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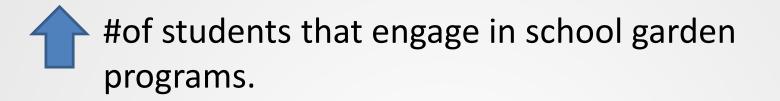
DC School Garden Grant (SGG) Information Webinar

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



- 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 <u>HSA Farm-to-</u> <u>School and School Gardens Reports</u>





of classroom teachers that are including gardenbased teaching into their teaching practice.



of schools with garden programs.

Institutionalize school garden programs to ensure staying power.



- 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 <u>USDA Smart Snacks in</u> <u>School guidelines</u>



- 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



- 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: <u>https://osse.dc.gov/node/1225491</u>

charter schools: https://osse.dc.gov/node/1225551



- 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 <u>School Garden Safety</u> <u>Checklist</u>.



- All Applications are submitted using the Enterprise Grants Management System (EGMS) <u>grants.osse.dc.gov</u>
 - Project Overview
 - Project Vision and Implementation
 - <u>Curriculum Integration Plan</u>
 - <u>Student and Community Involvement Plan</u>
 - <u>Cost Effectiveness of Budget</u>
 - <u>Support Documentation</u>
 - Project Budget
 - <u>Assurances</u>
- 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



- 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



- 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



- 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 1st 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 1st, 2017 Grant Period Begins
- September 30, 2019 Grant Period Ends

