

**Learn 24 Email with Guidance for OST Providers Receiving Learn 24 Grants**  
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Thank you for your patience and understanding as the District responds to COVID-19. As of March 11, Mayor Muriel Bowser has declared both a state of emergency and a public health emergency, effective immediately. More information is available [here](#).

Per the grant agreement, “Force Majeure – In the event Grantee is prevented from continuing or completing the terms of this grant because of an act of God, public enemy, strike, lockout, picketing, riots, insurrection, or any governmental order, rule, regulation, or an ordinance, then notwithstanding anything herein contained to the contrary, Grantee shall notify Grantor within ten (10) calendar days of said event, of its inability to perform under the terms of this grant and shall, with the approval of the Grant Manager, attempt to secure alternative means for the completion of the grant purpose.”

At this time, grantees DO NOT need to secure alternative means for the program in the event a public building is closed or if a District agency or LEA makes a determination to cancel activities.

Community based organizations with their own facilities should contact Learn24 if considering closure and for further grant related guidance.

The OST Office encourages grantees to consider distance learning and remote opportunities to engage youth and staff in the event facilities are closed. Any program changes must be communicated to the OST Office.

**Additional Guidance**

The following policies related to the School Year 2019-2020 OST, School Year 2019-2020 Small Nonprofit OST, and Fiscal Year 2020 Year Round OST grants:

1. Budget modifications are NOT required for the following line items as long as a program modification notice has been received and approved by the OST Office. Please note, grantees must maintain supporting documentation (receipts, certificates of completion for trainings, etc.) as an audit may be done to confirm the allowable expense:

Changes for the following budget line items:

- a. Supplies and Equipment for purchases to help reduce the spread of coronavirus and influenza. (ex. cleaning products, hand sanitizer, tissues, etc.);
- b. Computer Equipment to support distance or online learning;
- c. Books, Media, and Other Learning Materials to support online learning;
- d. Other Expense under Program Facilities for contracted services for deep cleaning of the program space;
- e. Staff Training to purchase or cover the cost for online staff development; or

- f. Fringe Benefits to cover sick leave and paid time off, for accrued time.
2. Closures of a public facility, for any length in time, will not affect the grantees performance of the grant as long as the grantee has communicated the closure and program changes to Learn24@dc.gov.

### **Online Professional Development**

Learn24 will make the ten Weikart Methods Courses available online to grantees. However, to take advantage of this opportunity Weikart will need at least one week to set-up the accounts for the individual users and time to mail the workbook(s). If your organization would like to take advantage of the opportunity, please email Learn24@dc.gov with the following information:

Name of Organization

Name and email of all users who will access the online learning

### **Coronavirus Information**

Centers for Disease Control Coronavirus Webpage

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/>

Centers for Disease Control Community & Home Cleaning

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/home/cleaning-disinfection.html>

DC Health Coronavirus Webpage

<https://coronavirus.dc.gov/>

The situation is ever evolving and we will try to keep you updated. Please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for supporting our families and children during this time.

Regards,  
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