



Notice of Funding Availability

Live Near Your Work Pilot Program

The DC Office of Planning (OP) announces a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for up to \$200,000 in matching homeownership grants, administered by qualified employer(s) based in the District of Columbia.

OP is seeking to partner with one to three DC-based employers to create a Live Near Your Work Pilot Program that will assist up to 60 employees to purchase homes in DC. Live Near Your Work is an employer-assisted housing program that provides a matching homeownership grant for down payment and closing cost assistance to help employees purchase a home near their place of employment and/or close to transit. Living closer to work offers benefits to the employee, employer and region: employees spend less time and money commuting, employers benefit from greater on time and work performance and reduced parking expenditures, DC benefits from vibrant neighborhoods and an expanded tax base, and the region benefits from reduced traffic congestion and air pollution.

As part of the program, OP will match a grant or deferred loan (up to \$8,000) made by an employer to an employee for the purchase of a home in DC. The home must be located near the employee's place of employment or transit. Employers will be selected via a competitive application process based on the ability to administer the Pilot Program, offer homebuyer education, and provide matching grants for their employees. Based on the success of the Pilot Program, future funding may become available to expand Live Near Your Work.

OP will issue a Request for Application (RFA) and select up to three employers (grantees) to implement a Live Near Your Work Program. The RFA will be available within two weeks on OP's website, www.planning.dc.gov, and the District Grants Clearinghouse at <http://opgs.dc.gov>. OP reserves the right to suspend or terminate the application process at anytime.

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