

OFFICE OF STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION

Notice of Funding Availability

Counselor Professional Development – College and Career Readiness

Request for Application Release Date: May 26, 2014

Application Submission Deadline: July 25, 2014

The District of Columbia Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE) seeks applications from experienced non-profits, community-based organizations (CBOs), college access programs (CAPs), institutions of higher education, and/or subject matter experts partnered with eligible institutions for a funding opportunity to provide comprehensive college and career access, awareness and readiness professional development for District counselors, advisors, and other key school staff at scheduled times throughout academic year 2014/2015. OSSE will make grants for a period to cover October 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015. The program must be completed and funds must be fully expended by June 30, 2015. Submissions are due by 4:00PM on July 25, 2014 for good cause to ensure expedited identification of and benefit to the counselors served.

The key training session topics are as follows:

- Improving college match and fit;
- Grit – how to help your students unlock it at the middle and high school level;
- Building a service learning program;
- Navigating and maximizing the multiple online tools for college and career readiness and awareness;
- Tools for managing the college application process;
- Creating an alumni program; and
- Exposing students to college and career pathways in the middle grades.

Qualified organizations for this funding opportunity must meet the following criteria:

- Experience providing training related to college and career access, awareness and success for District of Columbia students AND relevant and demonstrated knowledge of a particular subject matter.
- Status as a 501(c)(3) organizations in operation for at least two years in the District of Columbia. **No grant may be awarded through CACG to organizations that do not have 501(c)(3) status.**
- **Organizations may submit as a multi-applicant partnership. In this case, only one must meet the 501(c)(3) status referenced above.**

For additional information and to receive the full RFA, please contact:

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