

DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SERVICES
Notice of Funding Availability for FY' 19

**Pathways for Young Adults Program (PYAP) Innovation Grants Program – Post
Secondary Education**

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The District of Columbia Department of Employment Services (DOES), Office of Youth Programs (OYP) is seeking qualified organizations to provide services to District youth through its Pathways for Young Adults Program (PYAP) – Innovation Grants Program Opportunity. The PYAP Innovation Grants Program is funded by the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), which became effective on July 1, 2015.

The purpose of this PYAP Innovation Grants Program is to support the delivery of innovative workforce services that will drastically improve the opportunities in Post- Secondary Education for youth between the ages of 18-24. Youth must be a recipient of a high school diploma or GED and not currently enrolled in school. The Post-Secondary Education pathway under PYAP Innovation Grants Program will provide the educational fundamentals around pre-college preparation, re engagement with college, educational financial literacy and enrollment in a Post-Secondary Institution.

DOES OYP will solicit grant applications from eligible organizations to assist youth with entering this pathway while providing support structures to minimize the effects of WIOA identified barriers.

Recipients of the PYAP Innovation Grants Program will aid youth in at least one of the two outcomes: (1) In-Program Skills Gain or (2) Enrollment into a Post-Secondary Institution.

Applicants will develop a model based upon a theory of action that supports the PYAP Innovation Grants Program logic model listed below. The model should address at a minimum the following elements.

1. Three phases(s): College Exploration, College Financial Preparation and Enrollment into a Post-Secondary Institution
2. Assessment of youth to determine pre-college preparation plans: New students enrolling in Post-Secondary Institutions for the first time and/or re-engaging youth to return to Post-Secondary Institutions after an identified gap in educational plans
3. Awareness and guidance on college applications and scholarships
4. 85% of youth participants receiving a DOES approved in-program skills gain and 75% of youth enrolling into a Post-Secondary Institution by Fall 2019;
5. 35% of selected candidates will receive an international educational experience

Please refer to the WIOA guidelines and Fact Sheet for Youth Programs when determining eligibility criteria to be met.

https://www.doleta.gov/wioa/Docs/WIOA_YouthProgram_FactSheet.pdf

Eligibility: Applicants shall be a Non-Profit or For-Profit entity that is eligible to do business with the District government. Additional eligibility requirements will be detailed in the individual Request for Applications (RFA) and in the Notice of Grant Award. Where applicable, the individual RFA will be released via the ARIBA e-Sourcing system or through the online Grants Management System.

Award Period: The grant period will be determined and established in each individual RFA or by DOES.

Available Funding: DOES has identified up to \$187,500 in available funding and anticipates awarding multiple grants.

Selection Process: DOES will select applicants through a competitive review process.

Reservations

DOES reserves the right to issue amendments subsequent to the issuance of this NOFA or individual RFA, or to rescind the NOFA or individual RFA.

If you have any questions about this NOFA, please contact:

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