



**Fiscal Year 2018 Community Schools
Incentive Initiative Grant
Pre-Application Webinar**

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Grant Overview



DC Community Schools Incentive Initiative Grant

Community School

A **public and private partnership** to coordinate educational, developmental, family, health, and after-school-care programs during school and non-school hours for students, families, and local communities at a public school or public charter school. [D.C. Official Code § 38-754.02\(2\)](#).

- **Objectives:**

- Improve academic achievement
- Reduce absenteeism
- Build stronger relationships among students, parents, and communities
- Improve the skills, capacity, and wellbeing of the surrounding community residents



Grant Overview

Purpose of Funds

- The purpose of the grant is to establish **seven** community schools in the District of Columbia, as defined by the *Community Schools Incentive Act of 2012*.[\[1\]](#)
- The goal of the grant is to provide resources that will enable eligible consortia to create and enhance community-based partnerships, develop a framework for continued funding as well as ongoing evaluation of program success.



Grant Award Overview

Length of Award

- Award period: Oct. 1, 2017 – Sept. 30, 2018
- This is a multi-year grant program to begin in the 2018 fiscal year. Successful applicants shall be eligible for three years of grant funding, subject to available appropriations.

Available Funding for Award

- The total funding available for the 2018 fiscal year is \$1,240,027.32.
- An eligible consortium may apply for an award amount up to \$177,146.76 and shall be eligible for continued funding for two additional years, subject to available appropriations.

Anticipated Number of Awards

- OSSE has funding available for a maximum of seven awards.



Eligibility

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- Funds will be made available through a competitive process for “eligible consortia” that propose substantive, evidence-based approaches to creating community schools.
- An “eligible consortium” is a partnership established between a local education agency (LEA) in DC and one or more community partners for the purposes of establishing, operating, and sustaining a community school. [D.C. Official Code § 38-754.02\(3\)](#).
- An eligible consortium must demonstrate the ability to provide additional eligible services that did not exist before the establishment of the eligible consortium. [D.C. Official Code § 38-754.03](#).



Grant Requirements

Permissible Use of Funds

- Funds are strictly limited to developing and sustaining community schools.
- Funding may not be used for daily home-work travel expenses for employees and other personnel of members of the eligible consortium.
- Funds may be used to cover costs of salaries/benefits of personnel, transportation for students/community members, materials, training, and support the promotion of the community school.
- Funds are subject to the terms, conditions and provisions of the *Raising the Expectations for Education Outcomes Omnibus Act of 2012* (D.C. law 19-0142, Title IV).



Grant Requirements

Grant Monitoring

- OSSE may utilize several methods to monitor the grant including, but not limited to, the collection of performance data and financial reports. All information in these reports is subject to verification, and OSSE may require additional information from the grantee.
- Grantees will also be required to submit a mid-year and end-of-year report to OSSE, illustrating the use of funds and the progress towards goal attainment. These reports should include all grant required components listed in the RFA.
- At any time during the time period of the grant and for up to three years after payment, DC government may audit the grantee's expenditures statements and source documentation.



Application Overview



Application Overview

Key Application Requirements

- Application must be completed in [OSSE's Enterprise Grant Management System](#) (EGMS).
- Applications received after the deadline will not be considered for review. All sections of the application must be completed and all required documentation must be in EGMS by the deadline.
- The scoring of the application is based on a 60 point scale.
- Applications are due no later than **Sept. 18, 2017 (3 p.m. EST)**.



Application Overview

Application Content

- Executive Summary
- Program Features
- Program Implementation and Monitoring
- Financial Management and Sustainability
- Attachments



Application Review Process

Initial Review

- Applications will be screened initially by OSSE staff to determine whether all application and eligibility requirements have been met. Only applications that meet all eligibility and application requirements will be evaluated, scored, and rated by the review panel.

Review Panel

- OSSE will use external peer reviewers to review and score the applications. After reviewing the recommendations of the review panel and any other information considered relevant, OSSE will select applicants to fund.

Scoring Rubric

- The review panel will assess each grant application using the *CSII2018 Scoring Rubric*. The scoring of the application is based on a 60-point scale.



Key Dates



Key Dates

Aug. 18, 2017	Request for Application (RFA) Release Date
Aug. 24, 2017	Pre-Application Webinar
Sept. 18, 2017	Grant application submission deadline (no later than 3 p.m. EST)
Sept. 19-27, 2017	Review of Applications & Review Discussion
Sept. 29, 2017	Selection of Grant Recipients
Oct. 2, 2017	Awardees notified/Grant Award Notification (GAN) issued



Q&A



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