

OFFICE OF THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION

NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY

FISCAL YEAR 2016

**DC COMMUNITY SCHOOLS INCENTIVE INITIATIVE GRANTS
(DC CSII2016-1: COMMUNITY SCHOOL INCENTIVE INITIATIVE GRANT & DC
CSII2016-2: COMMUNITY SCHOOLS INCENTIVE INITIATIVE GRANT- SPECIAL
FOCUS: SUPPORTING HOMELESS STUDENT POPULATION)**

Request for Application (RFA) Release Date: August 21, 2015 (12:00 noon)

Grant Application Submission Deadline: September 4, 2015 (no later than 4:00pm EST)

The Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE) - Elementary, Secondary and Specialized Education Division (ESSE) is soliciting grant applications for the District of Columbia Community Schools Incentive Initiative. The purpose of this grant is to establish two (2) community schools in the District of Columbia, as defined by the Community Schools Incentive Act of 2012.¹ The overall goal of the Community Schools Incentive Initiative Grants is to provide resources that will enable eligible consortia to create and enhance community-based partnerships and develop a framework for continued funding as well as ongoing evaluation of program success.

(NOTE: CSII2016-2: Community Schools Incentive Initiative Grant – Special focus: Supporting homeless student population. The purpose of the grant is also to enhance community-based partnerships to support the District of Columbia homeless student population.)

Eligibility: The Office of the State Superintendent will make these grants available through a competitive process to eligible consortia. As defined by the Community Schools Incentive Act of 2012, an “eligible consortium” is a partnership established between a local education agency (LEA) in DC and one or more community partners for the purposes of establishing, operating, and sustaining a community school. *See* D.C. Official Code § 38-754.02(3). An eligible consortium must demonstrate the ability to provide additional eligible services that did not exist before the establishment of the eligible consortium. *See* D.C. Official Code § 38-754.03.

Length of Award: This is a multiyear grant program. Successful applicants shall be eligible for three years of grant funding subject to available appropriations.

Available Funding for Award: The total funding available for Fiscal Year 2016 is \$350,000. An eligible consortium may apply for an award amount up to \$175,000 and shall be eligible to receive up to an additional \$175,000 for two additional years, subject to available appropriations.

¹ As defined by the Community Schools Incentive Act of 2012, a “community school” is a public and private partnership to coordinate educational, developmental, family, health, and after-school-care programs during school and non-school hours for students, families, and local communities at a public school or public charter school with the objectives of improving academic achievement, reducing absenteeism, building stronger relationships between students, parents, and communities, and improving the skills, capacity, and well-being of the surrounding community residents. D.C. Official Code § 38-754.02(2).

Anticipated Number of Awards: OSSE has funding available for a maximum of (2) awards. One grant will be awarded to a successful applicant for the CSII2016-1 Community School Incentive Initiative Grant and one grant will be awarded to a successful applicant for the CSII2016-2 Community School Incentive Initiative Grant – Special Focus: Supporting Homeless Student Population.

An external review panel or panels 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 or related experiences. The application will be scored against a rubric and application will have multiple reviewers to ensure accurate scoring. Upon completion of its review, the panel(s) shall make recommendations for awards based on the scoring rubric(s). OSSE's Division of Elementary, Secondary, and Specialized Education will make all final award decisions.

For additional information regarding this grant competition, please contact:

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