Questions Related to Request for Partners - USDA Composting and Food Waste Reduction Pilot Program - Commercial Food Donation Technical Assistance

1) Can DOEE provide more information on what DOEE intends to submit to USDA about DOEE's intended activities and role in the partnership?

DOEE will submit an application focused on commercial food donation and technical assistance related to food waste reduction. DOEE's activities may include updating the commercial food donation guide and coordinating between other District agencies such as the Department of Public Works and the DC Food Policy Council.

2) Does DOEE intend to submit any additional activities or partnerships that address USDA's priority area "anticipate or demonstrate economic benefits for the targeted community"?

This priority area may be included in DOEE's application as it relates to the economic benefits of commercial food donation and food waste reduction.

3) Would it be acceptable, advantageous, or considered outside the scope - to include in the plan OUAIP indicators that address "anticipate or demonstrate economic benefits for the targeted community" in addition to OUAIP indicators that align specifically with the outputs, outcomes, and deliverables specified by DOEE in the RFP?

Proposals should only include OUAIP indicators that are measurable by the applicant and can be included in the proposal to the extent that it supports the RFP requirements.

4) Does DOEE already have any confirmed partners and/or intend to accept more than one proposal for partnership? If so, can you provide the names of any other partners and, including for purposes of budgeting, what would be the expectations around coordination between partners?

The Request for Partners is the process by which one partner will be selected.

5) Would it be possible to get an update on the expected decision timeline for the Trash Free Communities grant, in order to know whether that could cover the 25% match?

For updates regarding this funding, please set the RFA website at https://doee.dc.gov/node/1705266

6) Is $100,000 the total amount DOEE is requesting in its application to USDA for the 2-year period? Is there a preferred funding range we should use to determine our request?

Yes**.** The $100,000 amount is the maximum amount that the partner can request from DOEE, and it is for the 2-year period. No, there is no preferred funding range.

7) Is it required that we, as the potential nonprofit partner, provide a match or is that only for DOEE?

The partner is not required to provide funding towards the match. However, more funding provided towards the match may increase the total amount of funding DOEE can apply for and potentially increase the funding available to the partner. Please see Appendix 7 for more information about what can count towards the match: https://doee.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/doee/release_content/attachments/Appendix%207.pdf