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## **FY 2016 LGBTQ Homeless Youth Empowerment Mini Grant RFA #2017-001 Frequently Asked Questions**

### **Background information:**

The Mayor's Office on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender & Questioning Affairs (MOLGBTQA) is soliciting grant applications from qualified Community-Based Organizations (CBOs) serving the District of Columbia's homeless youth population who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender & questioning - for its FY 2016 LGBTQ Homeless Youth Empowerment Mini Grant. The Community Grants are intended to fund capacity building programs for qualified Community-Based Organizations (CBOs) that provide direct services to the District's homeless LGBTQ youth community.

### **What is Capacity Building?**

Capacity Building is the process of developing and strengthening the skills, instincts, abilities, processes and resources that organizations and communities need to survive, adapt, and thrive in the fast-changing world

### **What is the definition of a LGBTQ Homeless Youth?**

LGBTQ Homeless Youth is defined as a youth under the age of 24 who identifies as being LGBTQ and has no stable place of residency. They can be "couch surfing" or "double-bedding".

### **Can you spend the money on Food?**

No. DC Government prohibits spending grant money on food, to include snacks, water, and beverages.

### **Do I have to currently serve LGBTQ Homeless Youth?**

No. The intent of the Empowerment/Capacity Building Grant is to look at how your organization can serve this population. Your organization should at least currently serve the LGBTQ population. This grant is to strengthen your mission to provide services to LGBTQ Homeless Youth.





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### **What are indirect costs and does this grant cover them?**

Indirect costs are costs that are not directly accountable to a cost object (such as a particular project, facility, function or product). Indirect costs may be either fixed or variable. Indirect costs include administration, personnel and security costs. This grant does not allow for indirect cost expenditures.

### **What is the deadline to submit an application?**

The deadline to submit an application is November 12, 2015 at 5pm. You can submit an application via email before 5pm, it can be hand delivered, or it can be mailed post marked by 5pm on the date the application is due.

### **Can I submit a paper application?**

Yes, but if you can email an electronic copy, even better. We love our environment and we especially love our trees.

### **Can I use this grant on an electronic database or something similar?**

Yes, if your goal is to create an electronic system that allows you to capture information from paper to computer, it is allowable.

### **Do I have to apply for the full amount of the grant?**

No, if your capacity is estimated to cost less than \$5000, then you should apply for that amount only.

### **What if my capacity building target and goals will cost more than \$5000.00?**

You can only apply for up to \$5000.00. No exception. If your grant application is to enhance another capacity building application, it is recommended that you separate the two and apply for what you can realistically complete under the Mini Grant.





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### **Can I use this grant to substitute for another grant?**

No, this grant money cannot be used to substitute for another grant or serve as your cash on hand for any other grant you may apply or received.

