

2024 Summer Strong Grant Competitions Summary

The Office of Out of School Time Grants and Youth Outcomes (OST Office), located in the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Education (DME) thanks all the organizations that applied for the 2024 Summer Strong DC grants. Altogether there were thirty-six (36) organizations that submitted applications. The quality of the applications made for a highly competitive process. The number of excellent programs and organizations that applied was impressive and we appreciate and recognize the contributions of every organization for their continued work with children and youth across the District of Columbia.

Learn24 is a network of before- and after-school and summer programs, also called out-of-school-time (OST) programs, to ensure youth in the District of Columbia have access to quality educational and enrichment activities beyond the school day.

Highlights

- \$1,444,204 will be awarded by the OST Office to eighteen (18) organizations that will serve 1,675 District of Columbia children and youth during the 2024 summer grant period.
- Of the total:
- Fourteen (14) organizations are new grantees that were not funded by the OST Office in FY23.
- Seven (7) organizations are small nonprofits.
- The 2024 Summer Strong DC grant competition's Request for Applications was released on January 10, 2024, and applications were received by February 28, 2024.

Overview of the 2024 Summer Strong DC Grant Competitions

All proposals were reviewed and scored by three (3) impartial reviewers using a publicly available rubric.

- Thirty-six (36) applications were received with a total request of \$2,902,940.
- Twenty-nine (29) applications were found eligible for review.
- Eighteen (18) applicants will be awarded grants for a total of \$1,444,204.
- Applications that scored 65 or greater, including priority points, out of 60 total points (92 total points with priority points) were awarded 100% of their grant request, within the context of the stipulated maximum request allowable.
- Any application that scored between 63 and 64, including priority points, out of 60 total points (92 total points with priority points) was awarded 75% of their grant request, within the context of the stipulated maximum request allowable.
- Any application that scored 62 or below, including priority points, out of 60 total points (92 total points with priority points) was ineligible for funding.
- Grant amounts requested ranged from \$25,000 to \$100,000.

List of 2024 Summer Strong DC Grantees

1. The Difference Society* (SNP)
2. MJT-TV Excel, Inc.* (SNP)
3. The Salvation Army*
4. PLOE Placing Love Over Everything* (SNP)
5. Collaborative Solutions for Communities
6. Honestly Speaking, Inc.* (SNP)
7. Rocketship Public Schools DC*
8. Special Olympics District of Columbia Inc.*
9. Friendship Public Charter School
10. Angels of Hope Ministries, Inc.* (SNP)
11. DC Strings Workshop*
12. George Washington University
13. On-Ramps to Careers*
14. YMCA of Metropolitan Washington*
15. SciTech2U Inc (SNP)
16. Generation Teach, Inc.*
17. KRoussaw Foundation* (SNP)
18. Washington Global Public Charter School*

* = New Grantee, SNP = Small Nonprofit