

HEALTH BENEFIT EXCHANGE AUTHORITY

REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS

DC Health Link Assister Program

The District of Columbia Health Benefit Exchange Authority is soliciting applications from qualified entities to serve as Assister organizations in the District of Columbia. Operating since 2013, the Assister Program is aimed at providing outreach, education, and enrollment services to uninsured and hard-to-reach populations to help consumers learn about, apply for, and enroll in health insurance coverage through the District's health care marketplace, known as DC Health Link. Successful applicants will demonstrate their ties to or ability to reach a particular community or communities and employ innovative strategies for reaching some or all of the Assister Program's target populations. They will not rely exclusively on potential consumers coming to them; they will have to actively seek and reach out to people where they "live, work, shop, play, and/or pray." The District of Columbia Assister Program operates under the authority of the federal Affordable Care Act Navigator Program established pursuant to 45 C.F.R. 155.205(d) and 45 C.F.R. 155.210.

Eligibility: Faith-based organizations, community-based health providers, civic organizations, patient and consumer advocacy groups, business and professional associations, and cultural organizations are some examples of groups that are eligible to apply. Not-for-profit, for-profit, and other types of organizations are also eligible. Additional details on eligibility and conflicts of interest will be available in the Request for Applications (RFA).

Length of Award: Assister grants will cover the time period from October 1, 2018 – September 30, 2019. Additional grant option years beyond 2019 may be available, with funding amounts to be determined on an annual basis.

Available Funding for Awards: The total amount available to all grantees for this award period is up to \$650,000.

Anticipated Number of Awards: Grant funds will be available for no more than 10 competitive grant awards.

The RFA will be released Friday, June 1, 2018 and will be available for download at <https://hbx.dc.gov/page/dc-health-link-assister-program>. An optional Notice of Intent to Apply is due on June 6th at 4:00 pm EDT.

The final deadline for application submission is Friday, June 22, 2018 at 2:00 pm EDT.

For additional information regarding this competition, please contact Luis Vasquez, Program Analyst at the Health Benefit Exchange Authority, via email at assister.help@dc.gov.