



FFY14 SOAR Act Funding Proposal Stakeholder Convening Session

July 30, 2014

Agenda



- OSSE's Commitment for FFY14 SOAR Act
- Significant Changes from FFY13
- FFY14 Application Funding Proposal
- Application Strategies for Funding
- Timeline and Next Steps
- Questions

OSSE's Commitment



- Fund projects with the highest potential for LEA academic improvement (ROI)
- Evaluate projects in accordance with the SOAR Act guidelines
- Solicit feedback from stakeholders
- Support an innovative approach to school improvement based on LEA needs
- Reduce administrative burdens on LEAs

Significant Changes from Last Year



- Reduced funding
 - From \$21 million to \$16 million
- Competitive funds
 - All grants with the exception of the Early Childhood grant will be competitive
- Award amounts range from \$100,000-\$250,000 per organization/LEA
 - Exception: Public Facilities grants (\$750,000)
- Supporting early childhood education
 - Formula funding to LEAs with a population of 40% or more 3 and 4 year old students

FFY14 Application to ED: Budget Proposal



Purpose of Funds	Amount Proposed	Description	Eligibility	
Direct funding to LEAs	Academic Quality Grants	\$5,281,906.80	Projects with direct and rapid impact on student proficiency rates	Charter LEAs with research-based improvement plans specific to the needs of the LEA
	Early Childhood Grants	\$785,093.20	Funds to support LEAs that have a significant population of 3 and 4 year old students	LEAs with a student body population of 50% or more 3 and 4 year olds
	Public Facilities Grants	\$4,000,000.00	Funds to renovate former DCPS facilities	Public charters awarded former DCPS facilities
	Replication and Growth Grants	\$1,000,000.00	Planning and development of new facilities for existing charter LEAs	Existing charters in good standing, but not eligible for Title V, Part B funds seeking to expand onto a new campus
Indirect funding to support LEAs	Infusion to Credit Enhancement Fund	\$2,000,000.00	Gap financing to assist charter LEAs in financing the high cost of acquiring and renovating facilities	Public charter schools in good standing applying for debt financing for facilities
	Administration	\$433,000.00	State costs to administer funds	
	Grants to Charter-Support Organizations	\$2,500,000.00	Projects with direct and rapid impact on student proficiency rates	Non-profit charter support organizations with a record of effectiveness
	Total	\$16,000,000.00		

Application Strategies for Funding



- **Student Achievement**
 - Targeting subgroups – use of assessment data to identify students who need remediation
 - Categorize by Grade and/or Subject
 - Special Populations

- **Teacher and Leader Quality and Recruitment**
 - Retention
 - Effective evaluation systems
 - Teacher residency programs
 - Recruitment
 - Incentives
 - Professional Learning (PD)

Application Strategies for Funding



- **Instructional Support**
 - Curriculum Development
 - Data-Driven Instruction
 - Improved Culture and Climate
 - Turnaround Models
 - Twilight Academies
 - Blended Learning

- **Graduation Pathways**
 - Credit Recovery
 - Accelerated Opportunities
 - Second Chance Programs

Application Strategies for Funding



- **Extended Learning Time**
 - Longer School Day
 - Extended Week
 - Summer Catch-up/Acceleration Sessions

- **Out of School Time**
 - Before and After Care Programs
 - Homework Clubs
 - Afterschool Tutoring

Reducing Administrative Burden



- Coordinated Monitoring of all School Improvement Efforts
 - Alignment to other school improvement strategies (SIG, Title I, RTTT, etc.)
 - Differentiated monitoring based on OSSE's monitoring policy
- One Consolidated SOAR Application
- Comprehensive Approach to School Improvement
- Application Completed Through EGMS

Timeline and Next Steps



- July 30, 2014: Stakeholder feedback session
- August 8, 2014: Deadline for stakeholders to submit comments
- August 22, 2014: OSSE application to the US Department of ED
- Mid-October 2014: Funding available from ED*
- November 2014: Release of NOFA and RFA*
- December 2014: Applications due to OSSE*
- January 2015: Awards to LEAs & support organizations*

*Note: Dates are subject to change pending approval timeframe from ED

Questions?



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