

OFFICE OF THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION

NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY (NOFA)

SHARED SERVICE BUSINESS ALLIANCE GRANT

Request for Application (RFA) Release Date: April 21, 2017
DEADLINE TO SUBMIT APPLICATION – May 22, 2017 by 3 p.m.

The Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE) is soliciting grant applications for the Shared Service Business Alliance Grant. The purpose of the Shared Service Business Alliance Grant is 000 The goal of the shared service alliance is to enable providers focus on children rather than devoting time to many of the other operational and administrative functions that do not require the specialized skills and know how involved with supporting a child's healthy development. The grant is supported through local funds as part of a strategic citywide effort to increase access to high quality early education and support DC's Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) Plan 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.)).

Eligibility: OSSE will make these grants available through a competitive process. Eligible applicants include not-for-profit, for-profit, and faith-based organizations. Eligible applicants must have experience in organizational development, systems design and capacity, business operations, financial management principles, management of small and medium enterprises, education and/or human services, and human resources management.

Available Funding for Award: The total funding available for this award period is up to \$500,000.

OSSE maintains the right to adjust the grant award and amount based on funding availability. Determinations regarding the number of competitive grants 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.

For additional information regarding this grant competition, please contact:

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The Request for Applications (RFA) will be released April 21, 2017 through OSSE's Enterprise Grants Management System (EGMS). The online system and training videos may be accessed by visiting <http://grants.osse.dc.gov>.