

**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 available to conduct digital health planning activities and deliver tailored technical assistance to District providers in support of their use of digital health tools. Funding for this grant opportunity is partly from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). 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) (2012 Repl.).

A Request for Applications (RFA) 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 base year performance period is the date of award to September 30, 2025. Contingent upon available funding, DHCF may decide to award four (4) additional option years.

Description of Opportunity:

Digital Health Planning and Technical Assistance: One (1) multi-year (FY25-FY29) grant of up to \$18,150,000: 1) conduct planning activities that support the assessment of digital health infrastructure and technical assistance needs and multi-year digital health strategy and roadmap; and 2) deliver tailored technical assistance focused on health information exchange (HIE), electronic health record (EHR) data quality improvement, and the use of other digital health tools.

DHCF aims to increase the quality, value, and accessibility of healthcare in DC by facilitating the secure and timely exchange of usable health-related information. EHR adoption, HIE capacity, and digital health tool utilization in the District has grown significantly over the past decade with the formal establishment of the DC HIE and State Medicaid Health IT Plan (SMHP)-informed investments designed to increase providers' digital connectivity. DHCF recognizes that the work of developing and sustaining digital health infrastructure to support the Medicaid program is an ongoing endeavor. The availability of tailored technical assistance services has been a major component in supporting connectivity across the District's health system.

The applicant will conduct planning activities that support the assessment of infrastructure and technical assistance needs, which will inform an updated digital health strategy and roadmap. The applicant will also support building upon the progress of prior technical assistance programs and deliver services that include a focus on driving effective HIE use in clinical workflows and improving EHR data quality.

Eligibility Requirements:

Each eligible applicant must meet the following qualifications:

1. Be organized under the District of Columbia Non-Profit Corporation Act (D.C. Official Code, sec. 29-501 et seq) or organized as a Non-Profit organization in the jurisdiction where the entity is incorporated.
2. Have the authority to enter into an agreement with DHCF and be in compliance with applicable District of Columbia laws and regulations.
3. Be a registered organization in good standing with the DC Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA), Corporation Division, 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.
4. Have a demonstrated record of implementing and optimizing certified electronic health records (CEHRTs) and facilitating connection to the DC Health Information Exchange (DC HIE) in a manner tailored to District Medicaid provider workflows.
5. Have a demonstrated record of providing clinically tailored technical assistance, trainings, and learning collaboratives to Medicaid providers on CEHRTs, case management systems, HIE, value-based purchasing, and reimbursement.
6. Have a demonstrated record of conducting environmental scans, strategic planning activities, and engaging with District health system stakeholders to elicit input and feedback via facilitated interviews and focus groups to: 1) understand data and infrastructure gaps; 2) understand whole person care infrastructure needs; and 3) inform digital health activities and strategic planning.
7. Have a demonstrated record of analyzing and summarizing information from stakeholder interviews, focus groups, and quantitative data in digital health utilization, care delivery, and infrastructure needs to inform the development of a strategic plan and roadmap.

A RFA will be released on or around February 21, 2025. 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 pre-proposal conference on **February 26, 2025 at 11:00am – 12:00pm** 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 P.M. on March 21, 2025 to DHCF c/o eduarda.koch@dc.gov. Applicants will receive an email receipt notification to verify that their application have 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 Eduarda Koch, Senior Project Manager, DHCF, Health Care Reform & Innovation Administration at eduarda.koch@dc.gov or at 202-673-3561.