## DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

## NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY (NOFA)

## FISCAL YEAR 2018 (FY18)

## **Public Education Program (PEP)**

Request for Application (RFA) Release Date: October 23, 2017

The Department of Employment Services (DOES), Office of Wage-Hour (OWH) is developing a community-based public education program. This grant opportunity will provide non-profits with the necessary tools needed to facilitate public education forums for employers and employees, provide referrals for employees interested in filing a claim, and build a more open relationship with residents and the business community. Two non-profits will be selected annually and trained on performing outreach to District residents to raise awareness for the Office of Wage Hour and to inform the community of wage laws, employee commuter benefits, and First Source requirements. OWH will require organizations to participate in trainings and submit reports detailing the number of businesses touched and employee contacts made.

**Eligibility:** DOES will select a grantee based upon the following criteria:

- 1. The applicant must be a D.C. based **non-profit** who operates in the District and has substantial experience in the following areas:
  - a. Developing and launching new programs
  - b. Servicing vulnerable residential neighborhoods, and wards
  - c. Outreach activities to local business and communities
  - d. Promoting public education
  - e. Managing grants and reporting
- 2. Possess the internal capacity and expertise to realize the outcomes identified in the project.
- 3. Be fiscally stable.
- 4. Have adequate office and training space to accommodate potential community events and other program needs.

**Award Period:** The grant period is for one year and will begin from the effective award date.

**Available Funding**: The Office of Wage-Hour has identified \$120,000 in total available funding and anticipates awarding up to two grants, each with a maximum award amount of \$60,000.

To receive more information about this grant opportunity, please contact:

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