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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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To create a searchable website of all grants awarded by the District.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Grants Transparency Amendment Act of 2017”.

Sec. 2. Definitions.

For the purposes of this act, the term:

(1) “Recipient entity” means a person, other than an individual, that has received a grant from the District.

43 (2) “Grant” includes subgrants, financial awards, or other forms of  
44 government assistance.

45 (3) “Searchable website” means a website that allows a member of the public  
46 to:

47 (A) Search and aggregate grants by any element required by section  
48 3(a);

49 (B) Ascertain through a single search the total amount of funding  
50 awarded by a grant by fiscal year; and

51 (C) Download data from searches in spreadsheet form.

52 Sec. 3. Grants Database.

53 (a) No later than January 1, 2019, the Chief Financial Officer shall create and  
54 maintain a searchable website that includes for each grant the District awards:

55 (1) The name of the entity receiving the award;

56 (2) The physical addresses of the recipient entity, including the 9 digit postal  
57 code and District ward;

58 (3) A unique identifier for the grant and of the parent entity of the recipient  
59 entity, should the entity be owned by another entity;

60 (4) The amount of the grant;

61 (5) Awarding agency;

62 (6) Grant title;

63 (7) Narrative descriptive of the purpose of the Grant;

64 (8) Date the grant was awarded; and

65 (9) Length of the grant.

66 (c) The website shall include all relevant data for fiscal year 2015 and each fiscal  
67 year thereafter. Grants shall be added no more than 30 days after they are awarded by an agency.

68 (d) The website shall be designed so that it may be easily expanded to include  
69 additional datasets related to government spending, such as contract awards or tax subsidies.

70 (e) Nothing in this act shall prohibit the Chief Financial Officer from including on  
71 the website information or data that is publically available from any other public or private  
72 database.

73 Sec. 4. Fiscal impact statement.

74 The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the fiscal  
75 impact statement required by section 4a of the General Legislative Procedures Act of 1975,  
76 approved October 16, 2006 (120 Stat. 2038; D.C. Official Code § 1-301.47a).

77 Sec. 5. Effective date.

78 This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the  
79 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of congressional review as  
80 provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December  
81 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)) and publication in the District of  
82 Columbia Register.