

OFFICE OF THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION

Notice of Funding Availability

CTE Certification Program

Request for Application Release Date: June 4, 2015

Application Submission Deadline: July 31, 2015 by 5:00PM

The Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE) is pleased to announce a funding opportunity for Career and Technical Education (CTE) certification. The purpose of this grant is to support eligible Local Education Agencies (LEA) and the University of the District of Columbia Community College (UDC-CC) with full or subsidized funding for the payment of certification exams within Priority Career Sectors in the District of Columbia as identified in the CTE Strategic Plan. (<http://osse.dc.gov/publication/career-and-technical-education-cte-strategic-plan>).

This funding opportunity is open to all LEAs located in the District of Columbia offering Priority Programs of Study. A total amount available for award is \$140,000.00. The duration for this grant is for a period from October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016. Awards to each of the LEAs will be capped at \$3,900 per school based on the projected number of students taking certification exams. Any excess funds will be equitably redistributed to LEAs that projected a greater need. Funds will be distributed as a cost reimbursement. To accommodate student need, OSSE will work with entities that may no longer offer courses beyond June 30, 2016, to determine the procedure for cost reimbursement.

The Request for Application (RFA) for this funding opportunity will be available on June 4, 2015. The RFA will be available on OSSE's website <http://osse.dc.gov> or by contacting the Division of Postsecondary and Career Education. OSSE will be holding a **mandatory** pre-application conference to answer questions about the RFA on June 23, 2015, from 9:15am to 10:15am at OSSE – 810 First Street NE, Washington DC 20002 (Room 4002). Absence from this conference will make an applicant ineligible to apply. Please see the full RFA for a detailed timeline of events.

The CTE Certification Program grant application will open in the Enterprise Grants Management System (EGMS) on June 17, 2015. Applicants must submit the application through EGMS by 5:00 PM on July 31, 2015. Applicants must be a registered vendor of EGMS to access the application. New vendors should allot at least 72 hours for the registration process. Please visit <https://grants.osse.dc.gov> for more information about EGMS and to view the online application after June 17, 2015.

For additional information after June 4, please contact:

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