

OFFICE OF THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION

NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY

D.C. Comprehensive Literacy Development Grant – Grades 6-12

Request for Application (RFA) Release Date: Wednesday, July 13, 2022, 12:00 PM

The Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE) is soliciting subgrant applications for the District of Columbia Comprehensive Literacy Development (CLSD) Grant, as authorized by the Title II, Part B, Sections 2222-2226 of Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended, (20 U.S.C. §§ 6641-6646)). The purpose of this subgrant is to implement evidence-based literacy instruction and interventions to increase proficiency of District students in local educational agencies (LEAs). The overall goal of the CLSD subgrant is to significantly increase the percentage of 6-12 students scoring proficient or advanced on state standardized English Language Arts/Literacy (ELA) assessments.

Eligibility and Selection Criteria: To apply for this subgrant, an eligible entity must be a District of Columbia local education agency LEA (defined for purposes of this grant as the District of Columbia Public Schools or a District of Columbia public charter school or group of schools operating under a single charter) serving the highest need and most underserved population of students ranging from grade 6 through grade 12 in a secondary school setting (middle school and/or high school). Previously awarded CLSD subgrantees are not eligible for this subgrant competition. For this subgrant, high need means a middle school in which not less than 50 percent of the enrolled students are from low-income families or a high school in which not less than 40 percent of the enrolled students are from low-income families. Low-income family means a family in which children are eligible for free or reduced-price meals under the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1751 *et seq.*), receiving assistance under the program of block grants to States for temporary assistance for needy families under Part A of Title IV of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*), or in which children are eligible to receive medical assistance under the Medicaid program under Title XIX of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396 *et seq.*).

Applications will be scored on the following selection criteria: Program Features, Program Implementation and Monitoring, and Financial Management and Sustainability. Priority points will be provided for applicants using subgrant funds to implement evidence-based literacy instruction and interventions in schools located in [OOZs](#).

Length of Award: The subgrant award period is three years, subject to continued availability of funding and compliance with the subgrant requirements.

Available Funding for Award: The total funding available for this award is \$2,288,884.60 over three years, subject to continued availability of funding. OSSE will award up to two

total subgrants to eligible entities. Subgrants shall only be used to support activities authorized by the RFA and relevant statutes and included in the applicant's submission.

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 **Wednesday, August 24, 2022 at 3 pm**. An optional signed Notification of Intent to Apply should be submitted by Friday, July 29, 2022 at 5 pm. OSSE anticipates that it will award subgrants by September 23, 2022; however, this date may change.

Technical Assistance: OSSE's Division of Teaching and Learning will host a pre-application webinar **Tuesday, July 19, 2022 from 10-11 am**. Interested applicants may register for the pre-application webinar here: forms.gle/qhtLtjNlr2WNFSKu8

For additional information regarding this subgrant competition, please contact:

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The RFA will be available online on the [OSSE Literacy DC](#) webpage. Additionally, the RFA and applications will be available in OSSE's Enterprise Grants Management System (EGMS) at egmsfe.osse.dc.gov.