



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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## **FY2020 School Garden Grant Competitive Preference**

### **Background**

OSSE's Division of Health and Wellness has administered the School Garden Grant (SGG) since 2011. The SGG wraps the garden, cafeteria, and classroom together. Schools may apply for up to \$35,000 in funding over a two-year period. The majority of funds are directed to support staffing to oversee the garden and ensure that garden-based learning is incorporated into the school day.

SGG are awarded either to a school that partners with a community based organization (CBO), or a CBO that partners with one to four schools.<sup>1</sup> Through careful analysis of previous grant competitions, the Division of Health and Wellness has determined that schools with 1 or 2 [DC School Transparency and Reporting Framework \(STAR\)](#)<sup>2</sup> scores in the DC accountability system have been underrepresented in previous cohorts of School Garden grantees.

In order to increase the number of such schools with access to school garden and outdoor education across the District, OSSE is providing a competitive preference to schools with a 1 or 2 STAR score that have not received a SGG in the previous five years (competitive preference schools). See Table 1 below.

### **Competitive Preference**

Based on the rationale above, OSSE will utilize a competitive preference in reviewing FY2020 SGG applications. This will result in awarding at least 50% of its FY2020 SGGs to: (1) applications from competitive preference schools that partner with CBOs; and (2) applications from CBOs that partner exclusively with competitive preference schools.<sup>3</sup>

### **Q. Will OSSE facilitate the partnering of competitive preference schools with CBOs?**

**A.** Yes. Schools eligible for this competitive preference that are interested in working with CBOs, and CBOs that are interested in partnering with competitive preference schools should contact the OSSE SGG specialist, –Sam Ullery, via email( [Sam.Ullery@dc.gov](mailto:Sam.Ullery@dc.gov)) to

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<sup>1</sup> Complete information on eligibility for the SGG program is contained in the SGG RFA [here](#). For the purposes of this guidance, all references to schools are those considered eligible for funding under the SGG program. CBOs may submit up to three applications, each with up to four partnering schools.

<sup>2</sup> This is DC's school accountability system. Each year, all schools receive a score of 1 to 5 stars, with 5 being the highest based on performance across multiple metrics, including Academic Achievement, Academic Growth, School Environment, English Language Proficiency, Graduation Rate (HS and Alt Schools), and Educational Progress (Alt Schools).

<sup>3</sup> This percentage is contingent upon OSSE receiving a sufficient number of applications that will receive the competitive preference.

indicate their interest. OSSE will share this information with CBOs and competitive preference schools.

**Q. Should non-competitive preference schools or CBOs that partner with non-competitive preference schools apply?**

**A.** Yes! Up to 50% of the SGGs will be awarded to applicants that do not receive the competitive preference.

**Q. Will applications that receive the competitive preference be held to the same standards as those that do not receive the competitive preference?**

**A.** Yes. In order for any application receive funding, whether or not it receives the competitive preference, it must demonstrate that the applicant is highly likely to achieve the goals of the program.

**Q. Will a CBO applicant that partners with both priority and non-competitive preference schools in the same application receive the competitive preference?**

**A.** No. CBOs may submit up to three applications, each with up to four partnering schools. If a CBO submits one or more applications, the only application(s) that will be given the competitive preference will be those in which it partners exclusively with competitive preference schools. CBO applications that include partnerships with non-competitive preference schools will be considered for funding along with other applications that do not receive a competitive preference.

**Q. Will the competitive preference be given to an applicant school that has a STAR score of 3, 4, or 5, but has not received a SGG in the previous 5 years?**

**A.** No. Only schools that schools with a 1 or 2 STAR score that have not received a SGG in the previous five years will be given a competitive preference.

Table 1. Schools that Eligible to Receive the FY2020 SGG Competitive Preference

LEA Name	School Code	School Name	Ward
Achievement Preparatory Academy PCS	217	Achievement Preparatory Academy PCS - Wahler Place Elementary School	8
Achievement Preparatory Academy PCS	1100	Achievement Preparatory Academy PCS - Wahler Place Middle School	8
Center City PCS	1104	Center City PCS - Capitol Hill	6
DC Scholars PCS	3070	DC Scholars PCS	7
District of Columbia Public Schools	203	Amidon-Bowen Elementary School	6
District of Columbia Public Schools	450	Anacostia High School	8
District of Columbia Public Schools	452	Ballou High School	8

District of Columbia Public Schools	347	Brookland Middle School	5
District of Columbia Public Schools	221	Burrville Elementary School	7
District of Columbia Public Schools	247	C.W. Harris Elementary School	7
District of Columbia Public Schools	455	Coolidge High School	4
District of Columbia Public Schools	231	Drew Elementary School	7
District of Columbia Public Schools	467	Dunbar High School	5
District of Columbia Public Schools	407	Eliot-Hine Middle School	6
District of Columbia Public Schools	238	Garfield Elementary School	8
District of Columbia Public Schools	464	H.D. Woodson High School	7
District of Columbia Public Schools	413	Hart Middle School	8
District of Columbia Public Schools	416	Johnson Middle School	8
District of Columbia Public Schools	344	King Elementary School	8
District of Columbia Public Schools	417	Kramer Middle School	8
District of Columbia Public Schools	291	Lawrence E. Boone Elementary School	8
District of Columbia Public Schools	435	McKinley Middle School	5
District of Columbia Public Schools	285	Moten Elementary School	8
District of Columbia Public Schools	290	Noyes Elementary School	5
District of Columbia Public Schools	294	Patterson Elementary School	8
District of Columbia Public Schools	436	Ron Brown College Preparatory High School	7
District of Columbia Public Schools	459	Roosevelt High School	4
District of Columbia Public Schools	307	Savoy Elementary School	8
District of Columbia Public	324	Takoma Education Campus	4

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District of Columbia Public Schools	325	Thomas Elementary School	7
District of Columbia Public Schools	335	Wheatley Education Campus	5
Eagle Academy PCS	1125	Eagle Academy PCS - Capitol Riverfront	6
Friendship PCS	269	Friendship PCS - Armstrong	5
Friendship PCS	364	Friendship PCS - Chamberlain Middle School	6
Friendship PCS	186	Friendship PCS - Collegiate Academy	7
Friendship PCS	113	Friendship PCS - Southeast Academy	8
Howard University Middle School of Mathematics and Science PCS	115	Howard University Middle School of Mathematics and Science PCS	1
IDEA PCS	163	IDEA PCS	7
Ideal Academy PCS <sup>4</sup>	134	Ideal Academy PCS	4
Kingsman Academy PCS	267	Kingsman Academy PCS	6
Monument Academy PCS	260	Monument Academy PCS	6
Paul PCS	170	Paul PCS - Middle School	4
Roots PCS	173	Roots PCS	4
SEED PCS of Washington, DC	174	SEED PCS of Washington DC	7
Somerset Preparatory Academy PCS <sup>5</sup>	187	Somerset Preparatory Academy PCS	8
The Children's Guild DC PCS	255	The Children's Guild PCS	5
Washington Global PCS	263	Washington Global PCS	6

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<sup>4</sup> After school year 2018-19, Ideal PCS will be closed. Beginning in 2019-20, the school will be operated by Friendship will have a new school name and school code than what is denoted on the list.

<sup>5</sup> Starting school year 2019-20, Somerset Preparatory Academy PCS will be under the LEA KIPP DC PCS. Therefore, school name, LEA name, and school code might be different from that denoted on the list.