

DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY (NOFA)

FISCAL YEAR 2018 (FY18)

**YOUTH INNOVATION GRANTS PILOT PROGRAM TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE
(YIGP2018TA)**

Request for Application (RFA) Release Date: August 21, 2017

Notice of Intent to Apply Due: August 23, 2017

Application Conference Webinar: August 24, 2017

GRANT APPLICATIONS DUE: September 4, 2017

The Department of Employment Services – Office of Youth Programs is soliciting grant applications for the Youth Innovation Grant Program which is a pilot to bring innovative workforce training solutions to DC’s Youth ages 18-24. The purpose of this grant is to address the critical need of continually exposing youth to 21st century workforce skills and to provide grants to community-based service providers to deliver those services.

DOES understands the success of this program is dependent on the ongoing sustainability and effectiveness of the service providers selected as a part of the Youth Innovation Grants Pilot Program. OYP is seeking an organization that will offer technical assistance for up to fifteen (15) grant recipients that are participating in the Youth Innovation Grant Pilot Program. The technical assistance should be grounded in research and highlight industry best practices in nonprofit management and leadership. Additionally, the technical assistance should provide proven strategies, processes, practices, and tools designed to increase the effectiveness of small nonprofit organizations. The technical assistance should be based on a sound theory of action that focuses on positive youth development methods and education standards.

Eligibility: Applications shall meet all applicable eligibility requirements to conduct business in the District of Columbia Government. 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 including, but not limited to:

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

Length of Award: This is a one year grant. Successful applicants may be granted additional years as appropriate and if necessary.

Available Funding for Award: The total funding available for FY18 will not exceed \$100,000.

Anticipated Number of Awards: DOES has funding available for at least one award but contingent upon available funding.

An external review panel will be convened to review, score, and rank each application. The review panel will be composed of neutral, qualified, professional individuals selected for their expertise, knowledge or related experiences. The application will be scored against a rubric and application 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). DOES will make all final award decisions.

For additional information regarding this grant competition, please contact:

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The RFA and all supporting documents will be available on <https://does.dc.gov/page/grant-opportunities> or by contacting Frederick Rogers at oypgrants@dc.gov.