The Department of Health Care Finance (DHCF) announces a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for grant funds pursuant to the authority established by D.C. Act 23-92, Fiscal Year 2020 Budget Support Act of 2019 to make grant funds available to community-based initiatives focused on addressing social determinants of health in Wards 7 and 8. 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.).

A Request for Applications (RFA) for the below opportunities 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 these grants is the date of award to September 30, 2020.

**Descriptions of Opportunities:**

**Ward 7 and 8 Social Determinants of Health Initiatives:** Two (2) grants of no more than $50,000 each, a total of $100,000, will be awarded to facilitate community-based initiatives in Ward 7 and/or 8 focused on addressing social determinants of health for Medicaid beneficiaries in Ward 7 and/or 8. The grant should focus on the following social determinants of health domains: housing, food access, social inclusion, employment assistance and literacy. This grant may also support applicants who participate in a cohort-based curriculum that incorporates a structured, human-centered, creative process that synthesizes multi-disciplinary ideas to address social determinants of health. The grant shall identify high-impact solutions that aligned with existing community health programs that will benefit Medicaid beneficiaries living in Wards 7 and/or 8.

**Eligibility Requirements:**

Applicants must have a demonstrated record of implementing initiatives addressing social determinants of health in the community. Applicants should have a deep understanding of DHCF’s priorities, and the proposal should reflect DHCF’s ongoing initiatives.

All applicants must also 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.

A RFA will be released on or around February 13, 2020. The application package will be available online at [http://opgs.dc.gov/page/opgs-district-grants-clearinghouse](http://opgs.dc.gov/page/opgs-district-grants-clearinghouse) and the DHCF website ([https://dhcf.dc.gov/page/dhcf-grant-opportunities](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 24, 2020 at 1:00PM ET at 441 4th St NW, 10th Floor. 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 ET on March 13, 2020. 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. All eligible applications will be reviewed through a competitive process.

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