

**Government of the District of Columbia
Department of Health Care Finance**

NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY

The Department of Health Care Finance (DHCF) announces a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for grant funds under the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health (HITECH) Act of 2009, approved February 27, 2009, Title XIII of Division A and Title IV of Division B of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 (Pub. L. No. 111-5, §§ 13001-424,123 Stat. 226) and the Health Information Technology Implementation Advanced Planning Document Update (IAPD-U) approved by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) on December 3, 2018.

The Director of DHCF has authority pursuant to the Department of Health Care Finance Establishment Act of 2007, effective February 27, 2008 (D.C. Law 17-109; D.C. Official Code 7-771.05(4) (2012 Repl.) to make grant funds available to help develop a comprehensive, efficient, and cost-effective health care system for the District’s uninsured, underinsured, and low-income residents. The funds for this grant, titled the “HIE Connectivity Grant: Connecting Patients and Providers with Health Information Exchange” are being made available through federal financial participation funds to provide Health Infrastructure Exchange onboarding support and training to District providers who are eligible professionals (EPs) in the Promoting Interoperability program, as well as Medicaid providers to whom EPs refer patients beginning in FY19.

DHCF plans to issue one (1) grant to one (1) qualified applicant with the option to pursue two (2) additional years of performance. The following is an overview the program goals for the HIE Connectivity Grant.

- Connect providers to the HIE and ensure that nearly all Medicaid providers are connected to HIE services by the end of the grant period.
- Ensure that financial and technical assistance and training is provided. Onboarding assistance will be free-of-charge to all Medicaid providers (payment of any fees charged by EHRs for integration services must be paid for by this grant.
- Consistently increase the number of providers that provide care for Medicaid beneficiaries in the District of Columbia by the end of the grant period.
- Ensure the grantee meets or exceeds the performance measures for the primary targeted providers* (as seen below) in the District of Columbia.
 - Medicaid EHR incentive payment (MEIP) participants*
 - Long-term and Post-Acute Care facilities, including nursing homes*
 - Prenatal Healthcare Providers (e.g.: OB/GYN, Family Medicine, etc.) *
 - Other Non-EPs who help EPs achieve Meaningful Use*
 - Behavioral health providers, including inpatient facilities*
 - Dental providers
 - Medium and large ambulatory clinics
 - Pharmacies
 - Emergency Medical Services
 - School-Based Health Clinics

Eligibility Requirements: Each entity must meet the following qualifications:

1. Have the authority to enter into an agreement with DHCF and be in compliance with applicable District of Columbia laws and regulations.
2. Be a registered organization in good standing with the District of Columbia Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA), Corporation Division, the Office of Tax and Revenue (OTR), the Department of Employment Services (DOES), and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), and demonstrate Clean Hands certification at the time of application.

Sub-grants are permitted for qualified organizations. Applicants who plan to sub-grant shall submit a sub-grantee plan as part of their response, including a signed letter of commitment from sub-grantees.

Available Funding for FY19 Award: Up to \$1,400,000.

Total Grant Funding through FY21: \$5,050,000 (*subject to availability of funds as listed below*)

Grant Period	Not to Exceed Amount (Subject to Availability of Funds)
Date of Award to September 30, 2019 (Base Year)	\$1,400,000
October 1, 2019- September 30, 2020 (Option Year 1)	\$2,150,000
October 1, 2020- September 30, 2021 (Option Year 2)	\$1,500,000

Estimated Award Date: June 2019

Request for Applications (RFA) Release Date and Amendments: The RFA will be released on or around March 29, 2019 and will be made available at the DHCF website (www.dhcf.dc.gov/health-information-exchange) and through the District Grants Clearinghouse (<http://opgs.dc.gov/page/opgs-district-grants-clearinghouse>). Hard copies of the RFA package may be obtained at DHCF, 441 4th St. N.W., Ste 900S, Washington, D.C. 20001, 9th floor reception desk daily from 9:00 am until 4:00 pm.

Application Submission Deadline: April 29, 2019; 4:00pm EST. Applications submitted after the deadline will not be accepted. Any additions or deletions to an application will not be accepted after the deadline.

Pre-Proposal Conference: DHCF will hold a pre-proposal conference on April 3, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. Eastern at 441 4th St. N.W., 11th Floor, Conference Room # 1112 South, Washington, D.C. 20001. Prospective applicants must provide an email address to DHCF to receive notification of amendments or clarifications to the RFA.

For additional information regarding this Notice of Funding Availability, please contact Michael Fraser, Department of Health Care Finance, via email at Michael.Fraser@dc.gov.