

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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April 19, 2017

Brian Kenner
Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development
Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Suite 317
Washington, D.C. 20004

Dear Deputy Mayor Kenner:

My Office will soon start a review of the following revitalization grants awarded in fiscal year 2016 by the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development (DMPED):

- (1) **H Street N.E. – Starburst Revitalization Grant** (purchase order #548397, dated August 31, 2016); and
- (2) **Dix Street Revitalization Grant** (purchase order #543675, dated June 8, 2016).

The objectives of the review, which is part of the ongoing initiative detailed in the OIG's *FY 2017 Audit and Inspection Plan*,¹ will be to: (1) examine the application and award process and grantees' compliance with grant agreement requirements; (2) identify any grant oversight weaknesses that could increase the potential for fraud, waste, and abuse; and (3) where applicable, make recommendations for improving grant program effectiveness and administration to ensure that grant fund expenditures achieve the desired results.

Please provide Edward Farley, Assistant Inspector General for Inspections and Evaluations, with the name and telephone number of the person who will serve as the primary point of contact at DMPED during the review process. He can be reached at 202-727-9249 or edward.farley@dc.gov.

Also, please provide the following information to Mr. Farley no later than April 28, 2017, so that the I&E team can prepare its fieldwork methodology and plan:


- an electronic copy (i.e., PDF) of each grant's request for applications and grant agreement, as well as all applications submitted for each grant;

¹ Available at oig.dc.gov

- any policies and procedures regarding grant award and administration that apply to DMPED employees or grantee organizations;
- any internal or external audits or reviews (conducted within the past 2 years) pertaining to a DMPED grant or its application and award process;
- a list of current DMPED employees responsible for awarding or administering grants, to include each person's name, title, email address, telephone number, and a brief description of their duties; and
- any other documentation or information you believe would assist the review team.

Mr. Farley will schedule an entrance conference with the point of contact you identify. Thank you in advance for your cooperation, and I look forward to working with DMPED in our joint efforts to improve the quality of services provided to the District.

Sincerely,


Daniel W. Lucas
Inspector General

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cc: The Honorable Muriel Bowser, Mayor, District of Columbia
Mr. Rashad Young, City Administrator
The Honorable Phil Mendelson, Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia
The Honorable Brandon T. Todd, Chairperson, Committee on Government Operations,
Council of the District of Columbia