

OFFICE OF THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION

NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY

FY26 Scholarships for Opportunity and Results (SOAR) Act Facilities Grant

Request for Applications Release Date: Wednesday, April 1, 2026, at 12 p.m.

The Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE) will issue a Request for Applications (RFA) for fiscal year 2026 (FY26) federal SOAR Act grant funds. SOAR Act funds are available to District of Columbia (District) public charter local education agencies (LEAs) through the SOAR Act (Pub. L. 112-10). The purpose of the funds is to support the improvement and expansion of high-quality public charter schools. This notice provides information regarding the FY26 SOAR Act Facilities Grant competitive opportunity.

Eligibility and Selection Criteria: Eligible applicants are high-quality District public charter schools. Applicants must use funds to support the renovation of facilities occupied by public charter schools. Eligible applicants must provide documentation of site control (ownership or at least a 25-year lease). Applicants are encouraged to submit a notice of intent to apply form.

Applications will be scored on the following selection criteria: 1) project data; 2) needs assessment; 3) project description; 4) theory of action; 5) equitable access and participation; 6) logic model; and 7) budget.

Length of Award: The total award period for this grant is two years. The initial award period begins on the date of the award and ends on Sept. 30, 2026. Grantees will need to complete a continuation application for FY27 and FY28 to access any carryover funds. Continuation of funding is contingent upon: 1) availability of funds; 2) implementation and/or operation of the program as submitted in the application; 3) 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 grantee's reports; 4) compliance with applicable District and federal laws, regulations, and guidance; and 5) appropriate expenditure of funds throughout the grant award period.

Available Funding for Award: The total funding available is \$3,500,000 for FY26 awards through this RFA. OSSE will provide up to \$750,000 per LEA award. Determinations regarding the number of competitive grant awards will be based on the quality and number of applications received and available funding. OSSE anticipates awarding approximately five to eight awards. Successful applicants may be awarded amounts less than requested. Awards are limited to one per LEA. Grant funds shall only be used to support activities authorized by the relevant statutes and included in the applicant's submission.

Application Process: Applications for this grant must be submitted in the Enterprise Grants Management System ([EGMS](#)) prior to 3 p.m. ET on Friday, May 15, 2026. Please allow additional time for any issues you may experience in EGMS, as well as to run the system's consistency check, prior to submission. OSSE expects to make awards by Wednesday, July 1, 2026.

One or more review panels will be convened to review, score, and rank each application for a competitive grant. The review panels will be composed of external, neutral, qualified, professional individuals selected for their expertise, knowledge, and/or related experiences. Each application will be scored against a rubric, and applications will have multiple reviewers to ensure accurate scoring. Upon review completion, the panels will make recommendations for awards based on the scoring rubric. OSSE will make all final award decisions.

Pre-application webinars will be held at the following times:

- Tuesday, April 7, 2026, from 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.
- Thursday, April 9, 2026, from 1 - 2 p.m.

Webinar registration links will be included in the RFA.

The notice of intent to apply form will be available in the RFA. Applicants are encouraged to submit the notice of intent to apply by Friday, May 1, 2026.

For questions or additional information on this grant, please contact:

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Questions received during the pre-application webinars or via email by Friday, April 10, 2026, will be included in the FAQs that will be posted to OSSE's [SOAR Facilities webpage](#).

The RFA for this competitive grant program will be available on **Wednesday, April 1, 2026 at 12 p.m. ET** on OSSE's [SOAR Facilities webpage](#) and the [District's Grants Clearinghouse](#).