

OFFICE OF THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION

NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY

Child Development Associate (CDA) – Training and Preparation Program

Request for Application (RFA) Release Date: June 17, 2022 by 12:00 p.m.

The Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE) is soliciting grant applications for the Child Development Associate – Training and Preparation Program. The purpose of the Child Development Associate – Training and Preparation Program is to increase the number of early childhood professionals in the District of Columbia with a Child Development Associate (CDA) credential by providing courses, support, and a funded scholarship for individuals to earn or renew the CDA credential issued by the Council for Professional Recognition.

The funding provided under this grant is funding secured through District of Columbia local funds made available through and authorized by D.C. Code § 38-2602(b)(32).

Eligibility and Selection Criteria: OSSE will make this grant available through a competitive process. Eligible applicants include public agencies, not-for-profit, for profit, and faith-based organizations. Eligible applicants must have experience in financial management, quality assurance, and ongoing monitoring of scholarships or other awards to community members, as well as previous experience providing quality instruction to English speaking and multilingual adult learners in early care and education settings.

Applications that meet all eligibility and application requirements will be evaluated, scored, and rated by an OSSE designated external review panel. Applications will be scored on the following categories: (1) information about the organization; (2) capacity to implement the CDA program; (3) financial management and proposed budget; and (4) capacity to provide additional training on Capital Quality metrics. Capital Quality is the District of Columbia's Quality Rating and Improvement System for early childhood development providers.

Length of Award: The period of this grant will be five years, beginning on Oct. 1, 2022 and ending on Sept. 30, 2027, with funding for each fiscal year contingent upon availability of funds and other factors. Each budget period will be one year, with the first period beginning Oct. 1, 2022 and ending Sept. 30, 2023. The applicant will be required to complete a continuation application each fiscal year. Funding in future fiscal years is contingent on the following:

- Availability of funds;
- Recipients demonstration that substantial progress has been made toward meeting the objectives set forth in the approved application, based on ongoing monitoring of the recipient and reporting from the recipient; and
- Compliance with applicable District of Columbia and federal laws, regulations and guidance.

Available Funding for Award: The total funding available for this award period is approximately \$600,000 per grant period. OSSE anticipates issuing one award from this funding opportunity.

Application Process OSSE will use external peer reviewers to review and score the applications received. External peer reviewers may include employees of the District of Columbia government who are not employed by OSSE. An external peer reviewer is an expert in the field or the subject matter. OSSE may use multiple peer review panels. The final decision to fund applicants rests solely with OSSE. After reviewing the recommendations of the review panel(s) and any other relevant information, OSSE shall decide which applicant to fund. Applications must be submitted by August 2, 2022 (3 p.m.). OSSE anticipates issuing an award by September 8, 2022.

For additional information regarding this grant competition, please contact:

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The Request for Applications (RFA) will be available on OSSE's website at <https://osse.dc.gov> and the Serve D.C. website at <https://serve.dc.gov>. Applications will be submitted through the [Enterprise Grants Management System \(EGMS\)](https://grants.osse.dc.gov) at grants.osse.dc.gov