

OFFICE OF THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION

NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY

FY 2019 Cafeteria Staff Training Grant

CFDA: and FAIN:

Request for Application Release Date: Monday, Sept. 10, 2018 9 a.m.

The Healthy Schools Act (HSA) of 2010 (DC Law 18-209, as amended; DC Official Code § 38-821.01 et seq.) allows OSSE to make grants available through either a competitive or formula grant process to public schools, public charter schools, or other organizations to provide training sessions for school cafeteria workers and food service vendors on knowledge, training, and tools they need to plan, prepare, and purchase healthy products to create nutritious, safe, and enjoyable school meals.

The Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 (HHFKA), Public Law 111-296, required significant changes in the Child Nutrition Programs to prevent and reduce childhood obesity, give eligible children access to nutrition benefits, and enhance the ability of nutrition professionals to operate the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) efficiently. Section 306 of the HHFKA amended section 7 of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (CNA) (42 U.S.C. 1776) by adding paragraph (g), “Professional Standards for School Food Service.” This provision is intended to ensure that school nutrition professionals that manage and operate the NSLP and SBP have adequate knowledge and training to meet program requirements. OSSE has identified USDA school meals professional standards that meet the purpose of this grant and have identified them as allowable training areas within the RFA. All funds must be obligated by Sept. 30, 2019.

Determinations regarding the number of competitive grant awards will be based on the quality and number of applications received and available funding. Successful applicants may be awarded amounts less than requested.

A review panel or panels will be convened to review, score, and rank each application for a competitive grant. The review panel(s) will be composed of external neutral, qualified, professional individuals selected for their expertise, knowledge or related experiences. Each application will be scored against a rubric and applications will have multiple reviewers to ensure accurate scoring. Upon completion of its review, the panel(s) shall make recommendations for awards based on the scoring rubric(s). The State Superintendent or her designee will make all final award decisions.

To ensure an equal opportunity for all applicants, OSSE requests that applicants submit questions regarding the RFA electronically to Elysia DiCamillo by 3 p.m. on Sept. 14, 2018. To ensure a fair process, questions submitted after Sept. 14, 2018 will not receive responses. Responses to questions will be published by Sept. 25, 2018.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to participate in the following webinar information session. A recording of the information session will be made available on the OSSE website.

- Sept. 13, 2018 10-11 a.m. Register [here](#)

To receive more information or for a copy of this RFA, please contact:

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The RFA for the competitive grant program as well as the instructions for completing the grant application will be available on OSSE's website at osse.dc.gov. All applications will be submitted through the Enterprise Grants Management System (EGMS) at grants.osse.dc.gov.