**NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY (NOFA)**

**FY 2018 MOLGBTQA Community Grant**

 **Background Information:**The Mayor’s Office of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Questioning Affairs (MOLGBTQA) is soliciting grant applications from qualified Community-Based Organizations (CBOs) serving the District of Columbia’s LGBTQ constituents [residents and/or business owners] - for its FY 2018 MOLGBTQ Community Grant. The grant is intended to fund programs that provide targeted services and resources to the District’s LGBTQ residents in areas of need in the community.

**Funding priority areas identified for FY 2018 are aligned with Mayor Muriel Bowser’s administration budget priorities:**

* Education
* Jobs & Economic Development
* Public Safety
* Civic Engagement
* Health & Wellness
* Youth Engagement
* Arts & Creative Economy

**Eligibility Criteria:**

Organizations who meet the following eligibility requirements at the time of application may apply:

* be a Community-Based Organization with a Federal 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status or evidence of fiscal agent relationship with a 501 (c)(3) organization;
* the organization or program serves the District’s LGBTQ residents or business owners;
* the organization’s principal place of business is located in the District of Columbia; and
* all services and programming must be provided in the District of Columbia;
* the organization is currently registered in good standing with the DC Department of Consumer & Regulatory Affairs, Corporation Division, and the Office of Tax and Revenue.
* Current grantees must be current on any reporting obligations for the FY17 grant cycle.

 **Program Scope:**In FY 2018, MOLGBTQA’s Capacity Building Grant will provide services to homeless LGBTQ youth that tie to Mayor Bowser’s priority areas and community needs in the following program areas: economic and workforce development, youth engagement and education, health education and linkage to human services, and promotion of the arts and humanities [see RFA for details].

**Release Date of RFA:** Monday, July 31, 2017

**Availability of RFA:** The RFA will be posted on MOLGBTQA’s website ([www.lgbtq.dc.gov](http://www.lgbtq.dc.gov)) and/or [District’s Grant Clearinghouse](http://opgs.dc.gov/page/opgs-district-grants-clearinghouse).

**Amount of Awards:** Eligible organizations can be awarded up to $15,000.

**Length of Awards:** Grant awards are for FY 2018

October 1, 2017 – September 30, 2018

**Pre-Application**

**Conference:** Thursday, August 10, 2017

 10:00AM-12:00PM

 Frank D. Reeves Center of Municipal Affairs

 2000 14th Street, NW

2nd Floor MOLA Conference Room

 Washington, DC 20009

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**Deadline for Electronic Submission:** 5:00PM on Friday, September 1, 2017 | grants.molgbtqa@dc.gov