FREE Grant Writing Workshop Series

Join the **Department of Energy & Environment** for a free hands-on workshop series to gain the tools and confidence to write government grant proposals! Participants will gain transferable grant writing skills while working with community partners. This series will focus on DOEE’s Community Stormwater Solutions Grant program.

**Tuesdays 5:30 - 8:00 p.m.**
September 18th - October 16th

**THEARC 1901 Mississippi Ave SE, Washington DC 20020**

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All are welcome! No experience required!

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**Stormwater 101**  September 18th

Discover opportunities to fund community projects and learn how stormwater impacts your neighborhood, rivers, and the Chesapeake Bay. Includes a site tour of green infrastructure at THEARC.

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**Project Description & Partners**  September 25th

Join this workshop for the opportunity to work with community partners and learn how to write a strong project description. We will answer questions like “What does a grant application look like?” and “What should be included in a project description?”

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**Work Plan & Required Documents**  October 2nd

Ever wonder what is the difference between outputs and outcomes? Overwhelmed by the amount of additional documents required with a proposal? Join this workshop and learn how to write a strong work plan and an explanation of the required supporting documents.

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**Budget & Narrative**  October 9th

Budgeting not your strong suit? No worries! Join this workshop to learn the most critical aspects of a good budget and how to successfully write a budget narrative to explain how you will be spending the money.

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**You got the grant, now what?**  October 16th

Congratulations! You got the grant, but now what? Join this workshop and learn what happens after you are awarded a grant and what is required.

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**Questions?** Contact Kara Pennino at kara.pennino@dc.gov or 202-654-6131
FAQs:

Do I need to attend all 5 workshops?
Nope! While it is encouraged to attend all the workshops, it is not required. We understand that you live a busy life and spending 5 nights away from home is difficult. All materials and resources will be made public online. However, each workshop will have staff to answer specific questions.

What happens once the workshop series is over?
You will be able to use your freshly acquired skills to apply for a Community Stormwater Solutions grant to fund your project! Each project can get up to $20,000!

Will the workshops be boring?
No way! Each workshop is designed to be engaging and hands-on. Plus, there will be plenty of opportunities to meet new people and learn about projects happening in your community. You might even meet someone you want to collaborate with!

What is stormwater and why does it need to be managed?
Stormwater runoff occurs when rain and snowmelt does not get absorbed into the ground. This happens more in places with impervious surfaces (such as streets, parking lots, driveways, sidewalks, and rooftops). Can you think of a place like this? DC is more than 40% impervious! Stormwater runoff causes problems like pollution, flooding, and erosion. Want to learn more? Join this workshop series!

I don't know anything about the environment. Can I still come?
Of course! The Community Stormwater Solutions program is a great way for everyone to get involved and learn about the environment. This grant program started in 2016 with the goal of expanding DOEE’s work with community partners by supporting projects that are inspired and supported by the community.

I have more questions. Who do I talk to?
Contact Kara Pennino! She can be reached by email or phone: kara.pennino@dc.gov / 202-654-6131

Who is the intended audience?
Anyone and everyone who is looking to gain transferable grant-writing skills including individuals, community-based organizations, nonprofits, businesses, Parent Teacher Associations, Neighborhood Associations, and many more!

Do I need to have any grant writing experience?
Nope! This workshop series is meant for first-time grant writers or those who want to brush up on some skills.

What skills will I gain?
You will gain different grant writing skills at each workshop including how to write a project narrative, create a budget, develop a workplan, and much more! Participants will also learn stormwater management practices that prevent flooding in your community, are beautiful, provide wildlife habitat, and support learning opportunities. DOEE and partners will be leading all hands-on exercises to help develop your project idea into a reality.