



GRANT INFORMATION SESSION

'EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES THROUGH INNOVATIVE VIOLENCE INTERVENTION'

October 29, 2024

**Presented by:
ONSE
Grants Management**

AGENDA

- Welcome and Introductions
- Creation and Mission of the ONSE
- Overview
- Purpose and Eligibility
- Programmatic Responsibilities
- Financial Responsibilities
- Compliance Requirements
- Application
- Questions and Answers

Meeting Reminders

- Welcome!
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- We want to know your questions. Please use the **chat function** to enter your questions.
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- The presentation will be **recorded**. A copy of this recording and the presentation will be available on the ONSE website.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

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Creation of ONSE

The DC Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement (ONSE) was created to address violence in the District while assisting families dealing with grief and trauma caused by these occurrences. The ONSE office was created in response to the Neighborhood Engagement Achieves Results (NEAR) Act of 2018.

ONSE Mission

The mission of the Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement is to **build partnerships** and **implement strategies** that reduce gun-related violence in the District.

ONSE fulfills this mission by coordinating the District's gun violence prevention and intervention initiatives, using both public health and public safety tools, and by focusing on identifying and engaging with those most likely to be involved in gun violence, providing them with an alternative to crime.



OVERVIEW

Overview – District of Columbia Violence

Violence in the District of Columbia is an unfortunate reality, just like other major cities across the country. Community violence results in neighborhoods experiencing trauma, and economic hardships, and residents have elevated safety concerns.

Violence Intervention is a community-based approach to reduce crime. The approach focuses on engaging individuals and communities and providing them with skills, resources, and services that offer opportunities to improve the conditions that drive violence.

Overview – District of Columbia Violence

Educate
Community

Reduce
Deaths by
Gun
Violence

Introduce
individuals to
programming at
ONSE

Model
Desired
Behavior

What is V.I.?
Challenges
Accomplishments
Goals

Reduce
Violence

Community
Centered

PURPOSE AND ELIGIBILITY

Purpose

The **ONSE 'Empowering Communities Through Innovative Violence Intervention' Grant** is designed to:

- Reduce gun-related violence in the District by addressing the root causes and provide support.
- Strengthen public safety by funding community-based organizations that engage directly with high-risk individuals, offering services such as conflict mediation, life coaching, mentorship, and crisis intervention.
- Decrease violent incidents through creating pathways for participants to access employment, education, and mental health resources.

Eligibility

Eligible Applicants must meet all eligibility requirements as follows:

- Be based in and registered to do business in the District of Columbia.
- Public or private community-based organizations.
- For-profit organizations, may apply but cannot include a profit.
- Faith-based organizations are eligible.
- **Must** have required documents:
 - 501 (c)(3) IRS Status Letter
 - Current DC Business License
 - DC Clean Hands Certificate

Eligibility

Suggested Staff

- Qualified Violence Intervention Specialists
- Experienced Program Manager
- Culturally Competent Staff
- Consistency and Reliability

PROGRAMMATIC REQUIREMENTS

Programmatic Responsibilities

Applicants must have the ability to provide services to at-risk individuals and community members in one of these Wards (1, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8).

Organizations must be able to provide:

- **Violence Intervention**

Applicants must demonstrate the use of best practice strategies throughout their application. Strategies are encouraged to be backed by research and evaluation, case studies, or documented lessons learned from the field.

- **Ceasefire and Mediation Program Support**

Applicants must be able to demonstrate support to at-risk and community members aimed at preventing and resolving conflicts within the community through direct intervention and mediation strategies.

- **Adult Life Coach/Peer Support/Mentor**

Applicants must be able to assist with obtaining employment, housing, and accessing mental health services. Applicants will have frequent contact with at-risk individuals.

Programmatic Responsibilities

Goals for this funding support:

Violence Intervention

Goal: Establish strong relationships with at-risk populations to foster trust and encourage engagement in violence prevention programs. Support approximately 70 program participants identified by ONSE and the grantee.

Outcome: Increased participation rates in the ONSE Pathways Program, leading to improved community perceptions of safety and empowerment.

Ceasefire and Mediation Program Support

Goal: Actively engage at-risk individuals to prevent and resolve conflicts through direct support and mediation services. Reduction in conflict-related incidents and enhanced conflict resolution skills among participants, as measured by follow-up surveys.

Adult Life Coach/Peer Support/Mentor

Goal: Address the unique needs of at-risk individuals by providing tailored support and mentorship.

Programmatic Responsibilities

Expectations

- Have existing relationships with at-risk individuals and community members in identified Wards.
- Provide incumbent staff members or hire additional staff.
- Demonstrate resolving actual conflicts and engage in crisis intervention.
- Respond to crisis incidents within 1 hour of notice.
- Provide crisis support to families and individuals experiencing trauma.
- Provide referrals to ONSE and specified DC Government programming.
- Provide programmatic oversight.
- Provide ceasefire and mediation program support.
- Provide Adult Life Coach/Peer Support/Mentorship.

Programmatic Responsibilities

*Organizations must be able to provide the following deliverables:

- Critical Incident Reports
- Weekly Schedules
- Background Checks
- Referral Logs
- Monthly and End of the Year Reports
- Participate in Daily Calls
- Workplans and Timeline

****Additional Deliverables are listed in the RFA.***

Programmatic Responsibilities

Mandatory Reporting

- **Monthly Progress/Impact Report – 10th of Each Month**
- **Monthly Financial Report – 10th of Each Month**
 - Submit documentation for all expenditures, including invoices, receipts, payroll records, and cancelled checks.
 - Must follow allowable costs guidelines (staff salaries, program supplies, etc.).
- **Monthly Critical Incident Report – 10th of Each Month**
 - Submit within 24 hours of a critical incident (e.g., violence, crisis situations).
 - Document the incident, root cause analysis, and follow-up actions.
- **Annual/End of Program Report – October 10th, 2025**
 - A comprehensive summary of the program's impact, including success stories, data analysis, and lessons learned.

Failure to deliver mandatory reporting each month can result in appropriate disciplinary action(s).

Reporting and Impact

Impact

- **Emphasis on Real Impact**
 - Beyond just fun activities (impactful engagement is more than pizza parties!)
 - Measurable and meaningful change and achievements
 - Outcomes over Outputs
- **Sustainable Change**
 - Ensure participants leave the program with skills and mindsets that last beyond the grant period.
 - Demonstrates to the community, ONSE, and the participant that tangible change is happening.

FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS

Financial

The funding period is from January 1 – September 30, 2025.
**January 1st is a holiday – services must begin on January 2nd.*

The ONSE seeks to fund an approximate total of \$5 Million.

Use of Funds

A **Cost-Reimbursement grant** is funding where the grantee is reimbursed for actual, allowable expenses incurred during the program, based on approved budget categories.

Payments are made after expenses are documented and verified, ensuring funds are used specifically for program-related costs.

Advance

Organizations may make a one-time request for an advance in ZoomGrants and must provide an explanation.

ONSE will review and provide a decision upon grant award.

Use of Funds

Allowable costs are allocable, reasonable, and necessary. Examples include but are not limited to:

- **Staff salaries/fringe and hired contractors** – covers wages, benefits, and expenses connected to program staff and contractors
- **Occupancy** – Included rent, utilities, and facility maintenance for spaces used for program activities
- **Travel** – Reimburses transportation expenses for program-related travel, trainings, meetings, outreach.
- **Contractual** – Identify proposed contracts, specify the purpose and estimate cost.
- **Supplies** – Materials and resources needed for program delivery, like office supplies and workshop tools.
- **Equipment** - Allows for purchase of durable items needed for program operation (computers, software, gear, etc.) typically valued under \$5000.
- **Indirect** – Covers general organizational expenses not directly tied to the program, such as administrative support, up to an allowable rate (***15% of direct costs**) or a **Negotiated Indirect Cost Rate (NICRA)**.

Use of Funds

Non-allowable costs are costs that are unapproved, unreasonable, and/or unnecessary. Examples include but are not limited to:

- Debt, including payment of taxes
- Pass-through
- Interest paid on loans
- Vehicles
- Personal household expenses
- Cash incentives or gift cards
- Staff bonuses
- Fines and penalties
- Fundraising or lobbying costs

Use of Funds

Budget Narrative

- Provide a detailed narrative description and estimated funding amounts for each project component.
- Reasonable
- Allowable
- Cost-effectiveness
- Maximize funding

Budget Workbook

- Use ONSE forms – workbook.

Financial Responsibilities

Allowable Supporting Documentation

- Invoices
- Receipts
- Bank Statements
- General Ledger
- Paystub
- Cancelled Checks

Financial Responsibilities

Mandatory Reporting

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COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS

Compliance

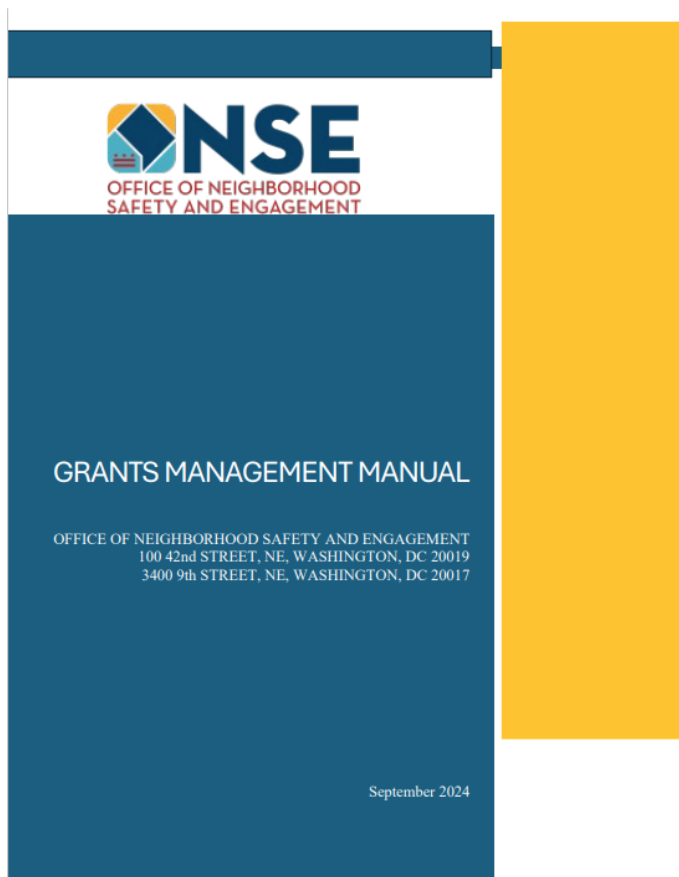


Compliance

- **ONSE Grants Management Manual** – A comprehensive guide detailing grant requirements and procedures
- **Grant Administration Standard Operating Procedures** – Outline the process and procedures
- **Zoom Grants** – The online platform used for submitting grant applications, reports, and reimbursement requests
- **Reporting Forms and Documents** – Standard forms/templates for submitting programmatic and financial reports.
- **Monitoring Tools (ONSE Compliance Unit)** - Tools and checklist used by the in-house compliance team

Compliance

ACTIVITY AND SERVICES



- Step 1:** Grantee submits Activity Request Form
- Step 2:** Program Monitor reviews request and Approves or Disapproves
- Step 3a:** Grantee Proceeds w/ Activity or Services
- Step 3b:** Compliance Team Conducts Site Visit / Field Observation
- Step 4:** Grantee submits required documentation after Activity or Services are completed (i.e., Sign-in Sheets, Invoices, Photographs, etc.)
- Step 5a:** Program Monitor reviews documentation and provides feedback, as necessary, related to service delivery to the Compliance Team
- Step 5b:** Compliance Team reviews documentation and issues Summary of Findings (no more than 3 business days after scheduled activity or service). Note: If there are deficiencies, the Compliance Team confirms receipt of the Summary of Findings with the Grantee (POC) by phone or team communication
- Step 7:** Grantee responds to Summary of Findings within the designated time frame (if necessary)
- Step 8:** The Grants Management Team meets to review invoices and documentation at a set time every month (TBD) to approve / disapprove payment of invoices

Reference: ONSE Grants Management Manual

What does the data show?



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DC Crime Comparison Trends (6-Year)

6 Year Calendar Year-to-Date Crime Comparison											
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	% Diff	% Diff	% Diff	% Diff	% Diff
	YTD	YTD	YTD	YTD	YTD	YTD	'24 vs '23	'24 vs '22	'24 vs '21	'24 vs '20	'24 vs '19
HOMICIDE	139	160	173	167	225	158	-30%	-5%	-9%	-1%	14%
SEX ABUSE	171	142	154	141	149	125	-16%	-11%	-19%	-12%	-27%
ASSAULT w/DANGEROUS WEAP	1,300	1,323	1,344	1,153	1,182	852	-28%	-26%	-37%	-36%	-34%
ROBBERY	1,760	1,510	1,586	1,664	2,798	1,727	-38%	4%	9%	14%	-2%
Violent Crime - Total	3,370	3,135	3,257	3,125	4,354	2,862	-34%	-8%	-12%	-9%	-15%
BURGLARY	1,035	1,230	920	869	871	796	-9%	-8%	-13%	-35%	-23%
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	1,743	2,508	2,792	2,841	5,728	4,040	-29%	42%	45%	61%	132%
THEFT F/AUTO	8,392	6,582	6,980	6,290	6,241	5,250	-16%	-17%	-25%	-20%	-37%
THEFT/OTHER	12,355	8,820	8,715	8,587	10,401	10,252	-1%	19%	18%	16%	-17%
ARSON	8	13	4	4	9	4	-56%	0%	0%	-69%	-50%
Property Crime - Total	23,533	19,153	19,411	18,591	23,250	20,342	-13%	9%	5%	6%	-14%
Total Crime	26,903	22,288	22,668	21,716	27,604	23,204	-16%	7%	2%	4%	-14%

As of October 21, 2024 12:00:00 AM

Data Source: DC MPD Crime Cards

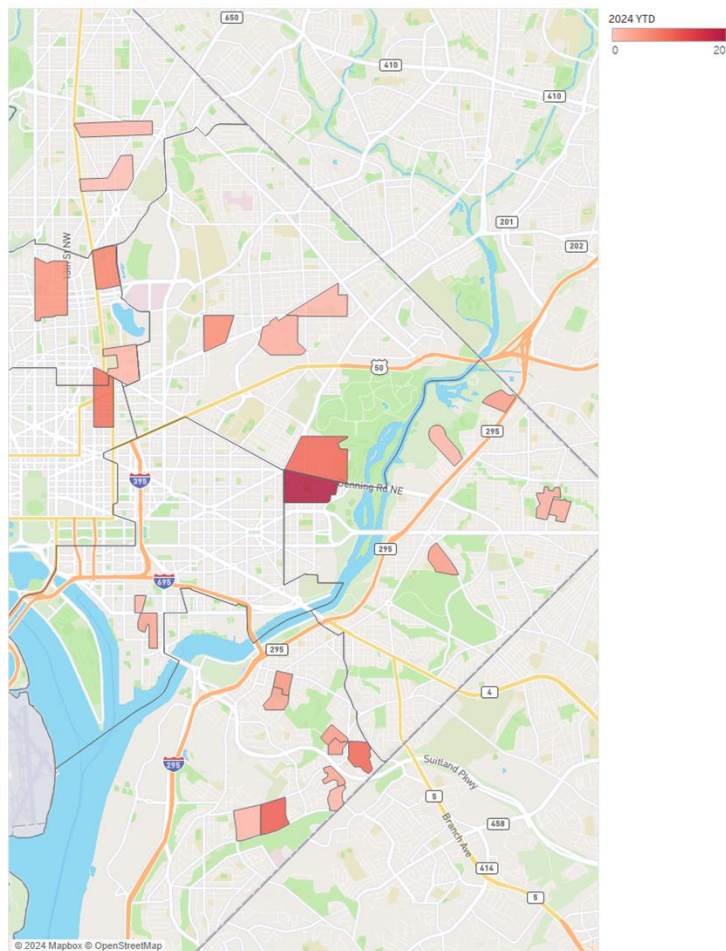
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ONSE Priority Communities

YTD ONSE Total

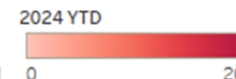
Total	▼-65	186	121	▼-35%
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2024 - ONSE Priority Communities



YTD ONSE Table

ONSE Priority Communities	Diff	2023		2024	
		YTD	YTD	YTD	YTD
Rosedale	▲4	16	20		
Congress Park East	▼-2	13	11		
Buena Vista Terrace	▲3	7	10		
Carver Langston	▼-16	26	10		
Shaw/Mt. Vernon	▼-8	17	9		
Park View	▲2	5	7		
Edgewood	▲5	1	6		
Columbia Heights	▼-11	16	5		
Historic Anacostia	▼-2	7	5		
Fort Dupont/Stodert/37th	▼-3	7	4		
Hartford	▼-4	8	4		
Kenilworth	▲2	2	4		
Woodland/Langston Lane	▲2	2	4		
Cedar Gardens	0	3	3		
Savannah Terrace	▼-6	9	3		
Syphax Gardens	▼-1	4	3		
Brentwood	▼-10	12	2		
Lincoln Heights	▼-3	5	2		
Richardson Dwellings	0	2	2		
Brightwood Park	▼-1	2	1		
Congress Park West	▼-5	6	1		
Greenleaf	0	1	1		
Langdon Park	0	1	1		
Le Droit Park	▼-1	2	1		
Mayfair/Paradise	▼-2	3	1		
Shipley	▼-8	9	1		
Petworth	0	0	0		



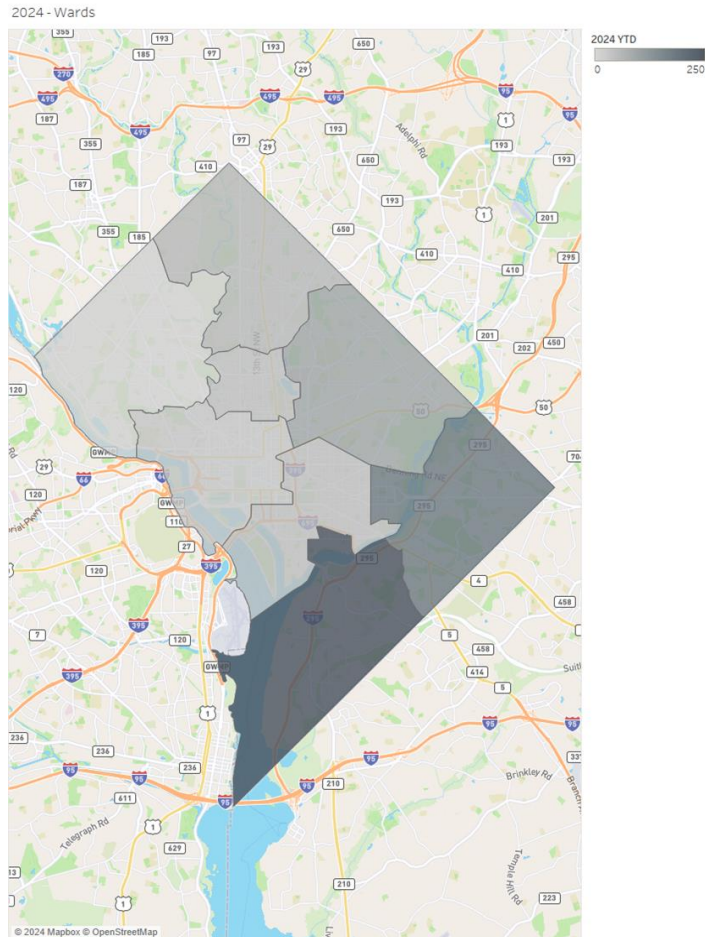
Data Source: Office of Gun Violence Prevention

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DC Ward Data

YTD Ward Total

Total	▼ -266	951	685	▼ -28%
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YTD Ward Table

Ward	Diff	2023 YTD	2024 YTD	2024 YTD
8	▼ -102	352	250	
7	▼ -53	227	174	
5	▼ -31	119	88	
4	▲ 1	49	50	
1	▼ -39	81	42	
6	▼ -20	62	42	
2	▼ -19	49	30	
3	▼ -3	12	9	

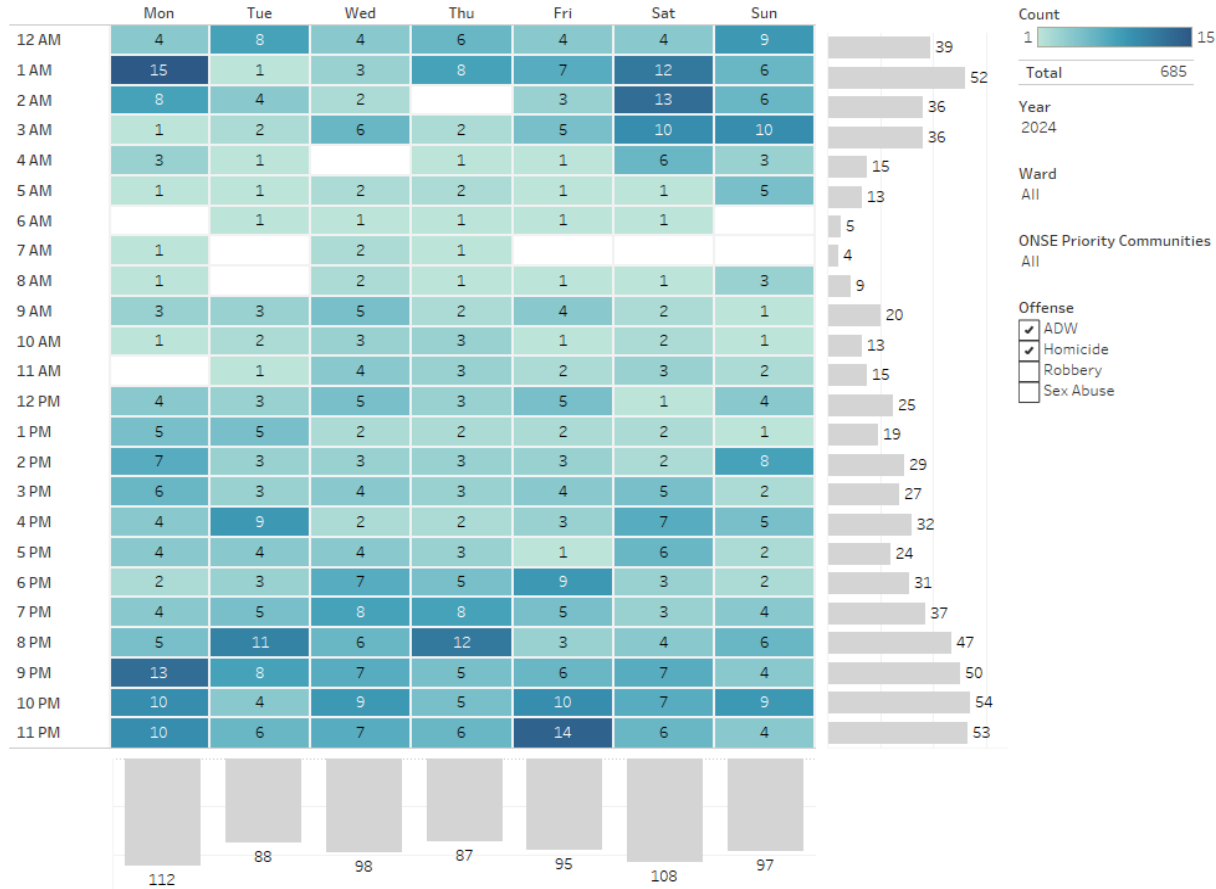
2024 YTD



Data Source: Office of Gun Violence Prevention

Gun Violence Day/Time Trends

Gun Violence by Day of the Week and Time of the Day as of 10/20/2024



Data Source: Office of Gun Violence Prevention

APPLICATION

Important Application Tips

- Start planning early.
- Review eligibility, scope of work, deliverables, budget, and evaluation criteria.
- Check for legal and financial documentation. Nonprofit determination letter, audit statements, etc.
- Identify support staff and delegate.
- Register in *ZoomGrants* for registration.
- Strategize a plan – print off the RFA and read, re-read, then read again.
- Create a timeline.
- Avoid too much jargon and abbreviations.
- Notify stakeholders.
- Reach out to past funders to provide support letters.
- Review and edit application.
- Submit early.

Application Submission

Applicants must provide a **narrative** to support methods for intervention, prevention, and suppression. Applications must include:

1. Summary of the Organization
2. Experience and Qualifications
3. Project Description
4. Past Performance
5. Budget

Application Submission

RFA:

- Visit the [ONSE](https://onse.dc.gov) website for any updates (<https://onse.dc.gov>)
- **Applications are due Monday, November 18, 2024, by 11:59 pm ET**

QUESTIONS:

- Send to onse@dc.gov
- **Last day for questions is Friday, November 8, 2024, by 8:00 pm ET**

Deadline

Monday, November 18, 2024.
Applications must be submitted by 11:59 pm

Late applications will not be considered.


The final date to submit questions for this opportunity is
November 8, 2024 at 8 pm.

Applications must be submitted in ZoomGrants

<https://www.zoomgrants.com/gprop.asp?donorid=2330&limitid=5465>

Application Submission

Application Checklist:



Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Eligibility• Narrative
Fiscal	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Budget• Allowable Costs
Compliance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Support Letters• Required Documents

Application Review Panel

This is a competitive grant.

Independent Review Panel

To ensure a fair assessment of grant applications, ONSE will convene a diverse review panel to evaluate eligible applications and submit a recommendation for funding. The review panel will consist of neutral, qualified individuals selected for their knowledge of the District's community, their experiences in grant-making and program development, and their familiarity with funding priority areas outlined in this RFA. The panel members will review screened applications and submit scoring, ranking, and comments to the ONSE.

Application Review Panel

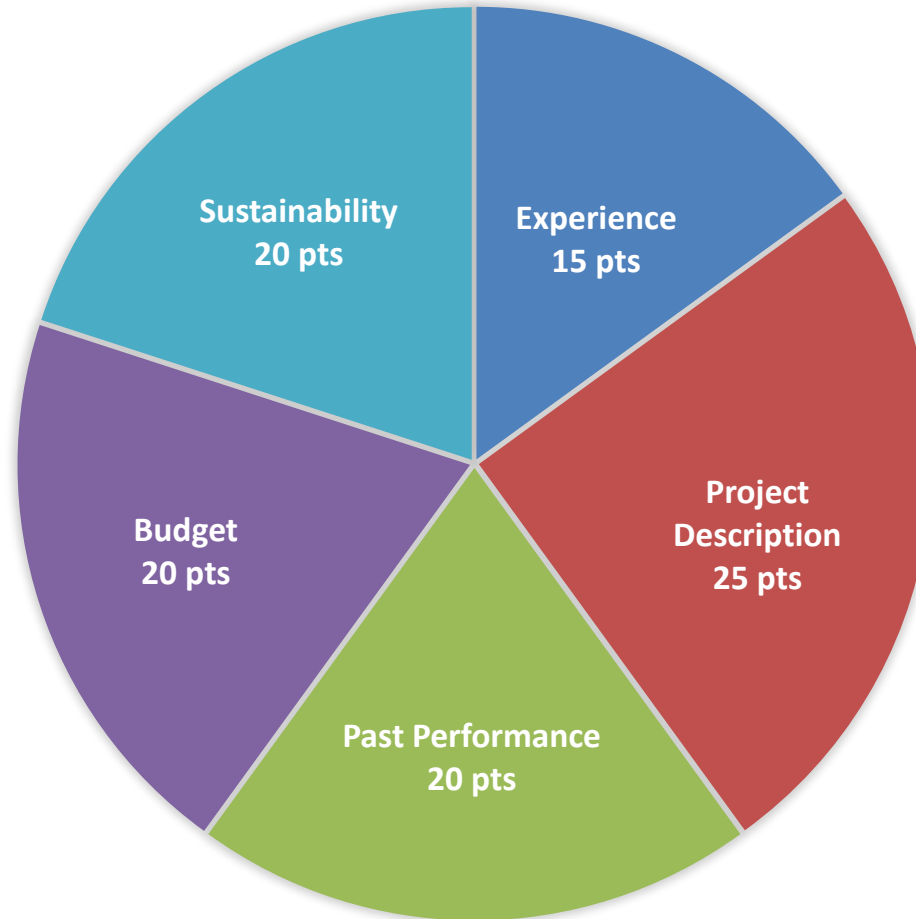
Based on the independent review panel recommendations, the Mayor's budget priorities, resources available, and the program's goals, **ONSE will make the final funding decision.**

The final funding decision cannot be contested or appealed. Applicants whose applications are denied can request more information regarding ONSE's decision by contacting the grant management team in writing and within fifteen (15) days of denial. Requests can be sent to onse@dc.gov.

Application Scoring

Applications will be evaluated based on the criteria outlined on the next slide. Failure to demonstrate how the proposed services meet these criteria may reduce the application's score. Applications should include the elements for each section to be eligible for the maximum consideration.

Application Scoring - Criteria



Schedule

Activity	Date
RFA Release	October 16, 2024
Information Session	October 29, 2024
Questions and Answers	November 8, 2024
Application Deadline	November 18, 2024
Award Announcement	December 27, 2024
Award Begins	January 1, 2025
Post Award Conference	January 21, 2025
Award Ends	September 30, 2025




Q & A



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