**OFFICE OF THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION**

**NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY**

**Fiscal Year 2022**

**FY2022 State Personnel Development Grant (SPDG) Institution of Higher Education Subgrant**

**Request for Application (RFA) Release Date: Friday, Jan. 14, 2022 (12:00 noon EST)**

The Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE) is soliciting subgrant applications for the State Personnel Development Grants Program awarded under 20 U.S.C. 1451-1455 of Part D of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (Pub. L. 108-446) (CFDA Number 84.323A). The purpose of this grant is to address the significant inequities among students with disabilities noted in the Students with Disabilities in the District of Columbia Landscape Analysis, particularly among Black males. Specifically, the grant will address the many root causes beyond special education that drive our decision-making surrounding eligibility, services, settings and instructional practices and disrupt the processes that drive disproportionate identification and exclusion of students from all that school has to offer. The objectives of the grant are to:

* Develop a state-wide professional learning framework to guide all personnel development and professional learning to (1) promote an active approach to achieving equity and (2) improve implementation of inclusive practices to increase achievement for students with disabilities (SWD).
* Ensure sustainability of project outcomes by: (a) establishing a clear mechanism of documented continuous improvement at each level of the system (SEA, LEA, School), (b) ensuring fidelity of implementation of inclusive practices using evidence based measures, and (c) building team capacity as determined by ongoing assessment.
* Improve equity of access to high-quality educational experiences in the individual least restrictive environment for students with disabilities, particularly students of color.

**Eligibility and Selection Criteria:** To apply for this subgrant, the applicant must be an Institution of Higher Education (IHE) as defined by [P.L. 105-244, the Higher Education Act of 1965, Title I, Sec. 101, as amended.](https://www2.ed.gov/policy/highered/leg/hea98/sec101.html)

Applications will be scored on the following selection criteria: Program Features, Program Implementation and Monitoring, and Financial Management and Sustainability.

**Length of Award:** The subgrant award period is four years, subject to continued availability of funding, compliance with the subgrant requirements, and other factors identified in the Request for Applications.

**Available Funding for Award**: The total funding available for this award is $800,000 over four years, subject to continued availability of funding.

**Application Process:** The grants described in this NOFA will be awarded competitively. A panel or panels of external reviewers will be convened to review, score, and rank each application. The review panel(s) will be composed of neutral, qualified, professional individuals selected for their expertise, knowledge, and/or related experiences. All external reviewers must sign a Conflict of Interest statement. The application will be scored against a rubric and each application will have at least three external reviewers to ensure accurate scoring. Upon completion of the panels’ review, the panels shall make recommendations for awards based on the scoring rubric(s). The State Superintendent of Education, or his/her designee, will consider those recommendations but all final award decisions are left to the Superintendent’s, or his/her designee’s, discretion.

Applications must be submitted no later than **Friday, Feb. 25, 2022 at 3 p.m. EST.** A signed Notification of Intent to Apply should be submitted by **Tuesday, Jan. 27, 2022 at 3 p.m. EST.** OSSE anticipates that it will award subgrants by **March 25, 2022**; however, this date may change.

**Technical Assistance:** OSSE’s Division of Teaching and Learning will host a pre-application webinar **Monday, Jan. 21, 2022 from 12-1 p.m. EST**.

For additional information regarding this subgrant competition, please contact:

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The RFA and applications will be available in OSSE’s Enterprise Grants Management System (EGMS) at <http://egmsfe.osse.dc.gov/> and online [at](http://www.osse.dc.gov/) [OSSE Grants and Funding](https://osse.dc.gov/page/grants-and-funding-0).