**Public Charter School Reopening Grant Fiscal Year 2021**

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FORM**

**January 2021**

**Executive Summary:**

**The Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE) will be releasing a $10 million grant program for the District’s public charter schools to support and prioritize the return of students to classrooms.**

This is a formula grant, with awards to each charter local educational agency (LEA) proposing to reopen in the 2020-21 school year for in-person classroom instruction meeting certain requirements. OSSE will base award amounts to each charter LEA on the number of schools that reopen, the type of program offered at each reopened school, and the number of students attending in person.

OSSE is issuing this Notice of Intent to Apply to gauge the interest in this grant and to calculate estimated awards for each LEA that responds to this notice. Additional information about the grant is provided below. **Submitting this form is not required to apply for the grant, but we strongly encourage interested LEAs to complete and submit so that OSSE can provide a good estimate on the likely award distribution.**

Please return this form toOSSE.Charterreopen@dc.gov by **Feb. 19, 2021, at 3 p.m.**

**Purpose of Grant:**

The purpose of the grant is to provide charter LEAs with funds to address the impact coronavirus (COVID-19) has had on the LEAs’ ability to provide in-person instruction.

OSSE will prioritize funding as follows:

* Funding is prioritized for public charter schools that are operating full-time programs. For the purposes of the grant, a “full-time program” is open for at least four days per week and providing full-time equivalent instruction. “Full-time equivalent” shall have the same meaning as set forth in DC Official Code § 38-2901(6)(A). Examples of a full-time program include:
	+ Full-time equivalent classroom environment with students attending in-person at least four days per week with instruction taught virtually.
	+ Full-time equivalent hybrid classroom with student cohorts attending in person for adult-led instruction at least one day per week and attending online instruction outside of the school for the remaining days of the week. Although a student cohort may only attend one day per week, the school will still be open and provide in-person, adult-led instruction to students for at least four days of the week.
* After all full-time programs are funded, any remaining funds will be used to fund public charter schools that are open for part-time instruction. For purposes of this grant, “part-time instruction” includes any program that offers some in-person instruction but doesn’t meet the full-time program definition. Examples of this include:
	+ Schools open for in-person learning less than four days per week.
	+ Schools that are open for at least four days per week but do not meet the full-time equivalent.

**Formula:**

Each public charter school operating full-time in-person programs will receive a $50,000 base award plus up to $2,000 per in-person student. The per-pupil amount will be dependent on the number of students receiving in-person instruction in full-time programs.

After all full-time programs are funded, each public charter school operating a part-time in-person program will receive a $50,000 base award plus up to $500 per student participating in in-person programming, depending on funding availability. The per-pupil amount will be dependent on the number of students receiving services in part-time programs.

A public charter school cannot receive funding as both a full-time and part-time program. An LEA can have multiple schools that each provide either full-time or part-time programs.

**Additional Requirements:**

* The public charter school must be in operation in the 2020-21 school year.
* The school must reopen for in-person instruction to students during the 2020-21 school year. Schools that reopened prior to the opening of this grant application are eligible to apply as long as they meet all requirements. The in-person instruction may extend into the summer months but must be open prior to the summer.

**Allowable Costs:**

* Activities that will assist in the safe reopening and operation of public charter schools to in-person instruction during the 2020-21 school year, including staffing, administration, academic supplies, business supplies, professional development, safety equipment, technology, and facility expenses.

**Funding Source:**

Local funds

**Period of Funding Availability:**

Oct. 1, 2020 – Sept. 30, 2021

**Contact:**

If you have any questions about the grant, please emailOSSE.Charterreopen@dc.gov.

**The organization named below intends to submit an application for the Public Charter School Reopening Grant for Fiscal Year 2021.**

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| **Local Education Agency:** |  |
| **Contact Person:** |  |
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| **Please fill out the fields below. You may include additional rows if necessary.**

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| **Typed Name of Executive Director of the Applicant Organization:**  |
| **Signature of Executive Director of Applicant Organization:**  | **Date:**  |

*The Notice of Intent to Apply Form for the OSSE Public Charter School Reopening Grant must be completed and submitted electronically by* ***Feb. 19, 2021, at 3 p.m****. to OSSE Charter School Reopening at* **OSSE.Charterreopen@dc.gov****.**

*Please indicate “Notice of Intent to Apply” and your LEA’s name in the subject line of your email.*

 *This Notice of Intent to Apply is not binding. An LEA is not obligated to submit a grant application if it submits a Notice of Intent to Apply.*

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