



**NOTICE OF FUNDS AVAILABILITY**  
**Department of Employment Services - Office of Youth Programs**  
**Workforce Investment Council**



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**IN- SCHOOL YOUTH YEAR-ROUND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS**

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The Department of Employment Services (DOES), in conjunction with the Workforce Investment Council (WIC), is soliciting applications to provide services to in-school youth through high-quality education and training programs. The program's goal is to assist youth in obtaining education and training that will lead to self-sufficiency and family-sustaining wages through achievement of key benchmarks including: attainment of a high school diploma; placement in employment, advanced training, or post-secondary education; and literacy and numeracy gains.

The Request for Application (RFA) will include two program tracks:

1. **Industry Awareness:** provide at-risk in-school youth with a mix of academic instruction and targeted work experiences in a high-demand industry sector that prepares them for high school graduation and direct entry into unsubsidized employment or advanced occupational training after graduation. Requires at least one private sector partner to sign on to the application.
2. **Postsecondary Preparation:** provide at-risk in-school youth with a mix of academic instruction and other supportive services that enable them to obtain a high school diploma and prepare them to successfully enroll and persist in post-secondary education leading to a degree, certificate, or other credential. Requires a postsecondary partner to sign on to the application.

Applicants may only submit one application under this RFA.

**Eligibility:** Applicant's primary vision and program focus must be serving children, youth, and/or families within the District of Columbia. Applicants that are eligible to apply for this grant include public or private non-profit or for-profit organizations with demonstrated effectiveness providing the requested services and meeting the needs of the target population, including: Non-profit, community-, or faith-based organizations; Community colleges or other institutions of higher education; Public or charter 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 Awards:** The grant period will be for twelve months from the date of execution of a Grant Agreement with the District. At the discretion of DOES, in conjunction with the WIC, a maximum of four (4) one year option periods may be granted based on performance and the availability of funding. Option periods may consist of a year, a fraction thereof, or multiple successive fractions of a year.

**Available Funding for Awards:** The amount available for this award is approximately \$1,000,000.00.

**Anticipated Number of Awards:** DOES anticipates making at least two awards and may make multiple awards depending on funding availability. The Request for Applications (RFA) will be released on **Friday, March 1, 2013** and the **deadline for submission is Friday, March 15, 2013, 2:00pm EST.** The RFA will be available on the DOES website, <http://does.dc.gov/page/does-grants> on the WIC website, <http://dmped.dc.gov/DC/DMPED/Programs+and+Initiatives/DC+Workforce+Investment+Council/In-School+Youth+Year-Round+Workforce+Development+Programs+Grant> and it will also be posted on the District's Grant Clearinghouse website at: <http://opgs.dc.gov/page/opgs-district-grants-clearinghouse> or by contacting the DOES Grants Office at [doesgrants@dc.gov](mailto:doesgrants@dc.gov)

For additional information regarding this grant opportunity, please contact the DOES Grants Office at [doesgrants@dc.gov](mailto:doesgrants@dc.gov) or via telephone at 202-671-1900.