



Dreaming Out Loud

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PROFILE

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Cost

Free

Business Stages Served

Start-up, Growth

Languages Offered

We only offer services in English

Wards/Neighborhoods Served

Ward 7
Ward 8

Business Assistance Services

Specialized Industries

Financing and Budgeting Services

Mission Description

Dreaming Out Loud, Inc. (DOL) is dedicated to creating economic opportunities within the marginalized communities of the Washington, DC metropolitan region by establishing a healthy and equitable food system. DOL strategically addresses issues related to community health, employment, and economic empowerment in Wards 6, 7, and 8 of Washington, DC by transforming the local food system. They provide revenue generating opportunities for program participants, create opportunities for low resourced entrepreneurs to scale their operations and cultivate

Programs and Services

Dreaming Out Loud fosters an ecosystem of support -- human, financial, and infrastructural -- aimed at providing long term solutions by addressing unique challenges encountered by low-resourced and marginalized participants. They offer the following programs:

The Resilient Enterprise Accelerated Modules (DREAM) Program offers participants, a valuable opportunity to access comprehensive support as they embark on their journeys as food entrepreneurs. Designed to benefit highly motivated and talented individuals from low-resourced, and underfunded communities, this multi-week incubator program delivers in-depth business training tailored to the food and beverage industry. Participants also receive mentorship, revenue-generating opportunities, and the chance to build a strong peer support network.

The DREAM Black Food Fund (DBFF) is designed to provide on-going capacity boosting support to marginalized, low resourced farmers and food entrepreneurs. It complements the DREAM program and makes it possible for us to grant critical resources to DREAM program cohorts as well. Beneficiaries of this program receive micro grants and technical assistance based on available resources and identified needs.

Each year, they host the DBFF award ceremony. At the ceremony, guests and awardees of their \$120,000 micro grants convene together to celebrate positive outcomes due to the funds the awardees have received.