

## **NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY**

### **Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE) Division of Systems and Supports, K-12**

#### **Fiscal Year 2023 ARP-Homeless II CBO Grant**

**Request for Application Release Date: Fri., July 8, 2022, at 3p.m. EST**

The Division of Systems and Supports, K-12 within the Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE) will issue a Request for Applications for the Fiscal Year 2023 (FY23) ARP-Homeless II CBO Grant for established community-based organizations (CBOs), faith-based organizations, and nonprofit organizations in the District of Columbia. As authorized under the American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief – Homeless Children and Youth Fund (ARP-HCY) authorized by the U.S. Department of Education (USED) under section 2001(b)(1) of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2, experienced community-based, faith-based, and nonprofit organizations with a demonstrated history of success working with children, youth and families experiencing homelessness may use this funding to: 1) identify children and youth experiencing homelessness who have been impacted by COVID-19; 2) support them in accessing educational and/or wraparound services to meet their needs; and 3) deliver training, technical assistance, and capacity building to strengthen the provision and coordination of services for this population of children, youth, and families within their organizations and in LEAs/schools.

Funding is available for activities in each of the following focus areas:

- **REENGAGE: Reengage students and families in school**
  - Activities must include the identification of underserved populations of children and youth experiencing homelessness (i.e., students of color, children and youth with disabilities, English learners, LGBTQ+ youth, and pregnant, parenting, or caregiving students) who have been disconnected due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- **RESOURCES: Connect students and families to homeless education supports**
  - Activities must include providing or connecting students experiencing homelessness to resources that mitigate the impacts of COVID-19 and support student academic achievement.
- **RECOVER: Support students to recover unfinished learning**
  - Activities must address learning loss and achievement gaps of students experiencing homelessness.
  - Activities must include training, technical assistance, and capacity building provided by the applicant to improve the provision and coordination of services for children, youth, and families experiencing homelessness within an applicant's organization and/or LEAs/schools.

**Eligibility and Selection Criteria:** OSSE will make this grant funding available through a competitive process. Established community-based organizations (CBOs), faith-based organizations and nonprofit organizations with proven experience and demonstrated outcomes identifying and serving children and youth experiencing homelessness in historically underserved populations and connecting them with education-related support and wrap-around services within the District of Columbia are eligible to apply.

**Length of Award:** The grant award period will be from October 1, 2022 (or award date) to September 30, 2023. Awards may be extended for one additional year if the subrecipient's program remains in compliance with all grant requirements. All awards will be reviewed annually for consideration of continued funding.

**Available Funding for Award:** The total amount of anticipated funding available for this award period is up to \$274,663.50. OSSE anticipates awarding at least six and up to ten organizations based on the highest-ranking applications. Grant funds shall only be used to support activities authorized by the relevant statutes and regulations and included in the applicant's submission.

**Application Process:** A review panel will be convened to review, score, and rank each application. The review panel will be composed of neutral, qualified, professional individuals selected for their expertise, knowledge or related experiences. Upon completion of its review, the panel(s) shall make recommendations for awards based on the scoring rubric(s). OSSE's Division of Systems and Supports, K-12 will make all final award decisions. OSSE anticipates issuing awards by September 30, 2022, and the funding cycle will commence starting October 1, 2022.

OSSE will provide two pre-application conferences. These pre-application technical assistance sessions will include an overview of the ARP-Homeless II CBO Grant guidelines and application submission process through OSSE's Enterprise Grants Management System (EGMS). Technical assistance will also be provided for any grant competition inquiries. The virtual pre-application conferences will be held on July 22, 2022 and August 3, 2022. Potential applicants may register for the July 22, 2022, webinar session [here](#) or the August 3, 2022, webinar [here](#).

All organizations planning to apply for this grant are strongly encouraged to attend one of the pre-application conferences and must submit a completed Intent to Apply Notification form via email to [HEP.OSSE@dc.gov](mailto:HEP.OSSE@dc.gov) by 3 p.m. EST on August 3, 2022.

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Organizations interested in applying for the ARP-Homeless II CBO Competitive Grant must apply through OSSE's online Enterprise Grants Management System (EGMS) that is accessible at the following link: <http://grants.osse.dc.gov/>. The RFA will be available on the Serve D.C. website and also at OSSE's American Rescue Plan Homeless Fund webpage that is accessible at the following link: <https://osse.dc.gov/service/homeless-education-programhttps://osse.dc.gov/publication/american-rescue-plan-homeless-fund-arp-homeless-fund>.