GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE FINANCE

NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY

The Department of Health Care Finance (DHCF) announces a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) to make grant funds available, contingent on the passage of the Fiscal Year 2027 Local Budget Act of 2026 into law, to deliver a Medical Respite Care program in the District of Columbia. The Director of DHCF has authority to issue grants under Section 6 of the Department of Health Care Finance Establishment Act of 2007, effective February 27, 2008 (D.C. Law 17-109; D.C. Official Code 7-771.05(4).

A Request for Application (RFA) for this opportunity will be released under a separate announcement with guidelines for submitting the application, review criteria, and DHCF terms and conditions for applying for and receiving funding. The anticipated performance period for this grant is the date of award to September 30, 2027. This grant is contingent upon available funding.

Description of Opportunity:

Medical Respite Care Program: Up to two (2) grants totaling $650,000 to implement a Medical Respite Care pilot that offers short-term residential care for individuals experiencing homelessness, with a focus on Medicaid, CHIP, and Alliance beneficiaries, who are recovering from an acute illness or hospital discharge, providing a safe environment for healing with access to medical and supportive services for those not requiring hospital-level care. Services must align with National Institute for Medical Respite Care (NIMRC) principles and include, at minimum: 24-hour access to a bed; three meals per day; transportation to medical appointments; access to a phone for telehealth and medical-related communications; safe storage for personal items; wellness checks at least once every 24 hours; care coordination and case management; support for transitions of care from hospitals to respite and from respite to community settings; and reporting to inform future policy planning. Contingent upon available funding, DHCF may award up to two (2) option years in addition to the base year of the grants.

Eligibility Requirements:

Applicants must have a demonstrated record of administering Medical Respite Care services based on NIMRC principles; experience partnering with inpatient hospitals and Medicaid managed care plans (MCPs); and the capacity to provide required reporting.

All applicants must also be a registered organization in good standing with the DC Department of Licensing and Consumer Protection (DLCP), the Office of Tax and Revenue (OTR), the Department of Employment Services (DOES), and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), and demonstrate Clean Hands certification at the time of application.

A RFA will be released on or around November 6, 2026. The application package will be available online at https://communityaffairs.dc.gov/content/community-grant-program#4 and the DHCF website (https://dhcf.dc.gov/page/dhcf-grant-opportunities).

DHCF will hold a virtual pre-proposal conference on November 16, 2026 at 3:00 PM via Microsoft Teams. Prospective applicants must provide an email address to DHCF to receive notification of amendments or clarifications to the RFA.

Completed applications must be received on or before 4:00 pm on December 7, 2026 to DHCF c/o becky.normile@dc.gov. Applicants will receive an email receipt notification to verify that their application has been received. No applications will be accepted after the submission deadline. All eligible applications will be reviewed through a competitive process.

For additional information regarding this NOFA, please contact Becky Normile, Project Manager, DHCF, Health Care Reform & Innovation Administration at becky.normile@dc.gov or at (202) 609-8262.