

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

**UPDATE:** The deadline for submission of applications has been revised to July 1, 2024.

**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.

**Q10.** Are matching funds a requirement for this RFA?

**A10.** No. However, applicants may elect to include matching funds in their proposed budget.