

DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY

2024 MBSYEP Youth Pathways to Healthcare Grant

Application Release Date: March 1, 2024

Application Submission Deadline: April 1, 2024

The mission of District of Columbia Department of Employment Services (DOES) is to connect District residents, job seekers, and employers to opportunities and resources that empower fair, safe, effective working communities.

DOES is soliciting grant applications for the District's Marion Barry Summer Youth Employment Program (MBSYEP) Youth Pathways to Healthcare Grant. The MBSYEP Youth Pathways to Healthcare Grant will provide District youth who are interested in becoming healthcare professionals with an introduction to the healthcare industry via classroom instruction and hands-on learning, access to industry-recognized credentials and career exposure. YPH participants will participate in the six-week Marion S. Barry Summer Youth Employment Program for five (5) weeks, then spend the final week of the program on college tours or tours of Historically Black College and University Medical Schools.

Eligibility: DOES will make these grants available through a competitive process. Eligible applicants include public and private non-profit and for-profit organizations in good standing, including but not limited to community-based organizations, faith-based organizations, and post-secondary institutions. Applicants shall have demonstrated effectiveness providing the requested services and meeting the needs of the target population, including relationships with healthcare entities to secure internships for participants and prior successful experience traveling with youth.

All interested applicants shall attend the **mandatory** pre-application conference on March 15, 2024 at 11:00 am.

Available Funding for Award: The total funding available for this award period is up to \$150,000.

DOES maintains the right to adjust the grant award and amount based on funding availability. DOES intends to issue at least one award. Determinations regarding the number of competitive grants to be awarded will be based on the quality and number of applications received and available funding. Successful applicants may be awarded amounts less than requested.

A review panel or panels will be convened to review, score, and rank 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 Director of DOES or her designee will make all final award decisions.

Contact: For additional information regarding this grant competition, please contact:

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The RFA will be posted on the Department of Employment Services website <https://does.dc.gov/page/grant-opportunities>, and the Mayor's Office on Volunteerism and Partnerships (Serve DC's) electronic grant clearinghouse beginning on March 1, 2024.