

NOTICE OF FUNDS AVAILABILITY

Capacity Building and Administrative Partner for the Delivery of the Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services Community Programming Initiative FY2017

The District of Columbia, Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services is soliciting applications from qualified applicants to serve as Administrative Partner for the Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services Community Programming Initiative. The purpose of the Community Programming Initiative is to establish a community-based continuum of services that is local, accessible and focuses on positive youth development.

Eligibility: Any public or private, community-based non-profit agency, organization or institution located in the District of Columbia is eligible to apply. For-profit organizations are eligible but may not include profit in their grant application. For-profit organizations may also participate as subcontractors to eligible agencies

The purpose of this Request for Applications is to announce funding availability for qualified applicants to partner with DYRS in the development, implementation, and management of a comprehensive and coordinated system of programs and services for D.C. court-involved youth and families. DYRS is seeking one (1) Administrative Partner for Fiscal Year 2017 (“FY17” extends from October 1, 2016 – September 30, 2017) to oversee and support the delivery of community-based and Achievement Center-based services. While DYRS operates and manages care coordination and case management services for all youth committed to the agency, the partner shall provide capacity-building to the Community Programming Initiative, administrative partnership to DYRS, and technical support to the service providers. Additionally, the Administrative Partner will oversee and manage the day-to-day operations related to Service Coalition programs (i.e., youth referrals, weekly attendance reporting, monthly invoicing, and financial compliance and reporting), as well as organize and manage special events and programs that occur at the Achievement Centers.

The overall goal of the Community Programming Initiative is to help court-involved youth and their families achieve personal goals and milestones through the provision of a wide range of programs that emphasize individual strengths, personal accountability, public safety, skill development, family involvement and community support.

The Community Programming Initiative will serve as a bridge between youth, families, and the community through outreach, engagement, and other supportive services by implementing the service delivery models with the following three objectives in mind:

1. To advance the rehabilitation of DYRS youth by connecting them to services, supports, and resources that help them reach their goals and developmental milestones;
2. To enhance public safety by engaging youth in positive, developmentally appropriate, and structured activities that complement and enhance DYRS’s methodologies for the care and supervision of young people; and
3. To create safer and stronger communities that support youth and families by investing directly in local organizational and human resources that are accessible and dedicated to strengthening young people and their families.

Length of Awards: DYRS will select one Administrative Partner, who will receive a grant agreement for the duration of FY17. DYRS reserves the right to extend any grant agreement for two (2), single-year extensions, pending funding availability and the Administrative Partner’s satisfactory delivery of the proposed programming and services.

Availability of Funding for Awards: The total award for management of all Community Programming initiative programming and services is \$8,624,147. The Administrative Partner for FY17 may receive up to \$1,811,070 to carry out the functions and responsibilities of the partnership project. In addition, they will manage the award allocations for all program and service providers within the Initiative for which up to \$6,813,077 is allocated.

Anticipated Number of Awards: It is anticipated that DYRS will select one grantee to serve as the Capacity Building and Administrative Partner. Award numbers and amounts are subject to change.

The Request for Applications (RFA) will be released on Monday, May 2, 2016. The application submission deadline will be Friday, June 3, 2016 at 4:00 pm (EST). The RFA will be available on DYRS' website, <http://dyrs.dc.gov/page/doing-business-dyrs>.

The Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services will facilitate Mandatory Pre-Application Technical Assistance Workshops for grant applicants. Applicants are required to attend one of the two time slots offered for the Workshops to be held from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Monday, May 16, 2016 at the Achievement Center located at 450 H St. NW Washington, D.C. 20001. No one will be admitted once the workshop has begun and attendance will be taken at the end of the workshop. Failure to attend the Pre-Application Technical Assistance Workshops will disqualify an application. Pre-registration for the Pre-Application Technical Assistance Workshop is required. Please RSVP to Melissa Milchman at melissa.milchman@dc.gov to reserve a space at either session.

For more information regarding this competition, please contact Melissa Milchman at melissa.milchman@dc.gov or 202-299-3996.