

## OFFICE OF THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION

### NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY

#### Fiscal Year 2018 Healthy Tots Wellness Grant

Request for Application Release Date: **Monday, December 4, 2017 at 12:00pm**

Pre-Application Question Period Ends: **Monday, December 18, 2017 at 3:00pm**

The Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE) is soliciting applications to implement the Healthy Tots Wellness Grant. The Healthy Tots Wellness Grant Program is funded through the Healthy Tots Act Fund established by Section 4073 of the Healthy Tots Act of 2014, (D.C. Law 20-155; D.C. Official Code §§38-281, et. seq.), which is administered by OSSE's Division of Health and Wellness.

The purpose of the Healthy Tots Wellness Grant is to support the dissemination of healthy eating, physical activity, and wellness programming in the D.C. early child care community. OSSE is awarding funding to entities that can provide technical assistance and help implement wellness programming at targeted community based child care facilities in the District of Columbia. The selected applicants will be required to build capacity and sustainable partnerships within the early learning community. Applicants will be awarded funding to implement programming in these six areas:

- Gardening/Environmental Sustainability
- Farm to Childcare/Local Food Procurement
- Nutrition Education
- Physical Activity & Education
- Staff Wellness & Center Wellness Policy
- Family Style Dining

**Eligibility:** OSSE will accept applications from community-based organizations that can demonstrate expertise and success working with young children in one or more of these following areas:

- Gardening/Environmental Sustainability
- Farm to Childcare/Local Food Procurement
- Nutrition Education
- Physical Activity & Education
- Staff Wellness & Center Wellness Policy
- Family Style Dining

OSSE will accept one application per organization, however a lead organization may partner with other organization(s) that can provides services in another program area to expand reach. Partner organizations can only appear on one application. Applicants must designate ONE fiscal sponsor to oversee administration and reporting of funds. Applicants may not designate more than one fiscal sponsor. Applicants must use the Healthy Tots Act Wellness [Guidelines](#) as a key resource and guide for trainings. The grantee must identify and provide an overview of other resources that will be used.

OSSE will prioritize awarding grants to organizations that provide services to child care facilities that operate in wards 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, or 8 and participate in CACFP. Targeted facilities need to be currently

licensed by OSSE and accept child care subsidy as payment for at least 25% of existing infant and or toddler slots.

**Length of Award:** This grant period covers two fiscal years and is from March 1, 2018, to September 30, 2019, contingent upon funding availability and the grantee's satisfactory implementation of the proposed program. Year one spans from March 1, 2018 through September 30, 2018. Year two spans October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 through September 30, 2019. Applicants must re-apply for the second year funding.

**Available Funding for Award:** The total amount available for this award is \$500,000 per fiscal year. Each awarded organization can apply for up to \$100,000 for each fiscal year in the grant period. Applicants must use allocated funding outlined in their budget timeline each fiscal year as funding cannot be rolled over to the next year in the grant period, or funding will lapse.

**Anticipated Number of Awards:** OSSE anticipates awarding funds to no more than six applicants.

#### **Pre-Application Question Period**

To ensure an equal opportunity for all applicants, OSSE requests that applicants submit questions regarding the RFA electronically to Patrilie Hernandez, [Patrilie.Hernandez@dc.gov](mailto:Patrilie.Hernandez@dc.gov) by **3:00 pm on December 18, 2017**. Answers to submitted questions will be made available by **January 2, 2018**. Questions submitted after this deadline date will not receive responses. Responses to questions will be published on the FAQ page here (hyperlink <https://osse.dc.gov/node/1132616>)

Applicants are strongly encouraged to participate in the Pre-Application Information Session on **Monday, December 11, 2017 from 10:00am-1:00pm**. A recording of the information session will be available on the OSSE [website](#).

#### Healthy Tots Grant Pre-Application Information Session

**Date:** December 11, 2017

**Time:** 10:00am -1:00pm

**Location:** Office of the State Superintendent of Education, 810 First St NE, Room 806B

**Register Here:** <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/healthy-tots-wellness-grant-pre-application-information-session-tickets-39042451022>

#### **For additional information regarding this grant program, please contact:**

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The Request for Applications will be released **December 4, 2017 at 12:00 P.M.** through OSSE's Enterprise Grants Management System. The online system and training videos may be accessed by visiting <http://grants.osse.dc.gov>.