

OFFICE OF THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION

NOTICE OF EXTENSION OF APPLICATION DEADLINE

Fiscal Year 2027 Direct Investment in Students Grant

Application Due Date: Tuesday, October 13, 2026, at 3:00 p.m.

On July 31, 2026, the Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE) published in the District of Columbia Register a notice of funding availability (NOFA) for the fiscal year 2027 Direct Investment in Students (DIS) Grant. The NOFA established a Request for Applications (RFA) release date of August 14, 2026 and an application submission due date of September 29, 2026. This notice extends the application submission due date to Tuesday, October 13, 2026, at 3:00 p.m.

OSSE will fund local education agencies (LEAs) to provide direct services to eligible students at the District's highest-need schools. The DIS grant program supports the following five categories of direct student services authorized under federal law:

- Additional Coursework: enrollment in academic courses not otherwise offered at a student's school;
- High School Credits: credit recovery and academic acceleration that lead to a high school diploma;
- Higher Education Coursework: costs for exams, dual enrollment, or other postsecondary course work that are accepted for credit at Institutions of Higher Education (IHEs);
- High-Impact Tutoring: math and/or English language arts (ELA) high-impact tutoring (HIT); and
- Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI) School Transportation: transportation to allow a student at a CSI school to transfer to another public or public charter school.

Since the grant launch on August 14, 2026, OSSE has made the following updates to the DIS grant materials. All updated materials may be found on the [DIS website](#).

- **FY27 Direct Investment in Students - Request for Applications:** OSSE updated the RFA on Sept. 15, correcting Question 6 (Family Engagement Plan) in Appendix D: Program Type 2 and 3 Scoring Rubric and Application Questions, to remove reference to high-impact tutoring (HIT) programming. The question is and has always been correct in OSSE's Enterprise Grants Management System (EGMS).
- **DIS Program Type 1 Program Model and Budget Template (Sept 2026):** OSSE updated the template and posted the corrected version to the DIS website on Sept. 17, resolving an issue with the Student Count formula on the Budget Template tab.
- **DIS Program Type 2 Program Model and Budget Template (Sept 2026):** OSSE updated the template and posted the corrected version to the DIS website on Sept. 17, resolving an issue with the Student Count formula on the Budget Template tab.
- **FY27 Direct Investment in Students Frequently Asked Questions:** OSSE posted this document on Sept. 22, answering questions about the DIS grant received up until Sept. 11.

- **Pre-Application Webinar Recording and Slides:** OSSE posted these resources on Sept. 18, providing access to the recording of and slides from the pre-application webinars OSSE held on Aug. 21 and Sept. 1.
- **HIT Vetted Program List:** OSSE posted an updated version of the [HIT Vetted Program List](#) to the OSSE website on Aug. 27, removing “virtual - home based” as an eligible program delivery modality.
- **HIT Vetted Program Profiles:** OSSE posted this resource on the DIS website on Sept. 18, providing further information on each program identified on the HIT Vetted Program List.

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