



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



2019-21 DC School Garden Grant
(SGG)

Information Webinar

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





Important Dates

Action	Date/Timeline
Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) Released	June 6, 2019
Request for Applications (RFA) Released and Application Available in Enterprise Grants Management System (EGMS)	June 21, 2019 https://osse.dc.gov/service/school-garden-funding
Application Due in EGMS	September 4, 2019 3 p.m.
Award Announcement	Before October 1, 2019



Background

General:

- Required by the Healthy Schools Act (HSA) of 2010
- 134 schools with garden programs in the District
- Staffing is the biggest barrier

Grant:

- Approx. \$2.2M in funds provided to 74 programs since 2012
- Focus on staffing
- 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



Eligibility Information

- Eligible organizations
 - District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS) & public charter schools
 - Applying DCPS schools must contact Office of Federal Programs at ofpg.grants@dc.gov by July 24, 2019
 - Community-based organizations (CBOs) that support school garden programs
 - All schools must have completed the 2017-18 school year school health profile



Award Information

- Two year grant period 10/1/2019- 9/30/2021
- Maximum of 60% of total funds in year 1
- Maximum amount is \$35K/school and 80% must be used for salaries
- Funds may not be used for travel expenses, student field trips to farms, transportation for field trips



What's New

- More support from OSSE
- Threshold for the minimum # of students engaged
- Clarity on teacher involvement
- Updated training requirements
- Added question on students with disabilities
- Competitive preference



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
- Engage Students
- Work with food service vendor to implement cafeteria-based activities
- Participate in district wide Community of Practice sessions.
- 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
 - 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
- EGMS Training June 26, 2019 9:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m. register here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/egms-training-tickets-62353228184>
- OSSE EGMS Help Desk (202)719-6500



Scoring Criteria

Criteria	Missing	Does Not Meet	Working Towards	Meets	Exceeds
Project Vision & Implementation Plan (C1 Scoring Criteria) Total	0	8	14	20	28
Curriculum Integration Plan (C2 Scoring Criteria) Total	0	7	14	21	28
Student & Community Involvement Plan (C3 Scoring Criteria) Total	0	7	14	21	28
Cost-Effectiveness of Budget (C4 Scoring Criteria) Total	0	4	8	12	16
TOTAL	0	26	50	74	100



Applying the Competitive Preference

School Garden Grant Award Preference for:



SCHOOLS

With a 1 or 2 STAR score that have not received a SGG in the past 5 years



CBOs

That partner exclusively with 1 or 2 STAR schools that have not received a SGG in the past 5 years



Application Review Process

Application Deadline

- Applications are due no later than **September 4 at 3 p.m.**
- Applications must be submitted through EGMS
- Late applications will not be accepted

Application Review Period

- Applications are scored by external reviewers.

Award Announcement

- Grantees will be announced before ~~October~~ **October 1, 2019**



Grant Award Payments

- This is a reimbursement grant
- Proof of payment is required
- OSSE will reimburse for a maximum of 60 percent and a minimum of 40 percent of the total award between Oct. 1, 2019 and Sept. 30, 2021
- Eligible fiscal sponsors
 - The DCPS central office
 - The central office of public charter schools
 - CBOs that support school garden programs



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Questions?

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