

**DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH REHABILITATION SERVICES
NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY**

A Brighter Outlook for Court-involved youth: A mini-grant competition for program and service providers to join the FY2017 DYRS Service Coalition

The District of Columbia, Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services is soliciting applications from qualified applicants to join the Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services (DYRS) 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. DYRS invites local organizations to submit proposals for high quality programs and services that will provide the experiences, skill-building opportunities, supports, resources and enrichment activities that assist youth in reaching their personal goals and developmental milestones.

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 the Request for Applications (RFA) is to announce funding availability for qualified applicants to partner with DYRS in the implementation and delivery of a comprehensive and coordinated system of programs and services for D.C. court-involved youth and families. DYRS is seeking up to (16) providers to participate in the Service Coalition for Fiscal Year 2017 (“FY17” extends from October 1, 2016 – September 30, 2017). The Service Coalition delivers community-based and Achievement Center-based services to court-involved youth. While DYRS operates and manages care coordination and case management services for all youth committed to the agency, the Service Coalition delivers direct services and provides structured programs and activities for court-involved youth and their families. Service Coalition members will be selected in pre-determined service areas outlined in the RFA. In addition, Service Coalition providers will receive technical and capacity building support, as well as financial monitoring and payment for services through the Capacity Building and Administrative Partner that works with DYRS to administer the Community Programming Initiative.

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 up to 16 providers to participate in the Service Coalition, 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 satisfactory delivery of the proposed programming and services.

Availability of Funding for Awards: The award allocation for all program and service providers delivering community and Achievement Center-based services is up to \$6,813,077.

Anticipated Number of Awards: It is anticipated that DYRS will select up to 16 grantee to serve as Service Coalition members. Award numbers and amounts are subject to change.

The Request for Applications (RFA) will be released on Monday, May 9, 2016. The application submission deadline will be Friday, June 10, 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 Wednesday, May 18, 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.