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NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY

FY2025 African Community Grant

A. Background Information

The Executive Office of Mayor Muriel Bowser and The Mayor's Office of African Affairs (MOAA) are soliciting grant applications for its FY2025 African Community Grant from qualified Community-Based Organizations (CBOs) serving the District of Columbia's African community.

B. Funding Areas

To qualify for the FY2025 African Community Grant, applicants must provide services in at least one of the three (3) funding areas listed below:

1. Downtown Comeback

We have the opportunity to reimagine a Downtown where residents, workers, and visitors can live, work, and play in vibrant centers of activity for all. Looking to DC's future, the District of Columbia will continue to position itself as a global and forward-thinking leader in the way we choose to serve our residents.

Empowering the District of Columbia to remain a city for people of all ages and at all stages of life means fighting to protect the middle class. When Washingtonians across all eight wards have access to job opportunities and can afford to build a better life for themselves and their loved ones in the District, our residents and communities are stronger.

2. Public Safety

Public safety serves as a foundation for living a healthy and happy life. We want to create significant, lasting change and not just to reverse these rising trends, but to reduce any type of violence, including gun violence, and ultimately end it.

Continuing to support our residents through investments in education, housing, and economic development will improve the quality of life of residents.

3. Education

Schools are the heartbeat of our communities, and every community deserves a great school. Every child should have the opportunity to reach their full potential and to pursue their dreams. This starts with the basics, such as reading, math, and more.

Recreational activities such as sports, arts, civic engagement, and youth engagement will impact the health and well-being of our residents and students.

C. Target Population

The target population for these funds is the African community of all ages who reside in the District of Columbia.

D. Eligibility Criteria

Applicants shall meet the following minimum requirements to be considered for the FY2025 African Community Grant:

1. The organization is a CBO 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, then it must have a location in the District through which it provides services;
3. The organization must provide direct 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;
5. The organization must be currently 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 period performance;
6. The organization shall provide an affidavit regarding any debarments, suspensions, or defaults with the Office of Contract and Procurement (OCP) and Federal Government; and
7. *(This requirement applies only to current MOAA grantees)* Current grantees must be:
 - a. Current on MOAA reporting obligations for the FY2024 grant cycle;

- b. In good standing with the District’s legal requirements, including those imposed by any grants or contracts; and
- c. Progress reports must reflect substantial progress towards the goals of the grant agreement.

E. Important Dates

Request for Applications

(RFA) Release Date: Friday, May 17, 2024

Availability of RFA:

The RFA will be posted on the Mayor’s Office of Community Affairs website and the Mayor’s Office on Volunteerism & Partnerships (Serve DC’s) electronic grant clearinghouse which can be accessed here: <https://communityaffairs.dc.gov/content/community-grant-program>

Amount of Awards:

Eligible organizations can be awarded up to \$15,000.

Application Deadline:

Must be submitted via ZoomGrants by Friday, June 14, 2024, at 5:00 PM EST

Length of Awards:

Grant awards are for FY 2025
October 1, 2024 – September 30, 2025

Pre-Bidder’s Conference:

Wednesday, May 22, 2024 (3:00 pm - 4:00 pm)
Frank D. Reeves Municipal Building – Edna Room
2000 14th Street NW, Second Floor
Washington, DC 20009

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