

**DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SERVICES  
OFFICE OF YOUTH PROGRAMS**

**Notice of Funding Availability**

**Release Date- Request for Applications: November 27<sup>th</sup> 2017 12:00 PM**

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**Pre-Application Meeting Webinar: November 30<sup>th</sup> 11:00 AM**

**Letter of Intent to Apply Due: December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017 12:00 PM**

**GRANT APPLICATIONS DUE: December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017 12:00 PM**

**Pathways for Young Adults Program (PYAP) Innovation Grants Program - Pilot**

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 - Pilot Opportunity. The PYAP Innovation Grants Program – Pilot is funded by the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), which became effective on July 1, 2015.

The purpose of this program PYAP Innovation Grants Program – Pilot is to support the delivery of innovative workforce solutions that will drastically improve the opportunities for youth between the ages of 18-24 years to provide the educational fundamentals around entrepreneurship, financial literacy, business corporation education, business plan development and to successfully build a business foundation and provide guidance on launching a business to obtain a life-sustaining income.

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.

DOES OYP aims to fund integrated service models that explore pathways to building a business and a successful business launch.

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](https://www.doleta.gov/wioa/Docs/WIOA_YouthProgram_FactSheet.pdf)

**Eligible Applicants**

Applicants must be an entity who is eligible to do business with the District Government or an eligible training provider with documented experience providing training for DC's youth. A pre-application meeting/webinar will be held on Thursday, November 30<sup>th</sup> 2017 at 11:00 a.m. This meeting will afford interested parties an opportunity to learn more about the grant opportunity

and ask questions. To apply for this grant opportunity, Applicants should go to the grants portal at the below web address and complete a Letter of Intent (LOI) by Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017 12:00 PM. Once your organization's LOI is submitted and approved your organization will receive an approval email and then be able to respond to the official RFA located within the grants portal. Please be advised if organizations do not submit an LOI through the grant portal your organization will not be able to submit a proposal for the grant.

Up to two (2) awards at \$187,500 each, totaling \$375,000 in grant funds will be made available.

Organizations that are eligible to apply for this grant include public and private non-profit and for-profit organizations with demonstrated effectiveness providing the requested services and meeting the needs of the target population, including but not limited to:

- Non-profit, community, or faith-based organizations;
- Public, Local Education Agencies, charter, or alternative secondary schools;
- Community colleges or other postsecondary institutions;
- Trade associations or chambers of commerce;
- Private, for-profit service providers; or
- Labor unions, labor-management partnerships, or registered apprenticeship programs.

The grant portal can be found at: [Grants Management System](#).

Determinations regarding the number of innovative grant awards will be based on the quality and number of applications received and available funding.

A review panel(s) will be convened to review, score, and rate each application for a competitive grant. The review panel(s) will be composed of external neutral, qualified, professional individuals selected for their expertise, knowledge or related experiences. Each application will be scored against a rubric and applications will have multiple reviewers to ensure accurate scoring.

Upon completion of its review, the panel(s) shall make recommendations for awards based on the scoring rubric(s). The Agency Director or his designee will make all final award decisions.

For more information or questions, please contact:

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