2024 DBS Innovative Projects Program Timeline

* July 31st, 2024 – DBS will release the Request for Proposals (RFP) for the 2024 cycle of the Innovative Projects Program. The RFP will be advertised through email list, DBS Website, and social media accounts, NFB Newsline, etc.
* August 9th, 2024 – at 2:00 p.m., The Innovative Projects Program Review Committee will host a teleconference to answer questions about the program and application process from interested parties.
* August 21st, 2024 – All applications are due to DBS by 5:00 p.m.
* August 28th, 2024 – All applications that meet minimum qualifications and scoring materials will be submitted to the Committee for review and scoring.
* September 11th, 2024 – The Committee will meet to discuss any issues that have come up during the review process.
* September 24th, 2024 – The Committee will meet to discuss scoring and to finalize the list of projects to be recommended for funding. During this call, the Committee may meet with any applicant(s) for questions and/or clarification related to submitted proposals. (Applicants will be asked to be on standby during this time).
* October 1st, 2024 – Committee recommendations will be submitted to Director Doyle for final review and selection.
* October 18th, 2024 – All applicants will be notified as to whether their proposal has been selected for funding.
* December 1st, 2024 – This is the goal date to have all contracts signed for January 1, 2025, execution. (This date is subject to change due to Departmental processes).
* January 1st, 2025 – Project period will begin. (This date is subject to change due to Departmental processes).