

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



**DHCD ANNOUNCES FUNDING AVAILABILITY FOR THE ENHANCED AFFORDABLE
HOUSING SERVICES INITIATIVE**

This Request for Applications is targeted at increasing affordable housing awareness and customer service in Wards 7 and 8.

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WASHINGTON, DC – The D.C. Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), announces a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for its **Enhanced Affordable Housing Services Initiative** by way of a Request for Applications (RFA).

The purpose of this RFA is to solicit applications from non-profit community based organizations (CBO) that are able to promote and increase affordable housing in the District, particularly Wards 7 and 8. The marketing, counseling, training and referral services sought by this RFA will supplement the services provided by the existing network of CBO's funded by DHCD. The emphasis of this initiative will be to promote homeownership and home preservation through the establishment of up-to-two resource centers, one each in Wards 7 and 8.

“This initiative is designed to enhance outreach to residents in Wards 7 and 8. We want to ensure that District residents throughout the city are aware and knowledgeable of the affordable rental and ownership opportunities that are available to them. We have seen that residents in these key wards are feeling excluded from the change that is happening in DC so we want to do a stronger push to make sure they are aware of the opportunities that are available,” said DHCD Director Michael P. Kelly. “We feel our CBO's are very intoned with what's happening in the community, so who better to set up these centers, then those with boots on the ground.”

The RFA package, including all application materials, is available in CD format and can be obtained at DHCD (1800 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue, S.E., Washington, D.C. 20020) from the 3rd Floor reception desk, daily from 8:15 am until 4:45 pm. The materials are also available on the DHCD website, www.dhcd.dc.gov.

DHCD will conduct a Pre-Application Q&A Session on **Tuesday, September 16, 2014** from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm., in the DHCD Conference Room 318. The purpose of this session is to present all details of the RFA and to hear and respond to all questions and/or concerns.

Completed applications for the Enhanced Affordable Housing Services Initiative RFA must be delivered on or before 4:00 p.m., EST, September 26, 2014, to DHCD, 1800 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue, S.E., 3rd floor reception desk, Washington, D.C., 20020. Media seeking interviews with the DHCD Director Kelly or DHCD spokesman should coordinate with the above media contact as soon as possible.

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The mission of the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) is to create and preserve opportunities for affordable housing and economic development and to revitalize underserved communities in the District of Columbia.