

OFFICE OF THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION (OSSE)

NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY (NOFA)

DC SCHOOL GARDEN GRANT (SGG)

Announcement Date: May 10, 2017

RFA Release Date: June 1, 2017

Background: The Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE) Division of Health and Wellness is soliciting applications for the District of Columbia School Garden Grant, as authorized by the Healthy Schools Act of 2010 (HSA) (D.C. Law 18-209; D.C. Official Code § 38-821.01 *et seq.*). The purpose of this grant is to:

- 1) Increase the number of students that engage in school gardens programs.
- 2) Increase the number of classroom teachers that are including garden-based teaching into their teaching practice.
- 3) Increase the number of schools with garden programs.
- 4) Institutionalize school garden programs to ensure staying power.

To achieve this, the focus of the grant is to fund staff that oversees all aspects of the school garden program including instruction, program management, and garden care.

Eligibility: OSSE will accept applications from public schools (i.e., schools within the District of Columbia Public Schools), public charter schools and school CBOs that support school garden programs. Public schools and public charter schools must have completed the 2016-17 school year school health profile, required by Section 602 of the HSA (D.C. Law 18-209; D.C. Official Code § 38-826.02). For more information about the school health profile, please contact [Aimee McLaughlin](#).

Applying Public schools and public charter schools

Public schools and public charter schools may submit one application for each school campus. DCPS schools must apply through its Office of Federal Programs and Grants. For more information, please contact the Grant Administration Team directly at ofpg.grants@dc.gov with your intent to apply by June 16, 2017. Public schools and public charter schools must partner with a CBO that supports school garden programs focuses on school garden projects. A [Service Provider List](#) is available, this list includes organizations that have partnered with schools to support garden programs. Applying schools may choose to collaborate with any organization however, evidence supporting that the organization has the experience and capacity to support the project must be provided. A letter of commitment regarding the partnership is required from each organization.

Applying CBOs

A CBO may submit up to three applications, each application must encompass a minimum of one and a maximum of four school campuses. Applying CBOs must have experience supporting school garden programs. A letter of commitment regarding the partnership is required from each school.

Award Period: The grant period is two years beginning on Oct. 1, 2017 and ending on Sept. 30, 2019.

Available Funding for Award: The total amount of funding available for this award period is \$400,000. Eligible schools and organizations may apply for an award amount of up to \$35,000 per school.

The RFA and all supporting documents will be available on June 1, 2017 at <http://grants.osse.dc.gov> . To receive more information or for a copy of this RFA, please contact:

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