

**Department of Youth Rehabilitative Services
FY26 Intensive Mentoring for Oasis Youth Leadership Program
Q&A**

Pre-Application Questions	Answers
Just to confirm, this is NOT a cost reimbursable grant.	DYRS intends the grant to be a cost reimbursable grant. This opportunity is cost reimbursable.
Are you required to have a track record with at-risk youth?	It is not limited to at-risk youth. The RFA includes the following. “Organizations must have experience serving at-risk and/or justice-involved youth.” It will be part of the evaluation.
<p>Just to confirm, the organization must provide mentoring services to support DYRS youth?</p> <p>Also, can a portion of funds be allocated towards overhead expenses?</p>	<p>The services are not for DYRS youth. The services will go to youth who are not currently assigned to DYRS. Youth will be referred to the organization based on a risk assessment. This is a preventative program.</p> <p>Yes, that is allowable. According to Grant regulations, you can apply the Negotiated Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (NICRA). If an organization does not have a NICRA, the de minimis can be applied.</p>
What email do we use to request the application?	The RFA will be released on July 29, 2025. You can find it on DYRS website or the Mayor’s Office of Community Affairs website. Likewise, once the RFA is released, you may email us at DYRS.Grants@DC.gov .
Is this the first time the [Grant] has been [released]?	No, this award has been released in previous years.
Is this the only way to provide programming for DYRS-through the grants program?	Yes, applicants interested in providing programming for DYRS may apply to the Request for Applications when released. DYRS intends to issue only one award under this NOFA; however, DYRS regularly posts opportunities on its website to engage as either a grantee or vendor.

Can you tell us who was the holder of the last grant?	DYRS posts all its vendors and partners on its website. You may search the website and find detailed vendor/partner information.
Must programming that involves direct services to youth and Families start immediately?	<p>Please note the RFA states that the target population includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth: Young people ages 10-14 referred to DYRS. • Family Members: Parents/caregivers/siblings of youth referred. <p>The youth are not detained or committed to DYRS. This is a preventative program.</p> <p>Yes, once the grant begins DYRS will make youth referrals to the grantee, ten (10) youth per month, to begin with.</p>
Can we devote time at the start with service providers in order to engage them in the design and facilitation preparation necessary before implementation of programs?	Yes, time can be devoted to engaging service providers before implementation of programs. The amount of time should be reasonable and can be mutually agreed upon by the Oasis team and the grantee. Keep in mind that DYRS has curriculum for programming.
We'd like to provide services to young people and families from groups that are at risk, detained, and incarcerated. Does this align with your programmatic goals for this grant?	This grant is specifically for at-risk youth who have not touched the juvenile justice system.
Does a part of supporting youth and their families include providing resources/programming and or courses for the parents and families of the youth?	Supporting parents and families can include seminars for parents, and access to resources such as emergency funds that can provide food and clothing.
If another organization is awarded the grant and DYRS likes the programming that my organization offers, would DYRS recommend my organization and concept to the awardee or other organizations that could potentially use this type of programming?	DYRS anticipates selecting one (1) entity for a period of twelve (12) months – starting October 1, 2025.

<p>Does DYRS offer advances to smaller organizations that do not have the overhead to cover the upfront costs?</p>	<p>Grant funds related to work performed will be provided on a reimbursement basis, except that an advance of funds may be provided for grant administration expenses in limited circumstances and for good cause approved by DYRS, at its sole discretion.</p>
<p>Does DYRS know of any larger organizations that would/could possibly take on the grant application to fund the overhead cost of the grant application?</p>	<p>DYRS cannot provide any guidance related to any external organizations.</p>