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 Produce Prescription (Produce Rx) program in the District of Columbia. The Director of DHCF has authority to issue grants under Section 6(4) 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 Opportunities:

Produce Rx Program: One (1) grant of up to $500,000 to enhance and expand Produce Rx interventions for Medicaid and other public insurance program beneficiaries in the District. Produce Rx programs are a type of Food is Medicine intervention that allow health care providers to issue a "prescription" for healthy food that can be redeemed at food retailers at no cost to the patient. Produce Rx interventions will give health care providers nutritional tools to better manage and coordinate care for patients diagnosed with a diet-related chronic conditions such as diabetes, stroke, heart disease, certain cancers, and HIV, or a diet-related perinatal condition, such as preeclampsia and gestational diabetes. 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 Food is Medicine programs to Medicaid and other public health insurance program beneficiaries, including integrating Produce Rx programs within clinical workflows and partnering with food retailers to enable the use of Produce Rx programs by beneficiaries.

All applicants must also be registered organizations 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). Hard copies of the application package may be obtained at DHCF, 441 4th St. N.W., Ste 900S, Washington, D.C. 20001, 9th floor reception desk daily from 9:00 am until 4:00 pm.

DHCF will hold a virtual pre-proposal conference on November 16, 2026 at 11:00 AM 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.