

SOAR Update

RFAs to be Released Monday, June 6; Applications due July 15, 2016 at 4 p.m.

The federal fiscal year 2015 (FFY15) SOAR Act Requests for Application (RFAs) will be released on Monday, June 6. In order to apply, charter LEAs and/or charter support organizations must take the following mandatory steps:

1. Submit an Intent to Apply Notification by **June 17, 2016 at 5 p.m.**
2. Participate in a pre-application webinar for each grant program you are interested in applying for, during the week of June 13-17.
3. Submit an application online by **July 15, 2016 at 4 p.m.**

More details on each of these steps, including webinar options and registration info, are included below.

RFAs to be released on Monday, June 6

The Requests for Application (RFAs) will be released on the OSSE website and applications will be open and available through EGMS on Monday, June 6, 2016 by 12 p.m. As noted in the [May 11-17, 2016](#) edition of the LEA Look Forward, grants will be available in each of five areas: Academic Quality, Early Childhood, Public Facilities, Replication & Growth, and Charter Support Organization/Third Party.

Intent to apply (mandatory form due by June 17)

Interested applicants must submit a mandatory Intent to Apply notification, available in each RFA and [online](#). Only one form is needed per applicant, but please indicate each of the five grant areas for which you intend to apply. This form is mandatory so that OSSE can plan effectively and ensure there are enough external reviewers for each area.

Pre-application webinars (mandatory, multiple options available, June 13-17)

OSSE will host mandatory pre-application webinars for each of the five grant areas. These webinars will provide critical information about the application, walk applicants through the EGMS process, and provide an opportunity for Q&A. In prior years, OSSE has offered a single, in-person pre-application conference for each grant area. This year, we will instead offer two webinar options for each grant area to provide greater flexibility; interested applicants must have a representative attend **one webinar for each grant** for which they plan to apply. This representative should be someone who is employed directly by and within the LEA or charter support organization, since the applicant organization ultimately has programmatic and budgetary responsibility for the grant. Each attendee may only represent one LEA or charter support organization.

Registration for the webinars is open now - please go to [OSSE's website](#) for full details on dates and times and links to register.

Application deadline: **July 15, 2016 at 4 p.m.**

All applications are due in EGMS on **July 15, 2016 by 4 p.m.** The 4 p.m. deadline ensures that EGMS help desk staff are available to assist applicants as needed. The deadline is firm; given the highly competitive nature of the SOAR grants and to ensure equity, no exceptions will be made. Applicants are highly encouraged to apply earlier in the day to ensure smooth submission.

For more information or questions, please contact [Katherine Cox](#)