



# Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE) Division of Health and Wellness



DC School Garden Grant (SGG)  
Information Webinar

<http://osse.dc.gov/service/school-garden-grant>



# Background

- 128 schools with garden programs in the District
- Biggest barrier to establishing programs is staffing
- Required by the Healthy Schools Act (HSA) of 2010
- Approx. \$1.7M in funds provided to 68 programs since 2012
- More information available through the [HSA Farm-to-School and School Gardens Reports](#)



# Purpose



# of students that engage in school garden programs



# of classroom teachers that are including garden-based teaching into their teaching practice



# of schools with garden programs



Institutionalize school garden programs to ensure staying power

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# Award Information

- Two year grant period 10/1/2018- 9/30/2020
- Maximum amount is \$35K/ school and 80% must be used for salaries
- Funds may not be used for travel expenses, student field trips to farms, transportation for field trips
- Food must meet the [USDA Smart Snacks in School guidelines](#)



# What's New

- School garden grantees that have received grants in the past are now eligible
- Current school garden grantees are not eligible
- Increased award amount and extended grant period
- Up to four schools allowed per application
- Clarity around number of teachers impacted and lessons taught
- Increased focus on staying power



# Eligibility Information

- Eligible organizations
  - Public schools (i.e., schools within the District of Columbia Public Schools) & public charter schools
    - All public school (DCPS) must apply through its Office of Federal Programs and Grants
    - Must partner with a Community Based Organization (CBO)
  - CBOs that support school garden programs
    - May submit up to three applications
    - 1-4 schools per application
    - Letter or partnership with schools required
- All schools must have completed the 2017-18 school year school health profile



# Program Requirements

- Establish or support existing School Wellness Committee that supports the program
- Establish or maintain at least one staff position to oversee the program
- Collaborate with classroom teachers to include garden-based teaching in their teaching practice
- Work with food service vendor to implement cafeteria-based activities
- Participate in district wide trainings
- Engage one entire grade level in a Meaningful Watershed Experience
- Participate in Growing Healthy Schools Month and Strawberries and Salad Greens Day
- Submit mid and end project reports
- Complete continuation grant for year two funds
- Maintain a healthy school garden as outlined in the [School Garden Safety Checklist](#)



# Submission Requirements

- All Applications are submitted using the Enterprise Grants Management System (EGMS) [grants.osse.dc.gov](https://grants.osse.dc.gov)
  - Project Overview
  - Project Vision and Implementation
  - Curriculum Integration Plan
  - Student and Community Involvement Plan
  - Cost Effectiveness of Budget
  - Support Documentation
  - Project Budget
  - Assurances
- Agree to, **and** save assurances in Central Data
- OSSE EGMS Help Desk (202)719-6500
- The application is available as a PDF here:  
<https://osse.dc.gov/publication/2018-19-school-garden-grant-documents>





# Review Process

- Grants are reviewed and scored by an external peer review panel
- Applications from schools that have not previously received Healthy Schools Act grant awards will automatically receive 5 bonus points



# Grant Award Payments

- This is a reimbursement grant
- OSSE will reimburse for a maximum of 60% and a minimum of 40% of the total award between Oct. 1, 2018-Sept. 30, 2019
- Eligible fiscal sponsors
  - The DCPS central office
  - The central office of public charter schools
  - CBOs that support school garden programs



# Important Dates

- June 1, 2018 - Application opens
- June 17, 2018
  - DCPS applicants submit intent to apply to DCPS Central Office
  - Pre-application question period ends
- June 25, 2018 - FAQ page published [here](#)
- July 17, 2018, 3 p.m. - Application submission deadline
- Mid August - Award notices sent
- October 1, 2018 - Grant period begins
- September 30, 2020- Grant period ends



Questions?

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