

VITALITY FUND

Offered by the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning & Economic Development (DMPED), the Vitality Fund assists businesses within targeted sectors to relocate, expand, or stay in Washington, DC. The eligibility and program requirements listed below will go into effect beginning October 1, 2022.

ELIGIBILITY

- Lease or own a physical location of at least 7,000 square feet in the District for a minimum of 5 years.
- Have 25 or more employees
- Be in one of the following industry sectors:
 - Technology & Innovation
 - Life Sciences
 - Professional Services
 - Finance and Insurance
 - Manufacturing
 - Research
 - Communications & Marketing
 - Consulting Services
 - Education

ELIGIBLE USE OF FUNDS

- Initial startup capital
- Operational costs
- Down payment assistance
- Rent subsidy
- Tenant improvements
- Workforce training
- Recruitment and hiring costs

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

All grant recipients must commit to the following requirements:

- Require employees, in the aggregate, to be on-site at the location for at least 50% of their work hours.
- Remain in the District of Columbia for at least 5 years.
- Implement or participate in a workforce development program that offers DC residents opportunities for training or employment within the business or the industry in which it operates; or commit to spending at least 5% of its total annual contracting with businesses eligible for certification as local business enterprises during the 5-year period.

AWARD DETERMINATION

All applications will be reviewed by a Review Committee. The Review Committee will make award determinations based on fiscal impact, number of new jobs, wage levels, overall employment in the District, amount of capital investment, and alignment with the District's economic strategy.

HOW TO APPLY

To be considered for a financial incentive from the Government of the District of Columbia, including the Vitality Fund, please contact DMPED's Business Development Unit at bizdev@dc.gov.