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Questions for the Environmental Literacy Advancement Grant

Q: I was unable to attend the pre-application conference meeting. Is my organization still eligible to apply for the grant? Is it possible to partner with an organization who did not attend the pre-application meeting?

A: Yes, your organization is still eligible to apply for the grant, and it is possible to partner with an organization that did not attend the meeting. The pre-application meeting was an opportunity to gauge interest among different community organizations.

Q: Is there a way to know what other groups are applying for the grant? My impression is that this grant is encouraging collaboration between different groups.

A: No, unfortunately OSSE is not in the position to share information on what other groups are interested in applying for this opportunity. The grant encourages collaboration, but collaboration is not required.

Q: Page 4 on the Request for Applications (RFA) says that K-12 public schools are an intended population, but it is for elementary only. Can you clarify?

A: The programs take place at schools that serve students enrolled in any of the grades between PreK-5.

Q: What are the schools that are going to be part of this project?

A: Schools are going to be selected based on teachers in the 2016 Environmental Literacy Leadership Cadre.

Q: What schools are listed in the 2016 Environmental Literacy Leadership Cadre? How do we access this list? I am assuming this list will tell us how many classes are in each grade.

A: The list of schools represented in the cadre is available on this webpage: <http://osse.dc.gov/service/environmental-literacy-leadership-cadre>. You can also access the presentation from the pre-application meeting, which has a slide that lists a projected number of students in each grade on this page: <http://osse.dc.gov/node/1134967>.

Q: We already partner with schools in DC. Can we partner with them as part of this grant?

A: The only schools that will be served through this grant are those represented in 2016 Environmental Literacy Leadership Cadre.

Q: How do you expect to have organizations be able to reach all students within one grade level?

A: Applying to the grant in partnership with other organizations may be a way to increase capacity of all involved to be able to conduct programming at all the schools.

Q: What is the time requirement (e.g., number of sessions) for outside partners to administer their programs?

A: There is no time requirement for partners to administer the program.

Q: Is there a minimum requirement on how many environmental education experiences each individual class needs to have?

A: No, there is no minimum requirement for the number of environmental education experiences an individual class needs to have.

Q: Are there any requirements for how many in the classroom vs. in the field environmental education experiences each class will have?

A: No, there aren't any requirements for the number of *in classroom* vs. *in the field* experiences each class will have.

Q: Should there be a professional development component to the application?

A: Not necessarily. Professional development is not a requirement, but if your program includes working with teachers in addition to providing student programs, you may note that in your application.

Q: Aside from what is outlined in the grant description, are there other parameters for a match for the grant?

A: No, there are no additional parameters for a match for the grant.

Q: Is it possible to spend the funding after Sept. 30, 2016, if the programs are scheduled prior to that date?

A: No, the funding is only available for FY16, which ends on Sept. 30, 2016. All receipts for reimbursement must be dated on or before Sept. 30, 2016.

Q: Does this application impact decisions for other OSSE grants, such as the School Garden Grant?

A: No, the grants are separate and decisions will not be influenced by other grants.

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