

OFFICE OF THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION

NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY (NOFA)

CHILD CARE RESOURCE AND REFERRAL (CCR&R) SYSTEM

Request for Application (RFA) Release Date: August 10, 2016

The Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE) shall issue a Request for Applications for a Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR&R) system in the District of Columbia (DC). The purpose of the Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR&R) system is to create an integrated and effective system of supports and services for families and child care providers in DC. The CCR&R system will provide responsive services and evidence-based supports that promote high-quality early care and education in DC. Unless specified, all funds will be awarded through competitive grant competitions.

Eligible applicants include public agencies, not-for-profit, for-profit, and faith-based organizations. Applicants will be required to have experience in collecting data, developing functional program management systems, building a network of resources through community outreach, supporting access to technical assistance programs developed to help providers achieve quality child care programs, and conducting resource and referral activities that support adult learners (parents, child development professionals and teachers) in their respective roles. Up to \$950,000 is expected to be available.

The funds are being made available solely through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Administration for Children and Families (ACF), and Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) through the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 2014, effective November 19, 2014 ((P.L. 113-186; 42 U.S.C. 9858 *et seq.*) (2012 Repl. and 2015 Supp.)). Grantees will be subject to requirements set forth in federal statutes and any accompanying regulations.

OSSE maintains the right to adjust the grant award and amount based on funding availability. Determinations regarding the number of competitive grant to be awarded will be based on the quality and number of applications received and available funding. Successful applicants may be awarded amounts less than requested.

A review panel or panels will be convened to review, score, and rank each application for a competitive grant. The review panel(s) will be composed of external neutral, qualified, professional individuals selected for their expertise, knowledge or related experiences. Each application will be scored against a rubric and applications 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). The State Superintendent or her designee will make all final award decisions.

To receive more information on these grants, please contact:

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The Requests for Applications (RFAs) for the competitive grant programs as well as the instructions for completing the Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR&R) system grant application will be available on OSSE's website at www.osse.dc.gov. All applications will be submitted through the Enterprise Grants Management System (EGMS) at grants.osse.dc.gov.