicant's proposal that may result from negotiations.
- MOLGBTQA shall provide the citations to the statute and implementing regulations that authorize the grant or sub-grant; all applicable federal and District regulations, such as OMB Circulars A-102 and, 31 CFR Part 35, 1 DCMR §§ 5000-05; payment provisions identifying how the grantee will be paid for performing under the award; reporting requirements, including programmatic, financial and any special reports required by federal law and/or the granting Agency; and compliance conditions that must be met by the grantee. 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.

SECTION II – SCORING OF APPLICATIONS

A. Scoring Criteria

Applications will be evaluated based on the criteria outlined below. Applications should include the elements for each section to be eligible for the maximum consideration. Applications that fail to include all the necessary elements may not be reviewed or considered and may be disqualified. Applications must provide sufficient information for EOM to determine the merit of the project proposal.

Criterion A: Soundness of the Proposal **20 points**

- The program demonstrates that members of the community would benefit from the outcomes of the grant.
- The description of the program implementation, including the work plan, staffing plan, and performance work plan is realistic based on the proposed time requirements.
- The program addresses the funding areas listed in Section B and will impact district residents.

Criterion B: Program Goals and Outcomes **15 points**

- Program goals and supporting objectives and activities are clearly defined, measurable, and time-specific.
- Applicant demonstrates clearly the outcomes of the programs.
- Applicant demonstrates that the program uses best practices and/or is based on national standards to manage information.

Criterion C: Program Evaluation **5 points**



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- Applicant demonstrates a clear process to measure/evaluate its program.

Criterion D: Organizational Capability and Relevant Experience **25 points**

- Applicant demonstrates qualifications and past experiences to provide services applied for and in serving the LGBTQIA+ community. Information on prior program accomplishments, evaluations, findings, and changes made as a result should be referenced.
- Applicant demonstrates capacity to work with the District's LGBTQIA+ community.
- Applicant demonstrates sufficient and appropriate staffing for proposed services. Staff roles and responsibilities are clearly defined. Resumes and/or position descriptions for key project staff should be included as an attachment.
- Applicant demonstrates an established organizational structure and its ability to administer the proposed program and, as proposed, function as Lead Agency through the submission of operational programmatic staff names and their key positions.
- The organization possesses a Board member structure.

Criterion E: Sound Fiscal Management and Budget **25 points**

- Applicant demonstrates sound fiscal management (i.e., files their taxes, current business license, certificate of clean hands, certificate of good standing), the submission of the Lead Agency's annual audits (2022 and 2023, if available), and/or financial statements, and/or cash flow documents (2024).
- Applicant's budget with budget justification is reasonable and it is realistic to achieve stated goals and objectives.
- If the applicant previously received a District grantor contract, it managed the funds transparently and responsibly for the grant's intended purposes. (i.e., refer to the Affidavit from the Office of Contract and Procurement, Assurance and Certifications affidavit)

Criterion F: Community Outreach **10 points**

- Applicant demonstrates sound community outreach plan to connect with LGBTQIA+ and other DC communities (residents and businesses) to promote programs and/or services to new potential clients and constituents, as well as raise awareness of the District's LGBTQIA+ issues. Opportunities include tabling at various District of Columbia government events and other District government-sponsored activities. If the applicant previously received District funds, it participated in such events and promptly responded to requests for assistance to constituents within the applicant's range of expertise.

B. MISCELLANEOUS

- The people scoring the proposals will confirm that they have no conflicts of interest.
- Neither the Mayor nor any elected official will be involved in the scoring of grants or determining winners and amounts of awards.
- Scores and award amounts are non-appealable.



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- Scorers' comments and the scores themselves are deliberative and privileged and will not be released. However, winners will be announced publicly, and successful grant applications and award letters may be subject to release (with redactions as allowed by law) under the District's Freedom of Information Act.
- District officials may decline to debrief unsuccessful applicants why their proposal was not granted, or their funding request was not granted in full.

C. Application Review & Awards

The application review for the Community Grants will occur in (3) phases.

Phase 1: Prequalification Period

During the prequalification period, applicants must successfully submit all the required information and documents listed in Section III.G. Each application will receive an initial screening to ensure that all required forms, signatures, and documents are present, complete, and compliant with the requirements for each, and if so, the application will be qualified to move to the application review panel phase. An application will not be qualified for the review panel if:

- a) The application is received after the Submission Deadline;
- b) The application package is incomplete;
- c) The application fails to address the priorities; or
- d) The application or project does not fall within the scope of this RFA.

Phase 2: Application Review Panel

Applications that are qualified in Phase 1 will be evaluated by an independent panel. MOLGBTQA uses an independent review panel that will submit recommendations for funding. The review panel is composed of neutral, qualified individuals selected for their experiences with health, education, housing, legal, public safety, business, employment, and other related expertise, or grants administration and non-profit management. The panel members will review and score applicant proposals and submit recommendations for awards using the scoring criteria defined in Section II.A.

Phase 3: Award

Final decisions will be made based on the panel recommendations, the scores, and such other factors and considerations as the District deems relevant at the time of award, which may include: updated consideration of how well the applicant has performed on prior grants; grant administrators with prior experience with applicants; and the input and expert opinion of relevant agency Directors.



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SECTION III – ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS & APPLICATION CHECKLIST

A. Certifications and Assurances

The agency shall complete, sign, and return the Certifications and Assurances with the application submission (Certifications and Assurances are provided in PDF format in the Supporting Documents section of the application in ZoomGrants).

B. Insurance

The applicant, upon request, must be able to show proof of all insurance coverage required by law. All grantees who receive awards under this RFA must show proof of insurance before receiving the funds. It is the responsibility of the grantee to make sure it has the appropriate insurance for the services it provides.

C. Grant Agreement.

Selected awardees must sign an agreement setting forth the terms and obligations that will serve as conditions for the selected awardee's receipt of the grant funds. To remain eligible for this grant, all supplemental documentation must be submitted to the grantor within five (5) days of the Award Letter. An applicant that cannot provide these materials WITHIN FIVE (5) BUSINESS DAYS may be deemed ineligible to receive grant funds and the offer may be withdrawn. Upon full execution of the grant agreement and any associated documents, to be confirmed by the grantor, grant disbursement will begin.

D. Audits

At any time before final payment and three (3) years thereafter, the District may have the grantee's expenditure statements and source documentation audited.

E. Taxability of Grant Funds

Receipt of grant funds may be considered taxable income to the grant recipient. Grant recipients should consult their own tax advisor/professional regarding tax income and tax liabilities concerns.

F. Nondiscrimination in the Delivery of Services

Under the Federal Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. § 2000d), and/or the D.C. Human Rights Act (D.C. Official Code § 2-1401 *et seq.*), as amended, no person shall on the grounds of race, color, religion, national origin, political affiliation, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under, any program activity receiving the Mayor's Office on LGBTQIA+



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Affairs community grant funds.

The grantee shall comply with all applicable District and Federal statutes and regulations as may be amended from time to time including, but not limited to:

- [The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. §§ 12101 et seq.](#)
- [Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29 U.S.C. § 794](#)
- [The Age Discrimination Act of 1975, 42 U.S.C. §§ 6101 et seq.](#)
- [The Hatch Act, 5 U.S.C §§ 1501 et seq.](#)
- [The Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, 29 U.S.C. §§ 651 et seq.](#)
- [Lobbying Disclosure Act, 2 U.S.C. §§ 1601 et seq.](#)
- [Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988, 41 U.S.C. §§ 8101 et seq.](#)
- [District of Columbia Human Rights Act 1977, D.C. Official Code §§ 2-1401 et seq.](#)
- [DC Language Access Act of 2004, D.C. Official Code §§ 2-1931 et seq.](#)
- [The Grant Administration Act of 2013 as amended, D.C. Official Code §§ 1-328.11-17.](#)
- [Mayor Order 2023-313 Sexual Harassment Policy.](#)

If the grant is reimbursable to the District from the Federal government through the Federal Recovery Act, the applicant must keep a list of all jobs created through the grant funds and report on such employment gains to the Department of Employment Services, under [D.C. Official Code § 2-219.51](#).

G. APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Applicants are required to follow the content requirements and submission instructions below. Please submit your proposal in the sequence listed here with all the supporting documents.

Applications will be considered incomplete if any part of any section is missing.

Agency/Organization Profile

Proposal Narrative- Make sure that your application covers the following:

- Pre-Application Questions
- Application Questions
- Budget Requested & Staffing Plan
- Work Plan
- Performance Plan

Supporting Documents:

- Copy of current IRS tax-exempt Determination Letter (*REQUIRED for applicants that have a 501 status*)
- DC Basic Business License from DLCP [*Note: License period must be current at the time of application.*]



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- IRS Form 990 for 2022, **Mandatory**.
*The full-length **990 form** is required for nonprofits who gross \$200,000 or more in total receipts, or total assets of \$500,000 or more.*
*You file the **990-EZ** if your organization received less than the amounts requiring the full 990 form (mentioned above), but more than \$50,000 in total gross receipts.*
*You file the **990-N**, the e-Postcard if you received less than or equal to \$50,000 in total gross annual receipts.*
*The **990-PF form** is strictly for private foundations.*
- IRS Form 990 for 2023, If Available. This document will need to be submitted if the applicant is selected to receive grant funds.
*The full-length **990 form** is required for nonprofits who gross \$200,000 or more in total receipts, or total assets of \$500,000 or more.*
*You file the **990-EZ** if your organization received less than the amounts requiring the full 990 form (mentioned above), but more than \$50,000 in total gross receipts.*
*You file the **990-N**, the e-Postcard if you received less than or equal to \$50,000 in total gross annual receipts.*
*The **990-PF form** is strictly for private foundations.*
- Most Recent Financial Statements. *Include the income statement, the consolidated balance sheet, and the statement of cash flows. This is for the whole organization, not the project.*
- Current Budget. *(This is the budget for the entire program. Please note that this budget is different from the budget you are requesting).*
- Clean Hands Certificate from OTR (Office of Tax and Revenue)
- Certificate of Good Standing from DLCP
- Debarment Affidavit from OCP- *Please download the form, complete it, and sign it.*
- Signed Assurance – *Please sign and upload the attached document.*
- Signed Certifications - *Please sign and upload the attached document.*
- Signed Mayor Order 2023-313 Sexual Harassment Policy - *Please sign and upload the attached document.*
- Organizational Chart
- Current list of board members - *For each member include names, addresses, affiliations, and contact information.*
- Project Staff Job Descriptions - *Please describe only the positions of the staff working on the project.*
- Project Staff Resumes - *All staff paid with the funds from this grant must submit their resume.*
- Summary of accomplishments under prior grants
- Memorandum of Agreement/Understanding, *if applicable - Please DO NOT SEND general letters of support.*
- Program-related materials, *if applicable*
- Collaborative Partner Materials, *if applicable*
- List of DC Government funding received in FY2023 and expected in FY2024



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- Please include the name of the DC Government agency.
- *NICRA- If the organization has the Negotiated Indirect Cost Rate Agreement with the Federal Government, please submit it to claim the 15% Indirect Cost.*
- *AUDITS- At any time before final payment and three (3) years thereafter, the District may have the grantee's expenditure statements and source documentation audited.*
- *Insurance Certificates – to be submitted if the organization is awarded the grant funds.*