

OFFICE OF STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION

Notice of Funding Availability

College, Credential, and Career Ready Summer Initiative

Request for Application Release Date: March 9, 2015

Application Submission Deadline: April 9, 2015 by 4:00PM

The Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE) seeks applications for college and career readiness summer programming serving middle grades students in grades six (6) through eight (8) during summer 2015. The College, Credential, and Career Ready (C3 Ready) Summer Initiative will target skills and knowledge key for middle grades students on the path to successful transition to college and careers.

OSSE seeks applications from partnerships of Local Education Agencies (LEAs), qualified Community-Based Organizations (CBOs), and/or qualified Institutions of Higher Education (IHEs) to provide daytime summer programming for between three (3) and six (6) weeks for at least six (6) hours per day. The total amount available for this opportunity is \$150,000.00. In order to receive an award, applicants must provide and document a 1:1 funding match from Federal, local, or private funds. Up to fifty percent (50%) of match funds may be in-kind. OSSE anticipates making awards equaling \$500 per student, for an overall per-student cost of \$1000 including both OSSE grant and applicant match funds.

Successful applicants will plan to spend at least 85% of time focusing on high school transition, and/or college and career exposure, awareness and readiness. Further, successful applicants will plan to spend at least 50% of time on interactive student learning opportunities, such as field trips, guest speakers, and project-based learning. Successful applications will either establish new programs or greatly expand pre-existing college and career programming for the target grades.

OSSE seeks applications that propose to develop and measure student progress towards the following C3 Ready Summer Goals:

1. Effectively manage time and use organization strategies;
2. Set long and short term academic and non-academic goals;
3. Understand high school systems and structures, including but not limited to Grade Point Average (GPA) calculation, Carnegie Unit or other credit accrual, and District of Columbia graduation requirements;
4. Understand and evaluate available high schools and college and career preparatory program options in Washington, DC;
5. Understand the DC high school application process; and
6. Understand how middle and high school academic performance connects to high-growth college and career pathways and Priority Career Sectors as identified in the 2012 Career and Technical Education Strategic Plan.

No school or program sites have been pre-identified for this initiative. However, OSSE will prioritize applicants enrolling more than 70% of seat with students who qualify for Free and Reduced Meals (FARMs), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and/or attend Title 1 schools.

OSSE will only accept applications from Partnerships of at least one LEA and at least one CBO or IHE. Any qualified LEA, CBO, or IHE may serve as the lead applicant for funding and will be fully responsible for fiscal management of funds awarded by OSSE. Partners must submit a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed by all partner organizations that details the parameters of the Partnership and demonstrates which Partner will act as fiscal agent for funds received from OSSE. Lead applicants and Partner organizations for this grant opportunity must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- (1) Prior experience working with middle grades students and/or prior experience with college and career readiness and awareness programming;
- (2) Status as a public or public charter Local Education Agency (LEA) operating in the District of Columbia that will serve students in grades 6 through 8 in the 2015-2016 Academic Year; or
- (3) Status as an accredited non-profit Institution of Higher Education or 501(c)(3) organization operating for two (2) or more years.
- (4) Applicant Institutions of Higher Education must be members of the Consortium of Universities of the Washington Metropolitan Area and/or have prior experience running successful dual enrollment or dual credit programs for high school students.

The Request for Applications (RFA) for this funding opportunity will be available on March 9, 2015. The RFA will be available on OSSE's website <http://osse.dc.gov> or by contacting the Division of Postsecondary & Career Education. OSSE will be holding two information sessions to answer questions about the RFA and grant competition. Please see the full RFA for a detailed timeline of events.

The C3 Ready Summer Initiative application will open in the Enterprise Grants Management System (EGMS) on March 23, 2015. All applications for funding must be submitted by the lead applicant through EGMS by 4:00PM on April 9, 2015. Please visit <https://grants.osse.dc.gov> for more information about EGMS and to view the online application after March 23, 2015.

For additional information and to receive the full RFA after March 9, please contact:

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