

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Child and Family Services Agency



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Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA)
FY 2025 Families First DC (FFDC) Project

Background Information: FFDC is a neighborhood-based, whole family approach for vulnerable families who reside in the District of Columbia (DC). FFDC project is designed to disrupt the way services are delivered in eleven (11) neighborhoods where barriers to well-being, economic opportunity, and achievement are most acute. As part of the District's evolution into how we interact with our customers, FFDC will be a neighborhood-based, neighborhood-driven, neighborhood-led approach aimed at reducing disparities and creating stronger, more resilient families through meaningful access to District services. Research from the child welfare field is increasingly showing that a community approach can enhance family functioning. By enhancing the safety net available to families within the communities where they live, the goal is to create an environment that enhances the parent's ability to make good decisions for their families.

Program Scope: CFSA seeks community-based organizations that can achieve these goals through implementing community-driven, place-based initiatives that focus on multiple aspects of a family's life to improve well-being and stability. Through placed-based centers, known as Family Success Centers, neighbors will have access to resources and services that they deem important. Each center will look different, based on the community's strengths and goals, but will strive to be a safe, accessible place where neighbors can come to use a computer, access resources and services onsite, and attend classes and trainings.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Applications will be accepted only from non-profit, community-based organizations which meet established criteria, demonstrate ability to meet the needs identified in this RFA, and who are able to commit to implementing the program measures over the grant period. Organizations may partner together to offer separate but coordinated components of the program but must identify a lead Applicant.
- The following are eligible organizations/entities who can apply for grant funds under this RFA: Non-profit organizations; Private organizations; Public organizations; Faith-based organizations. Consideration for funding shall be organizations meeting the above eligibility criteria and having documentation of providing services for families in the neighborhood(s) the organization applies to serve.
- Partnerships between organizations are welcomed.

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- Applicants must provide letters of commitment, co-applications, or letters of support for existing partnerships if performance depends on another organization.

- All entities that seek to do business with the District of Columbia must be:
 - (1) registered with the Office of Tax and Revenue,
 - (2) registered on the District's procurement network (Ariba),
 - (3) entered into the District's payment system (SOAR), and
 - (4) in compliance with tax filing requirements of the District (a Clean Hands certificate can be obtained from <https://mytax.dc.gov/>).
- For procurements of \$100,000 or more, the successful contractor must also complete other regulatory requirements, such as submitting an Equal Employment Opportunity Information Report.
- For contracts for services in the amount of \$300,000 or more, the successful contractor must submit a First Source Employment Agreement Act in compliance with D.C. Official Code § 2-219.01 et seq. (First Source Act).
- These documents are available at <https://ocp.dc.gov/page/required-solicitation-documents-ocp>.

Release Date of RFA: Wednesday, May 15, 2024

Pre-Application Conference: Date: Monday, June 3, 2024

Time: 10:00 am-12:00 pm

Location: In Person and Virtual Platform

Availability of RFA: The RFA will be posted on Ariba website (www.ocp.dc.gov) & on the Districts Grant Clearinghouse Website, go to <https://communityaffairs.dc.gov/content/community-grant-program>. Select the "Grants" link under the "Information" header.

Amount of Awards: Eligible organizations can be awarded up to **\$325,000** in the 12-month base year and **\$325,000** per year for up to four option years to continue implementation of place-based family support initiatives.

Length of Awards: Grant awards are for FY 2025 for one-year at the time of award and (4) 12-month option periods.

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Deadline for Submissions: 2:00pm on Monday, June 17, 2024.