

OFFICE OF STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION

Notice of Funding Availability

College, Credential, and Career Ready Summer Initiative

Request for Application Release Date: April 8, 2016

Application Submission Deadline: May 9, 2016 by 4 p.m.

The Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE) seeks applications for college and career readiness summer programming serving middle school students in grades 6 through 9 during summer 2016. The College, Credential, and Career Ready (C3 Ready) Summer Initiative will target skills and knowledge key for middle and high school students on the path to successful transition to college and careers.

OSSE seeks applications from partnerships of local education agencies (LEAs), qualified community-based-organizations (CBOs), and/or qualified institutions of higher education (IHEs) to provide daytime summer programming for between four and six weeks for at least six hours per day. The total amount available for this opportunity is \$200,000. In order to receive an award, applicants must provide and document a 1:1 funding match from federal, local, or private funds. Up to 50 percent of match funds may be in-kind. OSSE anticipates making awards equaling \$500 per student, for an overall per-student cost of \$1,000 including both OSSE grant and applicant match funds.

Successful applicants will plan to spend at least 85 percent of time focusing on high school transition, and/or college and career exposure, awareness and readiness. Further, successful applicants will plan to spend at least 85 percent of time on interactive student learning opportunities, such as field trips, guest speakers, and project-based learning.

OSSE seeks applications that propose to develop and measure students' progress toward the following C3 Ready Summer Goals:

- 1) Set long- and short-term academic and non-academic goals;
- 2) Effectively manage time and use strategies to organize academic work;
- 3) Understand high school systems and structures, including but not limited to GPA calculation and credit accrual, navigating support structures in the high school building (e.g., using the school counseling office); organization of the high school day (e.g., changing classes); and Washington, DC graduation requirements;
- 4) Understand and evaluate available high schools and college and career preparatory program options in Washington, DC; and
- 5) Understand how middle and high school academic performance connects to high-growth college and career pathways and Priority Career Sectors as identified in the [2012 Career and Technical Education Strategic Plan](#).

No school or program sites have been pre-identified for this initiative. However, OSSE has identified several priorities for this grant competition:

- 1) OSSE will prioritize applicants enrolling more than 70 percent of available seats with students who qualify for Free and Reduced Price Meals (FARMs), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and/or schools that receive funds under Title I Part A of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965.
- 2) Enroll more than 25 percent of program with students who have Individualized Education Programs (IEPs). Students must be qualified to receive specialized education services under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).
- 3) Serve students in selected neighborhoods which are defined by focus [Police Service Areas](#) (PSAs). For summer of 2016, the focus PSAs are 507, 602, 604, 702, and 705/Congress Park.

OSSE will only accept applications from partnerships of at least one LEA and at least one CBO or IHE. Any qualified LEA, CBO, or IHE may serve as the lead applicant for funding and will be fully responsible for fiscal management of funds awarded by OSSE. Partners must submit a Letter of Partnership signed by all partner organizations that details the parameters of the partnership and demonstrates which partner will act as fiscal agent for funds received from OSSE. Lead applicants and partner organizations for this grant opportunity must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- 1) Prior experience working with middle and early high school students and/or prior experience with college and career readiness and awareness programming;
- 2) Status as a public local education agency (LEA) operating in the District of Columbia that will serve students in grades 6 through 9 in the 2016-17 academic year; or
- 3) Status as an accredited nonprofit institution of higher education or 501(c)(3) organization operating for two or more years.
- 4) Applicant institutions of higher education must be members of the Consortium of Universities of the Washington Metropolitan Area and/or have prior experience running successful dual enrollment or dual credit programs for high school students.

The request for applications (RFA) for this funding opportunity will be available on April 8, 2016. The RFA will be available on OSSE's website <http://osse.dc.gov> or by contacting the Division of Postsecondary and Career Education. OSSE will be holding two information sessions to answer questions about the RFA and grant competition. Please see the full RFA for a detailed timeline of events.

The C3 Ready Summer Initiative application will open in the Enterprise Grants Management System (EGMS) on April 18, 2016. All applications for funding must be submitted by the lead applicant through EGMS by 4 p.m. on May 9, 2016. Please visit <https://grants.osse.dc.gov> for more information about EGMS and to view the online application after April 18, 2016.

For additional information and to receive the full RFA after April 8, 2016, please contact:

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