

OFFICE OF THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION

NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY

FISCAL YEAR 2016

DC EARLY LITERACY INTERVENTION GRANTS

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

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 Early Literacy Intervention Grant, as defined by the “Early Literacy Grant Program Amendment Act of 2015.” The purpose of this grant is to increase the percentage of third graders who are proficient or advanced in reading to 75% by 2016-2017 through implementation of an early literacy grant program targeting third grade reading success.

Eligibility: The Office of the State Superintendent will make these grants available through a competitive process. Eligible applicants must be able to provide a full continuum of early literacy intervention services, through professionally coached interventionists, for all grades Pre-K through 3rd grade consisting of developmentally appropriate components for each grade. Eligible applicants must also use a comprehensive evidence-based intervention model and must provide a rationale for the intervention based on data that demonstrates need. This funding is intended to build capacity and may not be used to supplant existing services. In addition, eligible applicants will be expected to demonstrate prior effectiveness through a rigorous program evaluation and will be expected to include an evaluation plan as a component of its application. Finally, eligible applicant will be expected to provide direct services each day that school is in session and collect data on student progress monthly.

Local Educational Agencies (LEA) are not eligible for this funding, however eligible applicants must secure partnerships with the LEAs with which they intend to work and will be required to verify these partnerships.

Length of Award: The grant award period is one year.

Available Funding for Award: The total funding available for this award period is \$1,600,000. Each applicant may apply for up to \$1,600,000.

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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The RFA and applications will be available on www.osse.dc.gov.