

Division of Health and Wellness Child Nutrition Programs National School Lunch Program FY 2018 Equipment Assistance Grant

REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS

RFA Release Date: January 7, 2019

Application Submission Deadline: February 22, 2019, 3:00 pm

LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED FOR AN AWARD

Checklist for Applications FY 2018 Equipment Assistance Grants for School Food Authorities

The application was submitted through the OSSE Grants Management System (EGMS).
The applicant has completed Central Data for FY19 in EGMS and accepted all program assurances.
The applicant organization/entity has responded to all sections of the Request for Application and has provided all the information in EGMS.
The application was submitted to the OSSE no later than 3:00 p.m. on the deadline date of February 22, 2019.

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Request for Applications RFA # FY 2019 Equipment Assistance Grant for School Food Authorities

SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION

Introduction

The Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2018 (Public Law 115-141) authorized grants to the Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE), Division of Health and Wellness, for providing equipment assistance to School Food Authorities participating in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP). The District of Columbia has been selected to receive funding in the amount of \$68,301.00.

The Healthy Schools Act (HSA) of 2010 (D.C. Law 18-209, as amended; D.C. Official Code § 38-821.01 et seq.) allows OSSE to issue grants through a competitive process or a formula grants process to public schools, and public charter schools for the acquisition of school kitchen equipment." OSSE is adding an additional \$31,699 of HSA funds to the FY 2019 NSLP Equipment Assistance Grant, for a total funding amount of \$100,000.

These funds will be available through a competitive grant process to public schools and public charter schools. Priority will be given to high need schools where 50% or more of the student population are eligible to receive free or reduced-price meals. Priority will also be given to schools that did not receive a previous NSLP Equipment Assistance Grant award under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 and the FY 2010, FY 2013, FY 2014, FY 2015, FY 2016 and FY 2017 Agriculture Appropriations Acts.

These funds will make a significant investment by allowing the purchase of capital equipment used to serve healthier meals, meet the nutritional standards with emphasis on more fresh fruits and vegetables in school meals, improve food safety and expand accessibility to food services.

Grant Period

The grant period ends on September 30, 2020. All funds must be obligated by this date. Unexpended funds of the approved grant will be refunded to the Agency for further award to eligible applicants.

Eligibility

Any District of Columbia Public School, Non-Profit Private School or a Public Charter School campus chartered by the District of Columbia Public Charter School Board that currently participates in the NSLP, may apply. Awards are determined based on the school campus, not the SFA as an entirety.

Focus of School Food Authority Grants

In order to make the most effective use of these grant funds, equipment requests must address at least one of the following focus areas:

- Equipment that lends itself to improving the quality of school food service meals that meet the dietary guidelines (e.g., purchasing an equipment alternative to a deep fryer, or steam ovens that improve quality of prepared fresh or fresh-frozen vegetables)
- Equipment that improves the safety of food served in the school meal programs (e.g., cold/hot holding bags/equipment, dish washing equipment, refrigeration, milk coolers, freezers, blast chillers, etc.)
- Equipment that improves the overall energy efficiency of the school food service operations (e.g. purchase of an energy-efficient walk-in freezer replacing an outdated, energy-demanding freezer)
- Equipment that allows sponsors to support expanded participation in a school meal program (e.g., equipment for serving meals in a non-traditional setting or to better utilize cafeteria space)
- Equipment that aides in strategies for adopting smarter lunchrooms (e.g. lunchroom changes that appeals to student population; highlighting convenience, healthy choices, and supporting menu changes to healthier options)

Funding

The total funding for this grant is \$100,000. Funds will be awarded for applications ranging from \$1,000 to \$100,000. The funds will be distributed through a competitive process that is fair and equitable. It is possible that a grant request may not be fully funded, but may be approved for partial funding.

Resources

- The Institute of Child Nutrition: http://nfsmi.org
- School Nutrition Association: https://schoolnutrition.org/
- Smarter Lunchrooms Movement: www.smarterlunchrooms.org

Pre-Application Question Period

To ensure an equal opportunity for all applicants, OSSE requests that applicants submit questions regarding the RFA electronically to Elysia DiCamillo by 3:00 p.m. on January 25, 2019. To ensure a fair process, questions submitted after January 25, 2019 will not receive responses. Responses to questions will be published by February 5, 2019.

- Applicants are strongly encouraged to participate in the following webinar information session. A recording of the information session will be available on the OSSE website.
- January 24, 2019 2:00-3:00 pm. Register here

SECTION II: SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS

Application Identification

Applications must be submitted online through the OSSE Grants Management System (EGMS). No paper applications will be accepted. This RFA serves as guidance when completing the application in EGMS. EGMS is located at grants.osse.dc.gov

Application Submission Date and Time

One individual should be designated as primary contact and authorized representative of the application(s) submitted. Applications are due by 3:00 p.m. on February 22, 2019.

If there are questions, please contact: Elysia DiCamillo, Program Specialist Office the State Superintendent of Education 1050 First St. NE, 6th Floor Washington, DC 20002 Elysia.DiCamillo@dc.gov

SECTION III: PROGRAM AND ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS

Use of Funds

Applicants shall only use funds for equipment that benefits the school (not a caterer, if vended). Equipment assistance grant funds are to be used solely to purchase needed school food service equipment.

Equipment

For the purpose of this grant, equipment means nonexpendable, tangible personal property with a useful life of more than one year and a per unit acquisition cost of \$1,000 or greater.

Equipment requests may include new equipment, renovation of equipment, or replacement of equipment. Equipment with a per unit acquisition cost of less than \$1,000 will not be considered for this grant. Small-ware items such as trays and plates, utensils, pans, containers and the like will not be considered.

Per unit acquisition cost, as defined by the federal government, includes the "net price of the equipment, including the cost of any modifications, attachments, accessories, or auxiliary apparatus necessary to make it usable for the purpose for which it is acquired. Ancillary charges such as taxes, duty, and protective in transit insurance, freight and installation may be included or excluded from the acquisition cost in accordance with the non-Federal entity's regular accounting practice." All costs included within the acquisition cost must be necessary and reasonable in accordance with federal cost principles.

Equipment purchased under this program will not be given to, granted to, transferred to, leased to, or sold to any person or entity that is not eligible to participate in the grant program as applicant.

Procurement

As with all Federal grant funds, procurement regulations at 7 CFR Part 210.21 and 2 CFR Part 200.317-326 applies, and equipment competitively procured using these grant funds must be reasonable, necessary, and allocable in order to be permissible costs. For example, using these funds to purchase a walk-in freezer for school food service would be allowable; however renovation of the food service area would fall under the category of construction and would not be an allowable cost.

A grantee must follow all Federal and District procurement laws when purchasing equipment with these grant funds, whichever is more proscriptive. All procurement transactions for equipment is conducted in a manner that provides, to the maximum extent possible, open and free competition. If you have questions about procurement procedures please contact your procurement office.

Recipients are encouraged to take advantage of volume purchase agreements.

Reimbursement

Schools selected to receive proceeds of this grant will be required to provide the following documentation upon expenditure and request for reimbursement:

- i. Signed confirmation of adherence to procurement rules documents.
- ii. Invoices detailing item(s) purchased (shall include shipping & handling) and any installation charges, including date of delivery/install)
- iii. Date equipment was installed and used toward meeting grant initiatives
- iv. Evaluation Questionnaire (submit with reimbursement request)
- v. Any reporting requirements for USDA

SECTION IV: GENERAL PROVISIONS

Decision and Notifications of Awards

Each awarded applicant will receive a Grant Award Notification generated through EGMS that will include the award amount, award agreement, terms and conditions of the award, and any supplemental information required. Once OSSE has fully approved the application and issued an official GAN, grantees may then receive payment for allowable expenditures for which obligation was made during the grant period.

Audits

At any time or times before final payment and during the required retention period, the District and respective jurisdictional administrative agencies may have the applicant's expenditure statements and source documentation audited.

Liabilities

The applicant cannot at any time prior to the application process nor during the award period be in violation of any previous grant obligations to the District of Columbia government or a federal agency.

Monitoring and Reporting

The recipient will cooperate with any evaluation of the program by providing OSSE or the U.S. Department of Agriculture requested data and access to records. The recipient will cooperate with any, as needed, on-site financial and/or technical reviews and audits at any time during the term of the agreement. In addition, the recipient must make all records pertaining to activities under the grant available for audit purposes.

Funds received for this grant may not be combined with other school nutrition program funds and must be tracked and reported separately. You may be required to report on the number of jobs created or retained because of this grant.

Per USDA requirements, grantees will be required to complete quarterly reports. Quarterly reports will need to include the type of equipment purchased, accomplishments and challenges in expenditure activities, impact on the school food service operation of purchased equipment, reason(s) for any un-liquidated funds and potential return of equipment. A template for providing quarterly reports will be provided.

OSSE will consider failure to comply with the reporting requirements to be a material failure to comply and a basis for termination.

The data needed for OSSE to report includes:

Type of equipment purchased
Accomplishments and challenges in expenditure activities
Impact on the school food service operation of purchased equipment
Reason(s) for any un-liquidated funds
Potential return of equipment

Corrective Action and Termination of Funding

The District reserves all rights to use any remedy available in law or regulation for the non-compliance with the grant agreement. Should a grant recipient fail to comply with the terms and conditions or achieve the stated goals and objectives described in the individual proposal in the application, the grant recipient may be subject to penalties that include, but are not limited to, termination of the grant award.

Notwithstanding termination for non-compliance, this award may be terminated by OSSE with the consent of the grant recipient, in which case the two parties must agree upon the termination conditions, including the effective date and, in the case of partial termination, the portion to be terminated.

A project that is terminated will be subject to the same requirements regarding audit, recordkeeping, and submission of reports as a project that runs for the duration of the project period.

Confidentiality

Except as otherwise provided by local or federal law, no recipient shall use or reveal any research, statistical, or personally identifiable information for any purpose other than that for which such information was obtained in accordance with this grant program. Such information, and any copy of such information shall be immune from legal process and shall not, without the consent of the person furnishing such information, be admitted as evidence or used for any purpose in any action, suit, or judicial, legislative, or administrative proceeding.

Appearance of a Conflict of Interest

The grant recipient shall ensure that no individual in a decision-making capacity will engage in any activity, including participation in the selection of a vendor, the administration of an award, or an activity supported by award funds, if the appearance of a conflict of interest would be involved. An appearance of a conflict of interest would arise when the individual, any member of the individual's immediate family, the individual's

partner; or an organization that employs, or is about to employ, any of the aforementioned, has a financial or personal interest in the firm or organization selected for a contract.

Terms and Conditions

- Funding for this award is contingent on available funds. The RFA does not commit OSSE to make an award.
- OSSE reserves the right to accept or deny any or all applications if the agency determines it is in the best interest of the agency to do so. OSSE shall notify the applicant if it rejects that applicant's proposal. OSSE may suspend or terminate an outstanding RFA pursuant to its own grant-making rule(s) or any applicable regulation or requirement.
- OSSE reserves the right to issue addenda and/or amendments subsequent to the issuance of the RFA, or to rescind the RFA.
- OSSE shall not be liable for any costs incurred in the preparation of applications in response to the RFA. Applicant agrees that all costs incurred in developing the application are the applicant's sole responsibility.
- OSSE may conduct pre-award on-site visits to verify information submitted in the application and to determine if the applicant's facilities are appropriate for the services intended.
- OSSE may enter into negotiations with an applicant and adopt a firm funding amount or other revision of the applicant's proposal that may result from negotiations.
- OSSE shall provide the citations to the statute and implementing regulations that authorize the grant or sub grant; all applicable federal and District regulations; payment provisions identifying how the grantee will be paid for performing under the award; reporting requirements, including programmatic, financial and any special reports required by OSSE; and compliance conditions that must be met by the grantee.
- If there are any conflicts between the terms and conditions of the RFA and any applicable federal or local law or regulation, or any ambiguity related thereto, then the provisions of the applicable law or regulation shall control and it shall be the responsibility of the applicant to ensure compliance.

Nondiscrimination in the Delivery of Services

Assurance of Civil Rights Compliance:

The recipient will comply with the following nondiscrimination statutes and regulations, other related regulations and any USDA nondiscrimination:

Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d- et seq.), USDA regulations at 7 CFR Part 15, Nondiscrimination, and Department of Justice regulations at 28 CFR Part 42, Nondiscrimination; Equal Employment Opportunity: Policies and Procedures;

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (20 U.S.C. 1681 et seq.) and USDA regulations at 7 CFR Part 15a, Education Programs or Activities Receiving or Benefiting from Federal Financial Assistance;

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 1681 et seq.) and USDA regulations at 7 CFR Part 15a, Education Programs or Activities Receiving or Benefiting from Federal Financial Assistance, and Department of Justice regulations at 28 CFR Part 41, Implementation of Executive Order 12250, Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Handicap In Federally Assisted Programs;

Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (42 U.S.C. 6101 et seq.) The Grantee assures that it will immediately take any measures necessary to effectuate the requirements in these laws, regulations, and directives. The Grantee gives this assurance inconsideration of and for the purpose of obtaining the funds provided under this agreement; and

The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability in employment (Title I), state & local government services (Title II), places of public accommodation and commercial facilities (Title III). (42 U.S.C. 12101-12213)

The District of Columbia Human Rights Act of 1977, as amended, (D.C. Official Code § 2-1401.01 *et seq.*) prohibits discrimination based on race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, marital status, personal appearance, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, familial status, family responsibilities, matriculation, political affiliation, genetic information, source of income, disability, status as a victim of an interfamily offense, place of residence or business, or credit information.

Non Discrimination Statement:

In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA.

Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g. Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language, etc.), should contact the Agency (State or local) where they applied for benefits. Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal

Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.

To file a program complaint of discrimination, complete the <u>USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form</u>, (AD-3027) found online at: http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint filing cust.html, and at any USDA office, or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by:

- (1) mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights 1400 Independence Avenue, SW Washington, D.C. 20250-9410;
- (2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or
- (3) email: program.intake@usda.gov.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Regulatory Requirements

Government-Wide Regulations

This award is made subject to the following government-wide regulations:

- o 2 CFR Part 25: "Universal Identifier and Central Locator Contractor Registration"
- o 2 CFR Part 170: "Reporting Sub-award and Executive Compensation Information"
- o 2 CFR Part 175: "Award Term for Trafficking in Persons"
- 2 CFR Part 180: "OMB Guidelines to Agencies on Government-wide Debarment and Suspension (Non-Procurement)"
- o 2 CFR Part 200: "Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards"
- 2 CFR Part 400: USDA Implementing regulations "Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards"
- o 2 CFR Part 415: USDA "General Program Administrative Regulations"
- 2 CFR Part 416: USDA "General Program Administrative Regulations for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments"
- 2 CFR Part 417: USDA "Implementation of OMB Guidance on Non-Procurement Debarment and Suspension"
- o 2 CFR Part 418: USDA "New Restrictions on Lobbying"
- o 2 CFR Part 421: "Requirements for Drug-Free Workplace (Financial Assistance)"

- o 7 CFR Part 3: "Debt Management"
- o 41 U.S.C. Section 22 "Interest of Member of Congress"
- Privacy Act. The Cooperator/Grantee shall follow the rules and procedures of disclosure set forth in the Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. 552a, and implementing regulations and policies, with respect to systems of records determined to be subject to the Privacy Act.
- Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). Public access to Federal Financial Assistance records shall not be limited, except when such records must be kept confidential and would have been excepted from disclosure pursuant to the "Freedom of Information" regulation (5 U.S.C. 552).

SECTION V: EVALUATION OF APPLICATION

Review Panel

The review panel will be composed of neutral, qualified, professional individuals who have been selected for their unique related experiences. The review panel will review and rank each applicant's application, and when the review panel has completed its review, the panel shall make recommendations for awards based on the scoring process. The Office of the State Superintendent of Education shall make the final funding determinations.

Evaluation Criteria

The Office of the State Superintendent of Education has established the following priorities for funding under the grant:

1.	Free and Reduced Price Eligibility (school-level November data)		Maximum Points
	Rate	Points	
	90% - 100%	35	
	80% – 89%	25	
	70% – 79%	20	35
	60% - 69%	10	
	50% - 59%	5	
	Lower than 50%	0	

2.	Project Vision and Implementation Plan	Maximum Points
	Applicant provides a clear vision for use of the equipment in the	
	National School Lunch Program.	
	Applicant clearly describes how the equipment will have a	
	measurable impact on the school food service program.	15
	Applicant includes photographs, diagrams, manufacturer fact	
	sheets, or other supporting documentation for the vision.	
	Applicant includes a timeline of major milestones.	

3.	Ju	stificati	on and Impact on NSLP	Maximum Points
	•	Applic	ant demonstrates high need for equipment requested.	
	•	Applic	ant describes how the equipment meets one or more of the	
		focus areas including:		
		0	Improving the quality of school meals.	
		0	Improve the safety of food served in the NSLP.	
		0	Improve the energy efficiency of the school food service	35
			operation.	33
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			and/or Breakfast Program.	
		0	Contributes to the Smarter Lunchroom strategy.	
	Requested equipment meets the definition of "equipment" within			
		this gr	ant.	

4.	Detailed Budget	Maximum Points
	In addition to the criteria below, the level of cost-effectiveness will be	
	determined by the Budget and Budget Justification Narrative.	
	 Applicant is clear about how proposed costs were determined 	
	and steps were taken to ensure the equipment is cost-	
	effective.	
	All proposed costs are described in the Budget and Budget	15
	Justification Narrative.	
	All proposed costs are allowable costs.	
	Applicant provides three quotes for each equipment	
	requested.	

Description of Scoring

The criteria above will be scored using the following indicators:

- <u>Missing:</u> The category is not addressed.
- <u>Does Not Meet Expectations</u>: The applicant is missing a very large portion of the category, fails to provide information, provides inaccurate information, or provides information that is not discernible.
- Working Towards Expectations: The applicant provides unclear and non-specific information, partially addresses the category, but provides limited information about approach and strategies. The answers lack focus and detail.
- <u>Meets Expectations</u>: The applicant provides general but sufficient detail, adequately addresses the category; however, some areas are not fully explained and/or questions remain. The application has some minor inconsistencies and weaknesses.

• Exceeds Expectations: The applicant provides specific and comprehensive information, and provides complete, detailed, and clearly articulated responses to address the category. The description is well-conceived and the ideas are fully developed and original.

SECTION VI: APPLICATION FORMAT

Application Format

Applicants are required to follow the format below and each application must contain the following information, entered through EGMS:

- Contact Information
- Project Summary
- Project Justification
- Supporting Documents
- Detailed Planning Expenditures

Note that all central data, including SAMs and DUNS numbers must be submitted before this grant can be entered into EGMS.

Description of Application Sections

The purpose and content of each section is described below. Schools should include all information needed to adequately describe their objectives and plans for the equipment. It is important that applications reflect how the funds will be used to purchase equipment that will improve or supplement the school's participation in the National School Lunch Program. In addition, the budget and budget narrative should clearly demonstrate how and when the funds will be used in order to determine if the equipment purchase may provide a timely impact on the economy.

Contact Information (Attachment A)

The Contact Information section is included in Attachment A. Each application must include contact information for the authorized representative, grants manager and fiscal manager.

Program Specific Information (Attachment B)

The Program Specific Information section is included in Attachment B. This section of the application should be brief and provide an overview of the application. The application summary should highlight the major aspects of the objectives that are discussed in the project description.

Detailed Planning Expenditures (Attachment C)

The Detailed Planning Expenditures for this application shall contain detailed, itemized cost information that shows equipment purchases, personnel and other direct and indirect costs. The detailed budget narrative shall contain a justification for each category listed in the budget. The narrative should clearly state how the applicant arrived at the budget figures and your ability to spend or obligate the funds prior to the September 30, 2017 deadline.

Contact Information (Attachment A)

Authorized Representative:				
Address 1:				
Address 2:				
City:				
Phone:	Fax:			
Email:				
Grants Contact:				
Phone:	Fax:			
Email:				
Fiscal Contact:				
Phone:				
Email:				
Additional Email Address (up to five):				
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Program Specific Information (Attachment B)

Project Vision and Implementation

- Please provide a clear vision for use of the equipment in the National School Lunch (or Breakfast) Program. Clearly describe how the equipment will have a measurable impact on the school food service program. Include photographs, diagrams, manufacturer fact sheets, or other supporting documentation. Include a timeline of major milestones for the project.

Project Justification and Impact on NSLP

- Please describe the need for the equipment and explain how the equipment meets one or more of the focus areas including:
 - o Improving the quality of school meals.
 - Improve the safety of food served in the NSLP.
 - o Improve the energy efficiency of the school food service operation.
 - Improve or expand the level of participation in the NSLP and/or Breakfast Program.
 - Contributes to the Smarter Lunchroom strategy.
- Please describe how the equipment meets the definition of "equipment" within this grant and the age and condition of the equipment it is replacing, if applicable.

Budget Justification Narrative

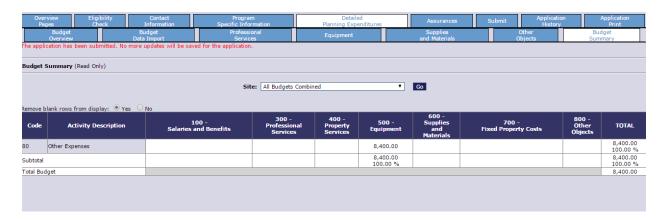
- How were proposed costs determined? What steps were taken to ensure the equipment is cost- effective?

Supporting Documents

- Three quotes for each equipment requested
- Letter of Acceptance into the National School Lunch Program
- Photographs, diagrams, manufacturer fact sheets, or other supporting documentation for the vision.

Detailed Planning Expenditures (Attachment C)

This section allows the applicant to list in the appropriate sections (tabs) the budget information, whether it is in professional services, equipment and/or supplies and materials. Once completed, a budget summary will calculate and the applicant can choose to take indirect costs for this application.



Assurances and Certifications (Attachment D)

Program Specific Assurances

- 1. We will insure that the facilities under our school or organization's ownership, lease or supervision, which shall be utilized in the accomplishment of the project are compliant with all District statutes, codes, and regulations;
- 2. If required by The Healthy School Act of 2010 (HSA) (D.C. Law 18-209), our school or organization is in compliance of all of the requirements of this act;
- 3. We will establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using their positions for a purpose that is or gives the appearance of being motivated by a desire for private gain for themselves or others, particularly with whom they have family, business, or other ties.

This attachment provides notice of the Central Data Assurances located in the Electronic Grants Management System to which the applicant must agree. Specifically, applicants will be required to attest to the following specific assurances:

- 1. If the grant is federally funded, recipient assures that it shall file a disclosure form at the end of each calendar quarter in which there occurs any event that requires disclosure or that materially affects the accuracy of any previously filed disclosure under 28 CFR Part 69, "New Restrictions on Lobby." See 28 CFR § 69.110(c).
- 2. If the grant is federally funded, recipient assures that it shall give immediate written notice to OSSE if it failed to disclose information required by federal regulations implementing 2 CFR Part 180, "Guidelines to Agencies on Government wide Debarment and Suspension (Non-procurement)," or if due to changed circumstances, the applicant or any of its principals now meet any of the following criteria:
 - A. Are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, excluded, disqualified, declared ineligible, sentenced to a denial of Federal benefits by a State or Federal Court, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any Federal department or agency.
 - B. Have within a three-year period preceding this application been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State, or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of federal or state antitrust statutes; or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, tax evasion, or receiving stolen property, making false claims, or obstruction of justice; or commission of any other offense indicating a lack of business integrity or business honesty that seriously and directly affects your present responsibility.
 - C. Are presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a government entity (Federal, State, or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in subparagraph (B) of this certification.

- D. Have within a three-year period preceding this application had one or more public transactions (Federal, State, or local) terminated for cause or default. See 2 CFR §180.350.
- 3. We will immediately notify OSSE, in writing, if either of the following occurs during the grant period:
 - A. We or any of our officers, partners, principals, members, or key employees is indicted or has charges brought against them and/or is convicted of (i) of any crime or offense arising directly or indirectly from the conduct of the applicant's organization; or (ii) any crime or offense involving financial misconduct or fraud;
 - B. We or any of our officers, partners, principals, members, or key employees becomes the subject of legal proceedings arising directly from the provision of services by the organization.
- 4. We shall comply with all terms and provisions of the *OSSE Subrecipient Monitoring Policy*, as may be amended.
- 5. We shall provide, upon request and pursuant to any timelines and/or formatting requirements established by OSSE in the LEA Data Management Policy, as applicable, or other OSSE data collection directive or policy, any records or data for the purposes of compliance with the federal or state data collection and reporting requirements, including EDFacts, compliance with federal or state grant administration requirements, inclusion, and/or preparation of the Annual School Report Card.
- 6. We are able to maintain adequate files and records and can and will meet all grant reporting requirements.
- 7. Our fiscal records are kept in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) and account for all funds, tangible assets, revenue, and expenditures whatsoever; that all fiscal records are accurate, complete and current at all times; and that these records will be made available for audit and inspection as required.
- 8. We have demonstrated administrative and financial capability to provide and manage the proposed services and ensure an adequate administrative performance and audit trail.
- 9. If required by the grant making agency, we are able to secure a bond, in an amount not less than the total amount of the funds awarded, against losses of money and other property caused by fraudulent or dishonest acts committed by any employee, board member, officer, partner, shareholder, or trainee.
- 10. We have the financial resources and technical expertise necessary for the production, construction, equipment and facilities adequate to perform the grant or sub grant, or the ability to obtain them.

- 11. We have a satisfactory record performing similar activities as detailed in the award or, if the grant award is intended to encourage the development and support of organizations without significant previous experience, that we have otherwise established that we have the skills and resources necessary to perform the grant.
- 12. We have a satisfactory record of integrity and business ethic.
- 13. We have the necessary organization, experience, accounting and operational controls, and technical skills to implement the grant, or the ability to obtain them.
- 14. We are in compliance with the applicable District licensing and tax laws and regulations.
- 15. We meet all other qualifications and eligibility criteria necessary to receive an award under applicable laws and regulations.
- 16. We agree to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Government of the District of Columbia and its authorized officers, employees, agents, and volunteers from any and all claims, actions, losses, damages, and/or liability arising out of this grant, or sub grant from any cause whatsoever, including the acts, errors, or omissions, of any person and for any costs or expenses incurred by the District on account of any claim therefore, except where such indemnification is prohibited by law.
- 17. We will retain all records, supporting documents, statistical records, and all other records pertinent to a Federal or local award for a period of five years from the date of submission of the final expenditure report or other required report, as appropriate. DC City-Wide Grants Manual and Sourcebook §8.8 Agency Post-Award Responsibilities; 34 CFR §81.31(c).
- 18. If the grant is locally funded, the recipient assures that it will (1) maintain effective control over, and accountability for, all personal property purchased with local grant funds by adequately safeguarding all assets, particularly equipment and any computing devices, and assuring that they are used solely for authorized purposes and (2) seek disposition instructions from OSSE when equipment (property with a purchase price of greater than \$5,000) acquired under an award is no longer needed. OSSE further reserves the right to require the grantee to return the grant-funded share of any equipment or residual inventory of unused supplies (all tangible property other than equipment) exceeding \$5,000 in total aggregate value at the end of the grant period.
- 19. Recipient assures it will abide by the prohibitions and protections required by the District of Columbia December 18, 2017 Mayor's Order 2017-313, Sexual Harassment Policy, Guidance and Procedures, as applicable to grantees.

Applicants will be required to acknowledge compliance with the following District and Federal statutes and regulations, as applicable:

- 1. The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, Pub. L. 101-336, July 26, 1990, 104 Stat. 327 (42 U.S.C. § 12101 et seq.)
- 2. Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Pub. L. 93-112, Sept. 26, 1973, 87 Stat. 355 (29 U.S.C. § 701 et seq.)
- 3. The Hatch Act, Pub. L. 103-94 (5 U.S. Code § 7321 et seq.)
- 4. The Fair Labor Standards Act, Chap 676, 52 Stat, 1060 (29 U.S.C. § 201 et seq.)
- 5. The Clean Air Act pub. L. 108-201, February 24, 2004, (42 U.S.C. Chap 85 et seq.)
- 6. The Hobbs Act (Anti-Corruption), Chap 537, 60 St. 420 (18 U.S.C. § 1951)
- 7. Equal Pay Act of 1963, Pub. L. 88-38, June 10, 1963, 77 Stat. 56 (29 U.S.C. § 201)
- 8. Age Discrimination Act of 1975, Pub. L. 94-135, Nov. 28, 1975, 89 Stat. 728 (42 U.S.C. § 6101 et seq.)
- 9. Age Discrimination in Employment Act, Pub. L. 90-202, Dec. 15, 1967, 81 Stat. 602 (29 U.S.C. § 621 et seq.)
- 10. Military Selective Service Act of 1973
- 11. Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Pub. L. 92-318, June 23, 1972, 86 Stat. 235, (20 U.S.C. § 1001)
- 12. Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986, Pub. L. 99-603, Nov 6, 1986, 100 Stat. 3359, (8 U.S.C. § 1101)
- 13. Medical Leave Act of 1993, Pub. L. 103-3, Feb. 5, 1993, 107 Stat. 6 (5 U.S.C. § 6381 et seq.)
- 14. Assurance of Nondiscrimination and Equal Opportunity (29 CFR § 34.20)
- 15. District of Columbia Human Rights Act of 1977 (D.C. Official Code § 2-1401.01)
- 16. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964
- 17. District of Columbia Language Access Act of 2004, DC Law 15 -414, (D.C. Official Code § 2-1931 et seq.)
- 18. Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104-65, Dec 19, 1995, 109 Stat. 693, (31 U.S.C. § 1352)
- 19. The Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, Pub. L. 91-596, Dec. 29, 1970, 84 Stat. 1590 (26 U.S.C. 651 et.seq.)

Certifications

The applicant shall be required to provide the following certifications:

1. Lobbying

If the grant is federally funded and as required by Section 1352, Title 31 of the U.S. Code and implemented at 28 CFR Part 69, for persons entering into a grant or cooperative agreement

over \$100,000, as defined at 28 CFR Part 69, the applicant certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that

- A. No federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the aforesigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the making of any federal grant, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any federal grant or cooperative agreement;
- B. If any funds other than federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this federal grant or cooperative agreement, the aforesigned shall complete and upload Standard Form LLL, "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities," in accordance with its instructions. The form may be uploaded within the applicant's application in EGMS.
- C. The applicant shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subgrants, contracts under grants and cooperative agreements, and subcontracts) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

2. Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters

If the grant is federally funded and as required by applicable federal regulations implementing Office of Management and Budget (OMB) guidelines at 2 CFR Part 180, "Guidelines to Agencies on Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Non-procurement)," for prospective participants in a covered transaction:

- A. The applicant certifies that it and its principals:
 - i. Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, excluded, disqualified, declared ineligible, sentenced to a denial of Federal benefits by a State or Federal Court, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any Federal department or agency.
 - ii. Have not within a three-year period preceding this application been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State, or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of federal or state antitrust statutes; commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, tax evasion, receiving stolen property, making false claims, or obstruction of justice; or commission of any other offense indicating a lack of business integrity or business honesty that seriously and directly affects your present responsibility;

- iii. Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a government entity (Federal, State, or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in subparagraph (i) of this certification; and
- iv. Have not within a three-year period preceding this application had one or more public transactions (Federal, State, or local) terminated for cause or default.
- B. Where the applicant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, he or she shall attached an explanation to this application.

3. Criminal Offenses or Legal Proceedings

The applicant certifies that it has provided the following disclosures, in writing, to OSSE as applicable.

- A. Whether the applicant or any of its officers, partners, principals, members, or key employees, within three (3) years prior to the date of the application have been indicated or had charges brought against them (if still pending) and/or been convicted of (i) any crime or offense arising directly or indirectly from the conduct of the applicant's organization or (ii) any crime or offense involving financial misconduct or fraud; or
- B. Whether the applicant has been the subject of legal proceedings arising directly from the provision of services by the organization.
- C. If the response for 3(A) or 3(B) is in the affirmative, the applicant shall fully describe any such indictments, charges, convictions, or legal proceedings (and the status and disposition thereof) and the surrounding circumstances in writing and provide documentation of the circumstances.

"The applicant is prohibited from including any individual's personally identifiable information, including but not limited to any data protected under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, without also providing that individual's written consent for the release of that information. Personally identifiable information is information that can be used to distinguish or trace an individual's identity, either alone or when combined with other personal or identifying information that is linked or linkable to a specific individual."

4. Political Campaigns and Contributions (for locally funded grants of \$100,000 or more)

If the grant is \$100,000 or more of local funds and in accordance with D.C. Official Code §1-328.15, I certify, under penalty of perjury, that the applicant is eligible to receive this grant award because the applicant and any of its officers, principals, partners, or members has not made a contribution (as that term is defined in D.C. Official Code §1-1161.01) or solicited such a contribution to be made for a District of Columbia general election within the time periods as described below:

A. The applicant is ineligible to receive this grant from the date a contribution or solicitation for a contribution was made and continuing for one year after the general

election for which the contribution or solicitation for contribution was made, whether or not the contribution was made before the primary election, to any of the following: i. An elected District of Columbia official who is or could be involved in influencing or approving the award of this grant;

ii. A candidate for elective District of Columbia office who is or could be involved in influencing or approving the award of this grant; or

iii. A political committee affiliated with a District candidate or elected District official described in (i) or (ii) above.

5. Compliance with Tax and Other Payments

The applicant certifies that it is current and shall remain current on payment of all federal and District taxes, as applicable, including Unemployment Insurance taxes and Workers' Compensation premiums. This statement of certification shall be accompanied, as appropriate, by a certificate from the District of Columbia OTR stating that the entity has complied with the filing requirements of District of Columbia tax laws and has paid taxes due to the District of Columbia, or is in compliance with any payment agreement with OTR. If applicable, please upload the OTR statement of certification here.

6. Acknowledgment of Accuracy

I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the information contained in this application is correct. I understand that to falsify information is grounds for denial or termination of any grant award.