

OFFICE OF THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION

NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY

Scholarships for Opportunity and Results (SOAR) Act Non-Profit Third-Party Teacher Pipeline Organization Grants

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The Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE) will issue a Request for Applications (RFA) for Scholarships for Opportunity and Results (SOAR) Act Non-Profit Third-Party Teacher Pipeline Organization (Teacher Pipeline) grant funds. SOAR Act Teacher Pipeline funds are available to third-party non-profit teacher pipeline organizations. The purpose of the funds is to impact the quality and quantity of the teacher supply for DC charter schools. This notice provides information regarding one competitive opportunities.

At least \$1,500,000 is available through the following competitive funding opportunities:

Grants to Non-Profit Third-Party Teacher Pipeline

Eligible applicants are non-profit third-party charter school support organizations that have a demonstrated history of success working with DC charter schools on similar projects. Applicants must use funds to support projects designed to a) recruit, or partner with at least two LEAs or other organizations to recruit, high-quality candidates new to teaching for DC charter school teacher residency or teacher roles, and b) train and/or certify these teachers.. Applicants are required to submit a letter of recommendation from a DC charter school with direct experience working with the organization as well as a complete list of all schools and districts to which the organization has provided similar services. \$1,500,000 will be awarded.

Determinations regarding the number of competitive grant awards will be based on the quality and number of applications received and available funding. Successful applicants may be awarded amounts less than requested.

A review panel or panels will be convened to review, score, and rank each application for a competitive grant. The review panel(s) will be composed of external, neutral, qualified, professional individuals selected for their expertise, knowledge or related experiences. Each application will be scored against a rubric and applications 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). OSSE will make all final award decisions.

To receive more information on these grants, please contact:

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The RFA for these competitive grant programs will be available on OSSE's website at www.osse.dc.gov. All applications will be submitted through the Enterprise Grants Management System (EGMS) at grants.osse.dc.gov.