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OSSE and WIC Announce the Release of the Adult and Family Education Consolidated Competitive Grant Request for Applications

On March 30, 2020, the Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE) and the District's Workforce Investment Council (WIC) released a joint Request for Applications (RFA) for approximately \$5.5 million in Adult Education and Family Literacy Act (AEFLA) grant funds, Gateway to Careers grant funds and WIC Career Pathways grant funds.

Aligned with the District's Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Unified State Plan and the Career Pathways Taskforce Recommendations, the RFA blends local and federal funding from OSSE and the WIC in an effort to strategically coordinate efforts across agencies. Building on the success of the last round of grants, the RFA will fund eligible providers of demonstrated effectiveness to offer integrated education and training (IE&T) programs to District residents. Eligible providers are required to identify career fields associated with the WIC's list of high-demand employment sectors and/or use labor market data to propose alternative industries of focus for their IE&T programs.

Integrated education and training programs are based on a service approach that provides adult education and literacy activities concurrently and contextually with workforce preparation activities and workforce training for a specific occupation or occupational cluster for the purpose of educational and career advancement. This approach is prioritized in WIOA and is considered a national best practice in adult education and workforce development due to its ability to reduce the amount of time it takes for adult learners to become prepared for gainful employment along a career pathway.

The RFA also focuses on funding partnerships and consortia that could include adult education programs, industry-specific training programs, employers, postsecondary institutions and social service organizations that would provide non-academic support services. These collaborations will ensure that District residents can enter a funded program and advance along a clearly articulated career pathway with seamless transitions between partnering programs. Work-based learning opportunities (e.g., internships, externships, job shadowing, mentoring, and coaching) and a core outcomes team (e.g., career counselor/navigator, student transition/success coach, employment specialist, etc.) are also identified as preferred IE&T program components.

For more information, the RFA can be found here: osse.dc.gov/publication/fy-2020-21-osse-afe-consolidated-competitive-grant

Additionally, an informational webinar recording titled, "Integrated Education and Training (IE&T): Program Design and Delivery in an Adult Career Pathway System," can be found here: <https://osse.dc.gov/multimedia/integrated-education-and-training-judy-mortrude>

Both are also posted here: <https://osse.dc.gov/page/adult-education-providers-and-partners#grants>

KEY DATES

Optional Pre-Application Conference Webinars

OSSE announces two pre-application conference webinars for the AFE Consolidated Competitive Grant. Interested applicants can register for one of the pre-application conferences by clicking on the link below:

- **Tuesday, April 21, 2020 from 1-3:30 p.m. [REGISTER](#)**
- **Monday, May 4, 2020 from 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m. [REGISTER](#)**

Optional Notice of Intent to Apply

Completion and submission of the Optional Notice of Intent to Apply is helpful to OSSE in determining the resources necessary to efficiently conduct the application review process. Interested applicants can submit an Optional Notice of Intent to Apply form online by Friday, May 8, 2020 at <https://osseafe.wufoo.com/forms/q9flim30xxkyzk/>.

Application Submission Due Date

Eligible providers must submit their application in OSSE's Enterprise Grants Management System (EGMS) by 3 p.m. on Thursday, May 21, 2020. Late applications will not be accepted and incomplete applications will not be reviewed by the panel. It is recommended that eligible providers submit their grant application in EGMS three to five days in advance of the deadline.

Questions Related to the Grant Competition

OSSE AFE recommends that prospective applicants review the RFA, the Adult and Family Education Consolidated Competitive Grant Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) and the "Integrated Education and Training (IE&T): Program Design and Delivery in an Adult Career Pathway System" webinar by Judy Mortrude with its companion PowerPoint presentation on the website at osse.dc.gov/multimedia/integrated-education-and-training-judy-mortrude.

Questions regarding the grant competition must be submitted in writing using the Adult and Family Education Consolidated Competitive Grant Question Submission Form at osseafe.wufoo.com/forms/mmotd7y1pa00vl/ beginning Monday, March 30, 2020 (release of date of the paper-based RFA).

Questions submitted in writing will be accepted through Wednesday, April 29, 2020 at 3 p.m. Responses will be posted via one summary document on the OSSE website - Adult Education Providers and Partners, Grants at osse.dc.gov/page/adult-education-providers-and-partners by close of business on Friday, May 8, 2020.

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