John E. Hall, Acting Director, Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), announces a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for eligible non-profit organizations and for-profit developers under the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) administered by DHCD. Competitive housing; community facilities; façade and small business applications and the Tenant Purchase Technical Assistance program will be funded under this NOFA.

-HOUSING AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES RFP (DFD)
The District is interested in financing projects that focus on the following categories:
1) elderly housing; 2) special needs housing; 3) housing for chronically homeless individuals and families in mixed-income buildings with supportive services; 4) preservation of housing affected by expiring federal subsidies; 5) new/substantial rehabilitation of housing (5 or more units); 6) new construction and preservation of affordable housing units; and 7) community facilities.

-FAÇADE & SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE RFPA (RCS)
The District will provide funding to community based non-profit organizations for DHCD’s Façade Improvement Program and Small Business Assistance Program. In the Façade Improvement Program, non-profits will be selected to implement storefront improvement projects in targeted commercial areas. In the Small Business Assistance Program, non-profits will be selected to provide small business support services in targeted commercial areas which are intended to empower businesses and create jobs.

-TENANT PURCHASE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE (DFD)
The District will provide funding to a community based non-profit organization to administer the Tenant Purchase Technical Assistance Program, which assists low to moderate income tenants of the District of Columbia who are interested in gaining control of their buildings through a condominium or cooperative purchase or a lease or rental agreement.

Both the competitive Request for Proposals (RFP) and Applications (RFPA) will be released on July 22, 2011. The RFPA and RFP packages, including all application materials and the reference guidebook, will be available in CD format and can be obtained at DHCD, 1800 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue, S.E., Washington, D.C. 20020, 1st floor reception desk. This material will also be available from the DHCD website, www.dhcd.dc.gov, no later than July 29, 2011. For additional information, contact DHCD at (202) 442-7200.

The Façade Improvement Program and the Small Business Assistance Program RFA pre-application conference will occur on Thursday August 4, 2011 at 10:00 am at DHCD, 1800 Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue, SE, 1st Floor, Housing Resource Center.
The Housing and Community Facilities RFP and Tenant Purchase Technical Assistance RFA pre-application conference will occur on Thursday, August 4, 2011 at 4:00 pm at DHCD, 1800 Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue, SE, 1st Floor, Housing Resource Center.

For the Tenant Purchase Technical Assistance, Façade Improvement Program, and Small Business Assistance Program RFAs, completed applications must be delivered on or before 4:00 p.m., Daylight Savings Time, Monday, August 22, 2011, to DHCD, 1800 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue, S.E., 2nd Floor Reception Desk, Washington, D.C., 20020.

For the Housing and Community Facilities RFP, completed applications must be delivered on or before 4:00 p.m., Daylight Savings Time, Thursday, September 22, 2011, to DHCD, 1800 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue, S.E., 2nd Floor Reception Desk, Washington, D.C., 20020.