



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

NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY
2013 Make a Difference Day Grant Competition

Notice: Attendance at a technical assistance (TA) session is required in order to be eligible to apply for this grant. TA sessions are Tuesday, July 9 from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and Tuesday, July 23 from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Serve DC office located at the Frank D. Reeves Municipal Center, 2000 14th Street, NW, Suite 101, Washington, DC 20009. *Any person(s) arriving late to the TA sessions will not be admitted.*

Summary

Serve DC – The Mayor’s Office on Volunteerism is offering grants to support community service projects within the District of Columbia with a focus on disability inclusion for the October 26, 2013 Make A Difference Day, which coincides with National Disability Employment Awareness Month (October 2013). **Grants worth up to \$5,000 each will be awarded.**

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 or charter 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 2013 Make a Difference Day competition. The actual number and dollar amount of the awards will depend upon the number of approved applications received and requested dollar amounts. Please note that these are federal awards through the Corporation for National and Community Service Disability Inclusion program.

Application

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

The deadline for completed applications is Monday, August 5, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.

All interested applicants must register and attend TA sessions 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:

- Tuesday, July 09, 2013 from 5:30pm to 6:30pm
- Tuesday, July 23, 2013 from 5:30pm to 6:30pm

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

To RSVP for a TA session, please contact:

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About Serve DC – The Mayor’s Office on Volunteerism

Serve DC is the District Government agency dedicated to promoting service as an innovative, sustainable solution to pressing social challenges. Serve DC engages District communities by building partnerships and organizational capacity, leading local and national volunteer and service initiatives, providing support to the DC Commission on National and Community Service and providing and promoting meaningful service opportunities. 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.