

Safe Commercial Corridors Grant Program Pre-Bidders Conference July 19, 2024



About DMPSJ

The Office of the Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice (DMPSJ) provides direction, guidance, support, and coordination to the District's public safety agencies to develop and lead interagency public safety initiatives to improve the quality of life in the District's neighborhoods.

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Program Components

- Approximately \$2 million in FY 2025 grant funds designed to promote public safety and health through evidence-based activities for residents, workers, and visitors within the area served by the organization and the surrounding area (“commercial district”).
 - Award sizes may vary, and eligible organizations can be funded for a minimum of \$25,000 for projects that meet the criteria outlined in this RFA.
 - All expenditures using grant funds must conclude by September 30, 2025.
- Goals
 - Promote and improve public safety and public health within the commercial district and surrounding area through various evidence-based activities.
 - Share results and lessons learned from implementation of a Safe Commercial Corridors Program and other public safety efforts implemented by the organization.

Program Overview

- **The Safe Commercial Corridors Grant Program will fund the following activities:**
 - Relationship-building with residents, workers, businesses, and regular visitors;
 - Connecting residents, workers, visitors, and businesses with resources available through District government agencies and direct service providers;
 - Providing safe passage for individuals who request accompaniment walking to transit or their vehicles;
 - Assisting business owners with improvements to their security and safety systems and protocols;
 - Responding to individuals with substance use disorders and implementing harm-reduction strategies;
 - Implementing de-escalation techniques;
 - Deterring crime and public safety violations;
 - Liaising with residents, workers, businesses, visitors, District public safety and health agencies, direct service providers in the community, and others as appropriate;
 - Providing culturally competent services and programming; and
 - Implementing other innovative strategies to promote public safety.

Commercial Districts

- In FY24, the Safe Commercial Corridors Grant Commercial Districts were defined as Downtown, Adams Morgan, and Shaw.
- Per legislation, for FY25, the Safe Commercial Corridors Grant is open to organizations in the District working to promote public safety and health through evidence-based activities for residents, workers, and visitors within the area served by the organization and the surrounding area (“commercial district”).

Program Timeline

- Tuesday, July 8, 2024: DMPSJ issued Request for Applications
- Friday, July 19, 2024: Pre-application conference (today)
- Monday, July 22, 2024: Final questions must be submitted by at 5:00 p.m. ET
- Tuesday, July 30, 2024: Applications due by 11:59 p.m. ET in ZoomGrants
- No later than Friday, September 6, 2024: DMPSJ notifies applicants of awards
 - Date of grant award through September 30, 2025

Program Application Deadline

- ****New for FY25!**** The electronic application properly executed by the Authorized Official must be completed on ZoomGrants, [FY25 Safe Commercial Corridors Grant Program](#) no later than **Tuesday, July 30, 2024, at 11:59 p.m. ET.**
- Applications submitted manually will NOT be accepted. Applications must be submitted via ZoomGrants.
- Any proposal received after the specified deadline will be considered INELIGIBLE and will NOT be reviewed during the review cycle.
- To ensure fairness and consistency, all questions not addressed in the RFA must be submitted in writing by e-mail. All questions must be received by 5:00 p.m. ET on Monday, July 22, 2024.

Grant Application

- **Refer to the Request for Applications – Page 11**
- Applicant Profile
- Proposal Narrative
- Project Workplan Template
- Budget Template
- Budget Summary
- Other Required Application Materials:
 - IRS 501 (c) (3) Determination Letter (if applicable)
 - Current DC Business License
 - Standard Assurances
 - Statement of Certification
 - Certification Regarding Lobbying, Debarment, Suspension and Drug-Free Workplace
 - Current DC Clean Hands Certificate
 - Tax Affidavit
 - Roster of Board of Directors
 - Insurance documentation that demonstrates coverage that satisfies the requirements listed in Section 27 of Attachment H - DMPSJ Grant General Terms and Conditions.
 - If applicable, staff license or certification required to perform services.
 - If applicable, MSTEG Letter of Intent.

Program Funding

- Grant award funds **may be** used to pay for the costs of:
 - Salary and fringe benefits for staff;
 - Equipment, training, training materials, uniforms, first aid and other medical materials and equipment, and other materials and equipment for purposes of implementing the Safe Commercial Corridors Program;
 - Integration of technology into existing or new systems operated by the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) focused on reducing crime;
 - Other specific and approved costs that support improved public safety and health pursuant to the Safe Commercial Corridors Program Plan.
- Grant funds **may not** be used for the following:
 - Food expenditures;
 - Travel expenses;
 - Lobbying;
 - Expenses made prior to the grant award associated with this RFA;
 - Finance existing debt, including payment of taxes owed;
 - Expenses which are reimbursed by a different grant from DC Government; and
 - Personal use or other uses not related to the business identified in the grant.

Application Review Information

- This is a competitive solicitation.
- DMPSJ does not guarantee funding, funding amounts, nor funding source based on previous awards.
- **Scoring Criteria**
Respondents will be reviewed on a 100-point scale as follows:
 - Organization Information and Capacity (20 points)
 - Initiative/Project Proposal (40 points)
 - Evaluation and Sustainability (20 points)
 - Budget and Financial Management (20 points)



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