

1. Will I receive an email confirmation after submitting application online?
Yes. After a successful submission you will receive a confirmation.
2. Is technology good for Macs?
Yes. The grant system is Mac compatible. Any browser will work.
3. Can financial services businesses apply?
Yes. Financial services businesses are eligible.
4. Will option to renew suffice to prove site control?
No. Pages 2-3 of the RFA lists appropriate forms to show the applicant has site control. If the applicant is an existing lease holder, then there must be three years remaining on said lease - excluding options – or the applicant must have another eligible form of proof for site control.
5. Do we need to scan each document?
Yes. Each required document must be submitted as a scanned attachment in Zoomgrants.
6. How is the grant paid to applicants?
Grantees are reimbursed through direct deposit. All grantees are required to be enrolled in ACH, this process is discussed in the Award Letters for successful grant applicants.
7. How long before recipients get paid?
By law, the District must reimburse vendors/grantees within 30 days of receiving and accepting a requisition package. Typically, Great Streets grantees will be reimbursed within 10-15 days after their payment package is deemed completed. A package is complete if all of the required supported documents are included in the package. Incomplete payment packages will be returned. If package is returned, the reimbursement timeframe restarts.
8. *How old can the Clean Hands Certification be?*
Our office has an internal process to retrieve clean hands status of applicants. There is no need to purchase a clean Hands certification. We just require you to complete the required forms.
9. Is it possible for applicants to be granted less than they are requesting if awarded the grant?
Yes. The independent reviewers will select successful applicants and determine award amount.
10. If you're not selected for the grant for the current round, is your application automatically forwarded to the next round?
No. An applicant's application will not be forwarded to future rounds. Unsuccessful applicants are encouraged to re-apply.
11. What if your contractor is a local business but is not CBE. Does that count towards the CBE requirement?
*No it does not. A Certified Business Enterprise (CBE) is a business certified by the Department of Small and Local Business Development (DSLBD). Businesses with CBE certification receive preferred procurement and contracting opportunities. Please visit the following link for more information on Certified Business Enterprises:
<http://dslbd.dc.gov/DC/DSLBD/Doing+Business+in+the+District/Certify+Your+Business>*
12. Is this confidential?
Yes. Your personal information and business plan concepts are confidential. Your information will only be reviewed by the grant evaluators to determine applicant's viability.
13. How long after the grant deadline will applicants be notified?
The timeframe for award announcements will be contingent upon the number of applications received. In the past, grantee awards have been announcement within 60 days. However, past performance does not guarantee future timeframes.
14. If there's more than one owner, does everyone have to submit taxes and a bank statement?
Applicants are encouraged to provide all documents that demonstrates the business's financial capacity.
15. How can we access a list of CBEs?

Please visit the following link for a list of CBE's:

<http://lsdbe.dslbd.dc.gov/public/certification/search.aspx>

16. Can restaurants with a liquor license apply?

Yes. Restaurants operating with a liquor license are eligible to apply. However, for the use of this grant, "restaurant" is defined as a space in a building which shall:

- a. Be regularly ready, willing, and able to prepare and serve food, have a kitchen which shall be regularly open, have a menu in use, have sufficient food on hand to serve the patrons from the menu, and have proper staff present to prepare and serve the food;
- b. Be held out to and known by the public as primarily a food-service establishment;
- c. Have all advertising and signs emphasize food rather than alcoholic beverages or entertainment;
- d. Be open regular hours that are clearly marked with no unusual barriers to entry (such as cover charges or membership requirements);
- e. Have its kitchen facilities open until at least 2 hours before closing;
- f. Obtain an entertainment endorsement prior to offering entertainment, charging a cover, or offering facilities for dancing;
- g. If possessing an entertainment endorsement, be permitted to charge a cover and advertise entertainment, but shall not primarily advertise drink specials;
- h. Be permitted to have recorded and background music without obtaining an entertainment endorsement;
- i. Not have nude performances;
- j. Have the sale of food account for at least 45% of the establishment's gross annual receipts.