

2017 Environmental Literacy Advancement Grant



Office of the State Superintendent of Education
Pre-Application Conference / Information Session
Aug. 25, 2016

Env. Literacy Advancement Grant Timeline

Grant Period: Oct. 3, 2016 – Sept. 30, 2017

Announcement Date: July 29, 2016

RFA Release Date: Aug. 12, 2016

Pre-Application Conference/Info Session:

- Aug. 25, 2016: 2–3 p.m.

Pre-Application Question Period Ends: Aug. 31, 2016

Frequently Asked Questions Posted: Sept. 7, 2016

Application Submission Deadline: Sept. 19, 2016

Awardees Announced: No later than Sept. 30, 2016

Agenda

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Env. Literacy Advancement Grant Background

- Part of the new Environmental Literacy Program at OSSE – complements existing school garden and farm-to-school efforts.
- Goal is to increase capacity of environmental organizations to provide programs to schools developing a school-based environmental literacy program.
- Provides the opportunity to develop a coordinated approach for program delivery.
- Collaboration between partners is encouraged.

Award Information / Eligibility

- \$350,000 available total
- Reimbursement grant
- Funding is intended to support environmental literacy experiences at an entire grade level
- Partnerships are encouraged
- Nonprofit or community based organizations with 501(c)(3) status



Submission Information



Office of the State Superintendent of Education
Government of the District Of Columbia



Enterprise Grants Management System (EGMS)

Homepage: grants.osse.dc.gov

- The RFA (PDF) is on the OSSE Environmental Literacy grants page
 - Applications must be submitted using the EGMS Portal
- Other EGMS Resources:
- Training Videos
 - Users Manual
 - Budget Definitions and Examples

Submission Info, Cont.

- Applicants must have credentials entered into the Enterprise Grants Management System (EGMS).
- To register (get credentials) as a new user in EGMS, you will need:
 - FEIN (Tax ID #) of your organization
 - DUNS number
 - SAM expiration date
- Central Data section must be complete in order for an application to be submitted.
- Start this process early so you can be in the system when you're ready to submit your application!

Program Requirements

- “Adopt-a-grade” – elementary only
- Provide an environmental education experience: air, water, land, resource conservation, and/or health.
- Programs will be at ALL schools represented in the 2016 Environmental Literacy Leadership Cadre during the 2016-17 school year; can go until Sept. 30, 2017.
- Provide OSSE with recommendations regarding adoption of grade-level experiences.
- Communication and reporting.

Projected Grade Level Student Numbers

Grade Level	Number of Students*
PreK-3	535
PreK-4	721
K	753
1	888
2	872
3	789
4	773
5	527

* Estimated numbers from the SY 2015-16 School Year Enrollment Audit.

- Bridges PCS
- Capital City PCS
- HD Cooke Elementary
- Kimball Elementary
- KIPP DC – Heights Academy
- Langdon Elementary
- Ludlow-Taylor Elementary
- Malcolm X Elementary
- Maury Elementary
- Mundo Verde PCS
- Peabody Elementary
- School Within School @ Goding
- Seaton Elementary
- Tyler Elementary
- Van Ness Elementary
- Watkins Elementary

Program Topic Areas

- Air: air quality, climate change
- Water: stormwater, rivers, aquatic wildlife
- Land: plants, soil, urban planning, terrestrial wildlife
- Resource Conservation: energy, waste, recycling
- Health: outdoor physical activity, gardens, food

Application Scoring

Criteria	Scoring Weight
Project Vision and Implementation Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Description of current EE program delivery to DC elementary schools.• Vision of the proposed environmental literacy project.• Implementation plan and timeline.• Plan to address challenges.• Role of partnering organizations and how partners will collaborate.	25
Curriculum Integration Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Curriculum using and how it supports the Environmental Literacy Framework.• Description of environmental literacy program.	20
Student and Community Involvement Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none">• How students will be impacted, and the community will be involved.	20
Cost-effectiveness of Budget <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Clear description of costs and how costs were determined.	15
	80 total ¹¹

Award Administration

- Award notification no later than Sept. 30, 2016
- Grantees expected to respond to inquiries and requests from OSSE and the Environmental Literacy Specialist throughout the grant period.
- Grants will be monitored through site visits and project reports.
- All invoicing and reporting will be done through EGMS.

Tips for Completing your Application

- Type out your narrative then copy/paste into EGMS
- Save often in EGMS
- Start early!
- Use scoring rubric to inform your responses
- Q&A period – via email – ends on Aug. 31, 2016
- Submit questions to:
Grace.Manubay@dc.gov





Engage



Explain



Explore



Extend



Elaborate

Questions? Contact Grace.Manubay@dc.gov

Visit: <http://osse.dc.gov/service/environmental-literacy-program-elp>