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) for grant funds pursuant to the authority established by Section 5202 the Fiscal Year 2027 Budget Support Act of 2026 to deliver a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) Grant Program for Uninsured Patient Care. 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:

FQHC Services for Uninsured DC Residents Program: DHCF will award at least two (2) grants of up to $400,000 each to FQHCs or FQHC Look-Alikes to fund health and social services for uninsured DC residents. If more than two applicants are selected for an award, then each award amount will be proportionally reduced. DHCF will work collaboratively with the selected applicants to update budgets accordingly.

Eligibility Requirements:

Applicants must be either:

i. A federally qualified health center ("FQHC") as defined by the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. § 1395x(aa)(4)); or
ii. An FQHC Look-Alike. An FQHC Look-Alike is an entity that has been determined by the Health Resources and Services Administration of the United States Department of Health and Human Services to meet the definition of a FQHC, but does not receive FQHC program funding.

Applicants must serve a patient population that is at least 20% uninsured based on the most recent Health Center Program Uniform Data System report, or a comparable data source.

Applicants must have a demonstrated record of health and social services to uninsured DC residents.

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 12, 2026, at 1:00 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 katherine.farnam1@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 Katherine Farnam, Project Manager, DHCF, Health Care Reform & Innovation Administration at katherine.farnam1@dc.gov.