



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

OFFICE OF THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF

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2019 Cafeteria Staff Training Grant FAQs

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The questions below were submitted during the pre-application question period and are made available to assist all applicants in completing the 2019 Cafeteria Staff Training Grant. The pre-application question period ended on Sept. 14, 2018. Please reference the informational webinar and this document to assist with the application process. The Request for Applications (RFA) can be found on the 2019 [Cafeteria Staff Training Grant page](#).

1. How do I start an application?

All OSSE grants are managed using the Enterprise Grants Management System (EGMS). Visit grants.osse.dc.gov and click on “login” to begin an application. New EGMS users will need to create an account with EGMS to complete an application. Applicants will also have to complete Central Data if this is the first FY 2019 application they are submitting through EGMS.

2. What is Central Data and how do I complete in EGMS?

Central Data captures information that applies across multiple funding applications for an organization throughout the fiscal year. It must be completed for an application to be submitted. Instructions on completing Central Data can be found [here](#).

3. When is the application due?

Applications are due by 3 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 25, 2018.

4. What is the total funding amount for the grant?

The total funding available for this grant is \$200,000. Funds will be awarded to applicants in amounts ranging from \$2,500 to \$200,000.

5. Who is eligible for the grant?

OSSE will accept applications from District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS), District of Columbia Public Charter Schools, and District of Columbia non-profit private schools who participate in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP), as well as other organizations that support NSLP (including School Breakfast Program and Afterschool Snack Program).

Applications from organizations other than DCPS, charter LEAs, and non-profit private schools must encompass training a minimum of three school campuses participating in the NSLP during the 2018-19 school year. Applying organizations must have experience supporting school food programs. A letter of interest regarding the training is required from each school the organization plans to provide training for.

6. I am a food service vendor, am I eligible to apply for this grant?

Yes, food service vendors are eligible applicants.

7. Can culinary arts students participate in training with staff members?

No, culinary arts students are not eligible to be trained with these grant funds.

8. If we have vendor-provided meals, will we be able to utilize this grant and if so, how?

Yes, you are able to utilize the grant to train your foodservice/nutrition employees.

9. Is there a list of recommended training organizations to partner with?

While OSSE encourages applicants to use any training resources available, please find a list of resources listed on page 5 of the RFA which you can utilize.

10. Is this grant just a one year opportunity, or will the grant renew in future years?

This is a one year grant opportunity. Funding will be available through Sept. 30, 2019.

11. Can internal staff provide training for other team members using grant funds?

Yes, staff are able to provide training.

12. What does OSSE charge for cafeteria staff training?

OSSE is not providing any trainings through this grant.

The purpose of this grant is to provide school foodservice/nutrition employees with the knowledge, training, and tools they need to plan, prepare, and purchase healthy products to create nutritious, safe, and enjoyable school meals. To achieve this, the focus of the grant is to fund training sessions for school foodservice/nutrition employees at schools participating in the NSLP and Healthy Schools Act (HSA).