



# GROWTH FUND

SCALE YOUR BUSINESS  
IN WASHINGTON, DC

## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Mayor Bowser's Growth Fund supports entrepreneurs, startups, and small businesses relocating to or expanding in Washington, DC. The program encourages job creation and filling commercial office space, with a focus on supporting growth-stage startups ready to scale. **Applications are accepted until March 23, 2026.**

## PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY

- Relocate to, or expand in **commercial office space**, including coworking space, in Washington, DC
- Have at least **5 employees**
- Create **5+ new jobs** in DC over 2-years
- Require employees to spend at least **50% of their work hours** at DC location
- Participate in a **workforce development program** for DC residents or spend at least **5% of annual contracting with local businesses**

## PRIORITY CONSIDERATIONS

- Located in a Growth Fund Target Area
- Operating in high-growth industry sectors, including:
  - Consulting and Business Services
  - Communications and Design
  - Education and Research
  - Life Sciences
  - Technology

## HOW TO APPLY

Companies actively considering relocation or expansion can learn more and apply at [dmped.dc.gov/page/growthfund](https://dmped.dc.gov/page/growthfund). For questions, email [bizdev@dc.gov](mailto:bizdev@dc.gov).