



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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**NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY**

**Fiscal Year 2021 Healthy Schools Grant**

**Request for Applications Release Date: Feb. 24, 2021 at 12 p.m.**

The Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE), Division of Health and Wellness is soliciting applications for the District of Columbia Healthy Schools Grant, as authorized by Healthy Schools Act (HSA) of 2010 (D.C. Law 18-209), as amended (codified at D.C. Official Code § 38-821.01 *et seq.*). The purpose of this grant is to increase the capacity of OSSE to support schools with implementing high-quality 1) health education and physical education; and 2) place-based education programs. Grantees will be required to complete the following required activities:

- Grantees will conduct needs assessments to identify specific program area challenges faced by K-12 schools. This will include:
  - Facilitating virtual focus groups with K-12 school stakeholders that identify program implementation barriers and successes. In addition, focus groups will provide recommendations to OSSE on improving support services to schools.
  - Reviewing of relevant documents and data.
- Grantees will use needs assessment findings to develop program area specific strategies for school-based implementation that OSSE will disseminate to schools to support comprehensive, consistent, high-quality programs.
- Grantees will pilot program area specific strategies with a group of schools.
- Grantees will provide formal recommendations to OSSE on the implementation of program area specific training and technical assistance to schools. by OSSE as the state education agency.

**Eligibility and Selection Criteria:** OSSE will accept applications from entities in the District of Columbia having a 501(c)(3) status with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). All applicants must submit their respective 501(c)(3) determination letter and any correspondence or other communication received from the IRS within three years before submission of the application that relates to the applicant's tax status.

Applications will be scored on the quality of the project services, the quality of the project design, and the qualifications of key personnel.

**Length of Award:** The grant period begins on April 13, 2021 and ends on Sept. 30, 2021.

**Available Funding for Award:** The total amount of anticipated funding available for this award

period is up to \$240,000.

- Eligible entities may apply for an award up to \$120,000 per program area.
- OSSE anticipates awarding funds to one eligible applicant per program area for a total of two awards.

Grant funds shall only be used to support activities authorized as relevant statutes and included in the applicant's submission.

**Application Process:** The RFA will be released on Feb. 24, 2021. An external review panel or panels will be convened to review, score, and rank each application. The review panel(s) will be composed of neutral, qualified, professional individuals selected for their expertise, knowledge or related experiences. The application will be scored against a rubric and each application will have multiple reviewers to ensure accurate scoring. Upon completion of its review, the panel(s) shall make recommendations for awards based on the scoring rubric(s). The State Superintendent, or her designee, will make all final award decisions. The deadline for application submission is **April 6, 2021, at 3 p.m.** OSSE anticipates announcing award decisions on April 13, 2021.

For additional information regarding this competition, contact [OSSE.Nutritionprogram@dc.gov](mailto:OSSE.Nutritionprogram@dc.gov) or:

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The RFA will be available on [OSSE's website](#). All applications will be submitted through the [Enterprise Grants Management System \(EGMS\)](#). OSSE will conduct pre-application meetings and make a recorded EGMS training available. Please see the RFA for more details.