

NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY
OFFICE OF THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION
SUMMER ACCELERATOR GRANT

Request for Application (RFA) Release Date: **Friday, February 3, 2023, 12 p.m. (EST)**

The Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE) is soliciting grant applications for the District of Columbia Summer Accelerator Grant. The purpose of this grant is to implement high-quality summer instructional programming to support students in the District. The overall goal of the Summer Accelerator Grant is to provide Local Education Agencies (LEAs) funding to accelerate the learning of students in key grades by providing 1,800 minutes of learning throughout the summer in up to two subject areas (English Language Arts and/or Mathematics) with teachers who have a track record of advancing students' academic growth. Learning acceleration is an approach that gives students laser-focused instruction on the specific skills and content that they need to learn for grade level material.

Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2019 National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) results showed significant gains for the District of Columbia in three of four areas assessed overall, while also revealing that significant gaps still exist between students experiencing disadvantages, students of color, students with disabilities (SWDs), and English Learners (ELs), as compared to their peers not in these subgroups. Further, 2021-2022 results from The Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) and NAEP assessments demonstrate there are still significant gaps present between students of color, SWDs, and ELs, compared to their peers not in these subgroups.

The source of funds for the FY23 Summer Accelerator grant consists entirely of federal Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief funds authorized by the American Rescue Plan, 2021 (Public Law 117-2) and administered by the U.S. Department of Education.

Eligibility and Selection Criteria: OSSE will make these grants available through a competitive process. An eligible entity must be a Local Education Agency (LEA) that provides core instruction focused on any of the targeted grades, rising Grades 1-6. LEAs should aim to support 10% of students with the greatest need. Community Based Organizations (CBOs) are not eligible for this funding. Applications will be scored on the following criteria: Program Features, Program Implementation and Monitoring, and Financial Management and Sustainability.

Mandatory Pre-Application Webinar: To be eligible to receive these grant funds, an eligible entity must attend a mandatory pre-application webinar, to be held on Monday, February 6, 2023, from 10 a.m.-11 a.m., EST. To attend the mandatory pre-application webinar, RSVP on the Pre-Application Teams Webinar registration form at: [Summer Accelerator Pre-Application Registration](#)

Length of Award: This grant period is 18 months, subject to continued availability of funding. The initial grant period will begin on April 14, 2023 and end on September 30, 2023. Grantees

will need to submit a continuation application in year two. Continuation of awards in years two is contingent upon: availability of funds; recipient's demonstration that substantial progress has been made toward meeting the objectives set forth in the approved application, based on ongoing monitoring and review of the recipient; compliance with the District and federal laws, regulations, and guidance; operation of the grant program as submitted in the application; and appropriate expenditure of funds throughout each grant award period.

Available Funding for Award: The total funding available for this FY 23 Summer Accelerator grant award is up to \$2,183,670.00 over the course of 18 months. LEAs should estimate total number of students planning on attending summer accelerator programming. LEAs will receive \$600.00 per student participating in summer programming. This amount was derived with calculations for salaries, supplies and operating costs. LEAs should aim to support 10% of their student population with the greatest need. OSSE anticipates awarding 3-7 LEAs with funding. The award amounts for LEAs will vary depending on the number of students participating in summer programming and estimates of award amount ranges are as follows: For entities serving between: (1) 10-50 students, the estimated award will be up to \$30,000; (2) 51-150 students, the estimated award will be up to \$90,000; (3) 151-300 students, the estimated award will be up to \$180,000; (4) 301-500 students, the estimated award will be up to \$300,000; (5) 501-1,000 students, the estimated award will be up to \$600,000.

Application Process: The grants described in this NOFA will be awarded competitively. A panel or panels of external reviewers will be convened to review, score, and rank each application. The review panel(s) will be composed of neutral, qualified, professional individuals selected for their expertise, knowledge, and/or related experiences. All external reviewers must sign a Conflict of Interest statement. The application will be scored against a rubric and each application will have at least three external reviewers to ensure accurate scoring. Upon completion of the panels' review, the panels shall make recommendations for awards based on the scoring rubric(s). The State Superintendent of Education, or their designee, will consider those recommendations but all final award decisions are left to the Superintendent's, or their designee's, discretion.

Applications must be submitted no later than **Monday, March 20, 2023, 2023 at 3 p.m. EST**. OSSE anticipates that it will award subgrants by **Friday, April 14, 2023**, however, this date is subject to change. The RFA will be available on the OSSE website and the District's grants clearing house. The application is available through the Enterprise Grants Management System (EGMS) at: <https://grants.osse.dc.gov/>.

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