



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

OFFICE OF THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF

EDUCATION

FAQ for the 2019 Environmental Literacy Advancement Grant

Question 1: My organization is interested in working with a certain grade level, for example, grade 2. How can we find out how many of the cadre schools serve that grade level?

A: This information can be found by sorting through either of the following online resources: the 2018-19 enrollment data located here: <https://osse.dc.gov/page/2018-19-school-year-enrollment-audit-report-and-data>, the MySchool DC profiles located here: <https://www.myschooldc.org/>, or the DC School Report Card located here: <https://dcschoolreportcard.org/>.

Question 2: Is there a request amount per applicant (e.g., \$10K, \$50K)?

A: No, there is no limit on the request amount.

Question 3: How will we know which alumni schools we will be working with?

A: As described on Page 8 of the RFA, OSSE reserves the right to match grantees with the alumni schools to which the grantee will provide programming. OSSE receives input from the alumni schools and cadre members when making matches. All matching will be done after the grantees are selected.

Question 4: How many cadre members are there per school?

A: Each school can have up to two cadre members.

Question 5: On Page 10 of the RFA, the Application Criteria and Scoring section asks for a Student and Community Involvement Plan, and requires a description of “specific examples of how students, including students with disabilities, will be impacted by the grant activities.” Is this asking that we provide a specific plan for each potential student disability we could encounter?

A: No, a specific plan for each potential student disability is not required. Please describe any structures your program has in place or how your program will make accommodations for students with disabilities for grant activities.

Question 6: Is it possible to get a contact list of applicants/interested organizations for collaboration purposes?

A: No, a list is not available to share.

Question 7: Is it possible to get a list of past grant recipients?

A: Yes, recipients of the 2017-19 grant are: FreshFarm Markets, Audubon Naturalist Society, EcoRise Youth Innovations, Anacostia Watershed Society, and the DC Environmental Education Consortium. Some of these grants included partnerships with additional organizations.

Question 8: Are nonprofits able to partner with small businesses to provide services? Are there limitations on the amount of service that can be obtained from small businesses?

A: Yes, nonprofits are able to partner with small businesses to provide services; however, the nonprofit must be the lead applicant for the grant. There are no limitations on the amount of service that small businesses can provide.

Question 9: Does the grant allow the purchase of equipment to enhance environmental literacy?

A: Yes, equipment can be purchased with grant funds. Funding restrictions can be found on pages 5-6 of the RFA.

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