Questions and Responses – Produce Prescription Program for Medicaid and Other Public Insurance Programs Grant

1. Is there only going to be one grant available? Could the grant be split between many different community organizations?

DHCF is awarding one grant of up to $250,000. However, the prime recipient can partner with other organizations and issue sub-grants. As indicated in the RFA, applicants need to indicate in their initial application that they intend to sub-grant and submit signed letters of commitment with their application. There is not limit on the number of sub-grantees that the prime recipient may partner with.

2. Will this additional grant funds be available beyond September 30, 2021?

This grant is funded by the FY21 DC Budget Support Act (BSA). All FY21 DC BSA funds have to be expended by September 30, 2021. We do not know if additional funding will be available in future fiscal years.

3. Can you define what would be considered a contractor vs. a sub-grantee? Can contractors be sub-grantees?

If the organization you’re working with will be performing a task to fulfill a specific component of the grant, they are considered a sub-grantee and signed letters of commitment are required as part of your application package.

4. Could you provide a budget template?

If you need a budget template, please email brion.elliott@dc.gov with your request. Use of DHCF’s budget template is not required.

5. Are there any cost sharing requirements limit or cap on Overhead/Administrative cost?

DHCF’s default indirect cost rate is 10 percent. If the applicant is seeking a higher indirect cost rate, please provide documentation of the Negotiated Indirect Cost Rate Agreement with the federal government.

6. Is DHCF making claims data available for the evaluation?

Data use agreements for any projects are handled separately from the grant process. If the applicant intends to seek a data use agreement, please indicate as such in your proposal.

7. Are both a Certificate of Good Standing (from DCRA) and a Certificate of Clean Hands (from OTR) required to receive the award?

Yes, both the Certificate of Good Standing and the Certificate of Clean Hands are required. The Certificate of Good Standing indicates that the business is in compliance with various regulatory
requirements. The Certificate of Clean Hands shows that the business does not owe a debt to the District.

8. Will you provide a copy of the presentation used during the pre-application conference?

If you would like the slide deck of the presentation shown during the Pre Application meeting, please email brion.elliott@dc.gov with your request.

9. Are submitters required to have past DC government grant or contract performance experience?

Past DC Government or contract performance experience is not required.

10. Is this grant for the design and development of the program/platform? Will funding be available for on-going, post-launch maintenance and upkeep? Will DHCF be responsible for the payments to produce vendors (i.e. grocery stores, farmers markets, etc.)?

This is one-time funding and all grant funds must be expended by September 30, 2021. The program is designed to create the infrastructure and delivery platform for a grocery prescription program in the District. DHCF is not providing payments to produce vendors (i.e. grocery stores, farmers markets, etc.) as a component of the grant. Furthermore, payments to produce vendors are not allowable Medicaid services and may not be billed to Medicaid.