

Questions and Answers for Request for Applications # RFA-FY24-SE-838
DC Green Cleaning Program

Q1. What is a Cleaning Service Provider?

A1. Any type of business or entity involved in the cleaning industry that provides some type of cleaning service.

Q2: Are we able to apply on behalf of a nonprofit/faith-based client of ours since we are a CBE and they are not?

A2: No, an entity cannot apply on behalf of another entity. DOEE awards a grant to one entity, the Applicant. An applicant may decide to partner with another entity. See RFA Section 3.1(c)(4) for more information on partnering.

Q3. Is it possible to partner with other organizations to present an application?

A3. Yes. See RFA Section 3.1(c)(4) for more information on partnering.

Q4. Are there specific cleaning products that DOEE wants us to use and promote or can we select our options?

A4. DOEE is not seeking to promote any specific sustainable cleaning products. The grantee and CSPs may select from a variety of certified cleaning products; for instance, products certified by EPA's Safer Choice and Designed for the Environment.

Q5. How will the grants work with cleaning companies that are already using clean products?

A5. The selected CSP could decide to continue using the same products or test different alternatives.

Q6. How are the cleaning service providers selected?

A6. The grantee will define guidelines and selection criteria for CSPs located and working in the District's Wards 5, 7, and 8.

Q7. How many CSPs are going to be selected?

A7. 50

Q8. Are there any restrictions around compensation for participating in the program and outreach activities?

A8. There are no restrictions based on [EPA Guidance on Participant Support Cost](#). However, the applicant should propose the best use for Participant Support Cost.

Q9. Is it expected that CSPs selected will receive a grant? If so, does that funding come out of the total award of the nonprofit?

A9. The grantee will manage a Participant Support Cost Subsidy Fund that will provide direct financial support to the CSPs. The applicant will propose if the Participant Support Cost should be distributed as a subgrant or as any other mechanism.

