Questions and Answers for Request for Applications # RFA-FY23-IED-820

DC Sanitary Line Correction and Education Program

- **Q1.** What are the submittal details?
- A1. Applications can be submitted in the DOEE Active Grants Application Portal (<u>https://doee.dc.gov/node/1402611</u>). Please refer to instructions on the RFA webpage (<u>https://doee.dc.gov/node/1658176</u>) and RFA Section 2 for details on submission of application.
- **Q2.** What are the measurable goals for behavior change?
- A2. Measurable goals for behavior change include number of homes correctly connected to sanitary waste lines as a result of the project outreach and engagement efforts and may include attainment of knowledge measured by pre-and post-outreach and education surveys.
- Q3. How does DOEE intend to quantify engagement with the community?
- A3. DOEE expects the Grantee to provide outreach to at least 100 people in the target Communities and engage with up to five residential property owners, an interchange that results in sewer corrections. The project outputs to quantify this are (1) Number of people attending community meetings/being educated, and (2) Number of homes correctly connected to sanitary waste lines.
- **Q4.** Should the proposal include the number of events and outreach/engagement activities based on what can be accomplished with the budget allotted?
- **A4.** Yes. Applications should include a detailed plan with proposed activities, a timeline and a detailed numeric budget and budget narrative that clearly justify the funds being requested.
- **Q5.** Are advanced payments applicable to all applicants or just non-profit applicants?
- **A5.** Advanced payments are applicable for all applicants.
- **Q6.** Does the scope of the project include finding plumbing contractors or does DOEE provide a plumbing contractor list?
- A6. DOEE will provide a DC Water-approved list of plumbing contractors to the Grantee, but the Grantee may select any DC-licensed plumber to implement the project.
- **Q7.** Does the funding include outreach incentives?
- **A7.** Applicants can include outreach incentives as part of the outreach strategy if they feel it would be beneficial to the project.
- **Q8.** Can you share exactly how many affected homes there are that require remediation?
- **A8.** There are currently five known residences.

- **Q9.** Besides the five residences mentioned in the RFA, is DOEE aware of any additional residences that have been improperly connected?
- A9. From the investigation conducted to date, there are only five residences identified as being improperly connected. DOEE will continue to conduct investigations and it is possible that other residences may be found to be illicitly connected to the storm sewer. However, for this grant DOEE expects applicants to focus on correcting the five residences identified and referenced in the RFA.
- Q10. What permits are needed to conduct the RFA's plumbing work?
- A10. Plumbing work for this RFA needs to be done by a DC licensed plumber. DOEE expects the Grantee and their identified DC licensed plumber to be in compliance with all District permit requirements for residential lateral plumbing work. District agencies involved with plumbing work may include but not be limited to the Department of Buildings, DC Water and the District Department of Transportation.