



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

OFFICE OF THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF

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FY 2020-21 OSSE AFE Consolidated Competitive Grant

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The Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE) is the District of Columbia agency responsible for the supervision of adult education and adult literacy. OSSE will award on a competitive basis both federal and local funding in partnership with the DC Workforce Investment Council (WIC) to eligible providers that have demonstrated effectiveness in providing adult education activities.

The federal funds are authorized by the Adult Education and Family Literacy Act under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014. The local funds are authorized under the Mayor's Order 2016-086, Workforce Investment Implementation Act of 2000 (DC Code 32- 1601 et seq.) and the State Education Office Establishment Act of 2000, effective Oct. 21, 2000 (DC Law 13-176; DC Official Code § 38-2602(b)), as amended.

Eligibility and Selection Criteria: An eligible provider is an organization that has demonstrated effectiveness in providing adult education activities to eligible individuals and may include: 1) a local educational agency; 2) a community-based organization; 3) a faith-based organization; 4) a volunteer literacy organization; 5) an institution of higher education; 6) a library; 7) a public housing authority; 8) a public or private nonprofit organization that is not described above and has the ability to provide adult education and literacy activities to eligible individuals; 9) any other organization or entity; 10) a consortium, of agencies, organizations, institutions, libraries or authorities described above; and 11) a partnership between an employer and an entity described above.

Applications will be scored on the following categories (1) project information, which includes sub-categories including, but not limited to organization mission and goals and statement of need; (2) program design; (3) other program elements, such as instructional program or student assessment; and (4) fiscal management. Grant funds will be used to provide 1) adult education and literacy activities, 2) workforce preparation activities, 3) workforce training, 4) supportive services, and 5) transition services to District residents with basic skills deficiencies, limited English proficiency and barriers to employment to pursue their desired career paths.

Length of the Award: Funding will be used to serve eligible District residents from July 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021. Based on continued funding availability, sub-grantee performance, and student progress and outcomes during and at the end of this grant period, providers with evidence of demonstrated effectiveness may be eligible to receive continuation funding, if available, for up to four additional years.

Available Funding for Award: OSSE expects to award multiyear funding to eight to twelve eligible providers of demonstrated effectiveness in the range of \$250,000 to \$500,000 per year, with a per customer amount of \$5,000. There is no minimum or maximum grant award amount.

Application Process: The Request for Applications (RFA) and paper-based application will be posted on the [DC Office of Partnerships and Grant Services website](#) and on the [AFE webpage](#) on **Monday, March 30, 2020**. Applicants will be able to submit applications through [OSSE's Enterprise Grants Management System \(EGMS\)](#) beginning **Friday, May 1**.

A pre-application conference will be held on the following dates/times: [Register](#)

- On **April 21 and May 4, 2020**, OSSE AFE held two pre-application conferences:
- [View pre-application recording](#)
- View pre-application presentation: [PDF](#) | [PPT](#)

Eligible providers may also wish to submit a Notice of Intent to Apply. While the submission of this notice is optional, it is helpful for the review process in determining the resources needed to efficiently conduct the application review process. Interested individuals should [complete an online Notice of Intent to Apply form](#).

Questions Related to the Grant Competition: Questions regarding the OSSE AFE Consolidated Competitive Grant competition were accepted in writing from March 30, 2020 (the day of the release of the paper-based Request for Applications) through April 29, 2020. View the [responses to the questions](#) submitted in writing.

Applications must be submitted in EGMS by **3 p.m. on Thursday, May 21, 2020**. Late applications will **not** be accepted. Awards will be announced by Tuesday, June 30, 2020.

Integrated Education & Training (IE&T) by Judy Mortrude

- [webinar recording](#)

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