



SERVE DC – THE MAYOR’S OFFICE ON VOLUNTEERISM
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COMMISSION ON NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

**NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY
2012 Fall Service Days Grant Competition**

Notice: Attendance at a technical assistance (TA) session is required in order to be eligible to apply for this grant. Sessions are scheduled for Monday, May 14, 2012 from 5:30pm to 6:30pm and Wednesday, May 30 from 5:30pm to 6:30pm at the Frank D. Reeves Municipal Center, 2000 14th Street, NW, Suite 101, Washington, DC 20009. *TA sessions will start promptly at 5:30pm and those more than 15 minutes late will not be admitted.*

Summary: Serve DC – The Mayor’s Office on Volunteerism is offering grants to support community service projects, with a focus on disability inclusion, organized for the 2012 Fall Seasons of Service Days, which include the 9/11 National Day of Service and Remembrance (September 11, 2012) and National Disability Employment Awareness Month (October, 2012). **Grants worth up to \$5000 each will be awarded.**

9/11 National Day of Service and Remembrance

The September 11 National Day of Service and Remembrance was started by 9/11 family members and support groups as a way to honor the victims and heroes of that tragic day. Serve DC seeks to engage all District residents to sustain the remarkable spirit of unity and service that brought America and the world together in the immediate aftermath of the 9/11 attacks.

National Disability Employment Awareness Month

As stated in President Obama’s 2011 proclamation: “During National Disability Employment Awareness Month, we recognize the skills that people with disabilities bring to our workforce, and we rededicate ourselves to improving employment opportunities in both the public and private sectors for those living with disabilities.”

Criteria for eligible applicants: Eligible applicants are local nonprofit organizations, public schools, universities, community groups, faith-based organizations, state and local units of government, and public organizations. Programs applying to Serve DC for funding must conduct the project within the District of Columbia.

An organization described in Section 501 (c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C. 501 (c)(4) that engages in lobbying activities is **not** eligible to apply, serve as a host site for the project or act in any type of supervisory role in the program. Individuals are not eligible to apply.



Additionally, applicants must propose to institute a closeout activity with a reflection component to promote long term service commitment.

Serve DC anticipates awarding grants of up to \$5,000 for the 2012 Fall Service Day competition. The actual number and dollar amount of the awards will depend upon the number of approved applications received and requested dollar amounts.

Application

All eligible applicants must meet all of the applicable requirements contained in the application guidelines and instructions.

The deadline for completed applications is Friday, June 8, 2012 at 12:00pm.

All interested applicants must register and attend one TA session in order to apply for funds. Each TA session will be held at the Frank D. Reeves Municipal Center, 2000 14th Street, NW, Suite 101, Washington, DC 20009. The schedule is as follows:

- Monday, May 14, 2011 from 5:30pm to 6:30pm
- Wednesday, May 30, 2011 from 5:30pm to 6:30pm

Sessions will start promptly at 5:30pm and those more than 15 minutes late will not be admitted.

To RSVP for a TA session, please contact:

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ABOUT SERVE DC

Serve DC is the District Government agency dedicated to promoting service as an innovative, sustainable solution to address community needs. Serve DC supports communities across the District through grant funds from the Corporation for National and Community Service and the Department of Homeland Security and promotes the District's spirit of service by engaging residents in meaningful volunteer opportunities and facilitating strategic partnerships.