Key Application Information and Deadlines:

The SOAR Academic Quality and Early Childhood (AQ/EC) applications are scheduled to be released in the Enterprise Grants Management System (EGMS) on June 15, 2020.

The following table provides information on training and technical assistance opportunities to complete the SOAR AQ/EC application.

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Each eligible charter local educational agency (LEA) is strongly encouraged to ensure webinar attendance by at least one LEA representative. The webinar will be posted on the OSSE website shortly after June 18, 2020.

All applications are due to OSSE by 3 p.m. on July 13, 2020. OSSE will begin its review of applications as they are received and anticipates completing all reviews by July 27, 2020. Funds allocated to LEAs that do not submit an application by the due date will be reallocated to eligible LEAs that met the deadline.

The award period for this grant will be July 13, 2020 – July 12, 2021. Please note that pre-award costs beginning June 1, 2020, will be allowed provided they are explicitly described as pre-award costs in the budget. Costs incurred for necessary maintenance, janitorial services, repair, or upkeep of buildings and equipment that neither add to the permanent value of the property nor appreciably prolong its intended life, but keep it in an efficient operating condition, are allowable. Indirect costs are not allowable under SOAR grants.

More detail about allowable costs will be given during the pre-application webinar.

Eligibility Information:

Academic Quality Grants to Public Charter Schools

Eligible applicants for formula funds are DC charter LEAs that were open and serving students during the 2018-19 school year. SOAR Academic Quality funding supports projects designed to directly impact student achievement, either school-wide or for specific groups of students. At least $8,471,547.46 will be awarded.
Early Childhood Grants to Public Charter Schools
Eligible applicants for formula funds are DC charter LEAs that were open and serving 3- and 4-year-olds during the 2019-20 school year, meet Title I-A eligibility requirements, and have an overall student population that is at least 40 percent 3- and 4-year-olds. Formula-based funding will be available to support projects that reinforce school readiness for 3- and 4-year-olds, including the development of literacy and mathematics skills, with emphasis on supports to students to increase academic achievement. A total of $568,452.54 in formula grants will be awarded to:

| AppleTree Early Learning Public Charter School |
| Briya Public Charter School |
| Cedar Tree Academy Public Charter School |

All projects must be research-based, supported by data, and tailored to meet the specific needs of the LEA.

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The Office of Public Charter School Financing & Support (OPCSFS) looks forward to continuing to support your important work over the upcoming year.

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