

# Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE) Division of Health and Wellness



DC School Garden Grant (SGG)  
Information Webinar

<http://osse.dc.gov/service/school-garden-grant>



# Background

- 127 schools with garden programs in the District
- Biggest barrier to establishing programs is staffing
- Required by the Healthy Schools Act (HSA) of 2010
- Approx. \$1.5M in funds provided to 63 programs since 2012
- More information available through the [HSA Farm-to-School and School Gardens Reports](#)





# Purpose



#of students that engage in school garden programs.



# of classroom teachers that are including garden-based teaching into their teaching practice.



# of schools with garden programs.

Institutionalize school garden programs to ensure staying power.

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# Award Information

- Two year grant period 10/1-2017-9/20/2019
- Max amount is \$35K/ school 80% must be used for salaries
- Funds may not be used for Travel expenses, Student field trips to farms, transportation for field trips
- Food must meet the [USDA Smart Snacks in School guidelines](#)



# What's New

- Schools that have received grant in the past are now eligible
- Increase amount and grant period
- Up to 4 schools allowed per application
- Clarity around # of teachers impacted and lessons taught
- Increased focus on staying power
- Healthy Schools Act bonus points awarded



# Eligibility Information

- Eligible Organizations
  - Public schools (i.e., schools within the District of Columbia Public Schools) & Public charter schools
    - All public school (DCPS) must apply through its Office of Federal Programs and Grants
    - Must partner with a Community Based Organizations (CBOs)
  - CBOs that support school garden programs
    - May submit up to three applications
    - 1-4 schools per application
    - Letter or partnership with schools must be submitted
- All schools must have completed the 2016-17 school year school health profile.
  - DCPS: <https://osse.dc.gov/node/1225491>
  - charter schools: <https://osse.dc.gov/node/1225551>



# Program Requirements

- Establish or support existing School Wellness Committee that supports the program
- Establish or maintain at least one staff position to oversee the program
- Collaborate with classroom teachers to include garden-based teaching in their teaching practice.
- Work with food service vendor to implement cafeteria-based activities.
- Participate in district wide trainings
- Engage one entire grade level in a Meaningful Watershed Experience
- Participate in Growing Healthy Schools Month and Strawberries and Salad Greens Day.
- Submit Mid and End Project Reports
- Complete Continuation Grant for year two funds
- Maintain a healthy school garden as outlined in the [School Garden Safety Checklist](#).



# Submission Requirements

- All Applications are submitted using the Enterprise Grants Management System (EGMS) [grants.osse.dc.gov](https://grants.osse.dc.gov)
  - Project Overview
  - Project Vision and Implementation
  - Curriculum Integration Plan
  - Student and Community Involvement Plan
  - Cost Effectiveness of Budget
  - Support Documentation
  - Project Budget
  - Assurances
- Agree to, **and** save assurances in Central Data
- OSSE EGMS Help Desk (202)719-6500
- The application is available in word here: <https://osse.dc.gov/node/1198607>





# Review Process

- Grants are reviewed and scored by an external peer review panel
- Applications from schools that have not previously received Healthy Schools Act grant awards will automatically receive 5 bonus points



# Grant Award Payments

- This is a reimbursement grant
- A maximum of 60% of the total award will be reimbursed in year 1 and a minimum of 40% of the total award amount will be reimbursed in year 2.
- Eligible Fiscal Sponsors
  - The DCPS central office
  - the central office of public charter schools
  - CBOs that support school garden programs



# Important Dates

- June 1, 2017 Application Opens
- June 16, 2017 DCPS Schools submit intent to apply to DCPS Central Office
- July 19, 2017 Pre-Application Question Period Ends
- July 20, 2017 9:00 – 10:30 EGMS 101 Training (at OSSE 810 1<sup>st</sup> Street NE Conference Room 806A)
- July 21, 2017 FAQ page published
- August 9, 2017 3 p.m. Application Submission Deadline
- Early Sept Award Notices Sent
- October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 Grant Period Begins
- September 30, 2019 Grant Period Ends



Questions?

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