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. The Director of DHCF has authority to issue grants under 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.) to help develop a comprehensive, efficient, and cost-effective health care system for the District’s uninsured, underinsured, and low-income residents.

A Request for Applications (RFA) for the below 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 from Award Date to September 30, 2019.

Descriptions of Opportunities:

Hospital Discharge Innovations to Improve Care Transitions: One (1) grant of $382,000 will be awarded to improve the discharge and transfer experience of Medicaid beneficiaries. This grant will support the implementation of innovative approaches to effective hospital discharge planning and care transition procedures that reduce preventable utilization of services, improve patient experience, and quality of care, including efforts designed to:

- Improve the quality and timeliness of discharge summaries and structured data;
- Utilize new technology effectively, including health information exchange (HIE) tools; and
- Advance team-based care models.

Eligibility Requirements:

Applicants must have a demonstrated record of implementing new interventions in the hospital setting and a demonstrated expertise in evidenced-based and innovative approaches to effective discharge planning and care transition interventions. Applicants should have a deep understanding of DHCF priorities and the proposal should reflect ongoing initiatives such as pay-for-performance initiatives, health homes, and health IT and HIE tools.

All applicants must also be 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.

A RFA will be released on or around January 18, 2019. The RFA package will be available online at http://opgs.dc.gov/page/opgs-district-grants-clearinghouse and the https://dhcf.dc.gov/. Hard copies of the RFA 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. All eligible applications are reviewed through a competitive process.

DHCF will hold a pre-proposal conference on January 22, 2019 at 10:30AM at 441 4th Street NW, 10th floor, Main Street Room 1028, Washington, DC 20001. 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 4:00PM on February 18, 2019. Applications must be submitted in hard copy and in-person at DHCF, 441 4th St. N.W., Ste 900S, Washington, D.C. 20001, 9th floor reception desk. No applications will be accepted after the submission deadline.

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