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DHCD Seeks Proposals to Produce or Preserve Affordable Housing

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WASHINGTON, DC –The D.C. Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) Director Polly Donaldson announced yesterday that the agency is accepting proposals to produce and preserve affordable housing. The official announcement of the Consolidated Request for Proposals (RFP) was published in the March 25, 2016 issue of the *D.C. Register*. The RFP was released on March 31, 2016. Applicants must submit their proposals online via the electronic application portal before the May 31, 2016 deadline.

DHCD is partnering with the D.C. Department of Behavioral Health (DBH), the District of Columbia Housing Authority (DCHA), D.C. Department of Health (DOH) and the D.C. Department of Human Services (DHS) to issue this RFP for projects that will produce new affordable housing units or preserve existing units, primarily for households earning below 30% of the Area Median Income (AMI) or between 31%-50% of AMI. The RFP prioritizes projects that create Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) for individuals and families who were once homeless and continue to be at imminent risk of homelessness.

DHCD's Development Finance Division (DFD) will lead the review and selection process. Funds will be available from a variety of funding sources, including the HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) program, the Housing Production Trust Fund (HPTF) program, the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, the 9% Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) program, the Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA) program, the Department of Behavioral Health (DBH) funds administered by DHCD, the District of Columbia Housing Authority's (DCHA) Local Rent Supplement Program (LRSP), the Housing Choice Voucher Program (HCVP), the Annual Contributions Contract Program (ACC), and the Department of Human Services (DHS) supportive services funds for PSH.

This release follows Mayor Muriel Bowser's recent announcement that 12 projects, representing approximately \$90 million in Affordable Housing Opportunities, were selected for further underwriting through the 2015 Affordable Housing RFP. These selections and release of the new RFP underscore the Administration's commitment to affordable housing, which is reflected in the request for \$100 million in new revenue for the Housing Production Trust Fund (HPTF) in the FY 2017 budget.

Application materials, further instructions, and information about capacity building workshops will be available online at dhcd.dc.gov and at <https://goo.gl/DvyJ6R>. The entire application and submission process will be online. No hard copy submissions will be accepted.

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The mission of the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) is to create and preserve opportunities for affordable housing and economic development and to revitalize underserved communities in the District of Columbia.