

SOAR Grant	Question	Answer
General	Are Title VB grantees eligible for all of the SOAR grants?	Yes, with the exception of the Replication and Growth grant.
General	How many goals per project in the logic model?	One goal per logic model, two logic models per project.
General	Will subgrantees be required to spend 40% by a certain point in the year?	Yes, although the exact percentage may be different. This will be further specified in the grant award notifications.
Public Facilities	Is subleasing from the District okay in view of eligibility?	Yes.
Public Facilities	Is this grant for a school opening in the next school year?	Yes, as long as the project takes place and funds are reimbursed within the two year award period.
Public Facilities	When does site control need to happen?	The LEA must have site control prior to any reimbursements. You may apply without having site control, but should provide detailed information on where you are in the process of obtaining one.
Public Facilities	Can we use the funds during any time of the two years? For example, use a majority of the funds in the second year?	Yes, but it is preferred that LEAs spend throughout the period.
Public Facilities	Please give examples of an input for the logic model.	Resources that you are putting into the project, e.g. funds, people, building, etc.
Public Facilities	Who qualifies as a collaborator?	Construction companies, architects, etc.
Public Facilities	Do you want data scores from last year's DC CAS?	Yes, provide the most recent academic data.
Public Facilities	Projected enrollment - what do you expect to see there?	Put the anticipated enrollment in the new facility at their capacity.
Public Facilities	If you already have a SOAR facilities grant from last year for the same project, are you still eligible to apply?	Yes, you are eligible, but priority will be given to schools that have not yet received this grant.
Public Facilities	If the grant application is for a new facility for a previous grantee, would the applicant be considered eligible?	Yes, but priority is given to schools that have never received this award before.
Public Facilities	Does each school of DCI have to apply for facilities?	No, one member school should be selected as the lead applicant with member schools as collaborators.
Replication and Growth	If an elementary school received planning grant, can the middle school apply for a planning grant?	Both will be eligible to apply, but you need to submit separate applications for the separate campuses.
Replication and Growth	Is this grant targeting Fall 14 or Fall 15 opening?	It could be both, depending on the current stage of your school.
Replication and Growth	Which data are we inputting?	The latest data that you have available.
Replication and Growth	If you don't have enough applications for one SOAR act area, will the money be moved to others?	We will look at remaining funds and consider options based on need and OSSE's strategic focus areas.
Academic Quality	When can we expend the funds from this grant?	Once the application is awarded you can begin expending the funds. It's a 2 year grant. Anticipated award date is February 21, 2014.
Academic Quality	Can we submit several applications in one email?	If you are submitting four different applications this year, you should send four different emails.
Academic Quality	Academic data - what do we need to submit if this grant is for one of our schools?	Data should be LEA wide.
Third Party	Is adult education eligible to apply for this grant?	No, this grant is for LEAs serving grades PreK3 through 12.
Academic Quality	Will applications be denied?	OSSE will review applications and return them if they are not of quality. The applicant will get a chance to make revisions.
Third Party	Is there a master list of priority and focus schools?	You can access the list of "Priority" and "Focus" schools by visiting the OSSE website, the Learn DC website, or the Public Charter School Board website.
Third Party	You have to work with the LEA and not the campus, is that correct?	Yes, Applicants are required to partner with three different LEAs. However, it not a requirement to service every campus within an LEA.
Third Party	What if one of the schools is priority and the rest are rising?	The applicant will be assessed according to the number of "priority" or "focus" schools. The list is located on the OSSE website, Learn DC website, and PCSB website. The incentive points do not apply to schools that are not officially designated as "priority" or "focus".

Third Party	Can one organization apply for more than one grant?	Yes, each project must be distinctly different and partner with three or more LEAs, but you will be required to submit a different application per project.
Third Party	When will you have the Scoring Rubric ready and available for review?	The Scoring Rubric is available on the OSSE website with the SOAR application documents.
Third Party	How do we address partnering LEA's schools that do not have PMF?	We will accept whatever evaluation mechanism they are using in lieu of the DC CAS data and evaluation tools approved by the PSCB.
Third Party	Retention Rate: what data should we put there?	The applicant should provide teacher retention rates.
Third Party	What does OSSE mean by the term "community anchor"?	This is your organization's opportunity to explain it's broader impact on the community at-large , how is your program is helping those students in the neighborhood and ward where it is housed.
Third Party	What If we cannot name the three LEAs at the time of application deadline?	Provide data on your existing partners, as well as a detail description of your potential partners and the process of securing those partnerships.
Third Party	What if you are not providing direct academic services?	We are looking want to see that you have a program that works within the scope of your mission and you are tracking the project success using quantifiable and qualitative data.
Third Party	Do the narrative cells have a limit on number of words that we can type in them? How do we address formatting issues in Excel?	No, there is no word limit. However, we recommend you be detailed, but concise. We also recommend starting your narrative in a Microsoft Word document and then pasting the text into application workbook.
Third Party	Narrative Tab: how do we provide the information if more than one school?	Please be sure to complete a needs assessment for each partnering LEA. Please use the narrative section to report information about additional partnering LEA's.
Third Party	Are rental payments an allowable expense for this grant?	No. The grant doesn't support expenses that are not directly related to the operation and/or administration of the grant project and activities.
Third Party	Are organizations that serve adult education eligible to apply for this grant?	Organizations are eligible to apply, however, priority will be given to organizations that partner with LEAs that serve grades PreK3 through 12.
Third Party	Can an organization who functions both as a nonprofit and a LEA partner with itself?	Yes, as long as the organization's CSO/ nonprofit is a separate 501c3 organization. That organization must still meet the 3 partner LEA requirement. LEAs are not eligible to apply for this grant unless it has a separate 501c3 entity.