

Bidder's Webinar FAQ

Question: Does an applying organization have to wait until after the grant effective date of November 1, 2014 to hire staff or charge expenses to the grant?

Answer: An applying organization may hire staff at their own expense before November 1, 2014, however, the grant will not cover any accrued expenses before the date of award which is no sooner than November 1, 2014.

Question: Does the 100 participants include students during ELT?

Answer: Participants of the 21st CCLC program whether attending before, during, or after school are to be included in attendance numbers.

Question: In order to receive the priority points for high school and/or middle school does the HS or MS also have to be a priority school?

Answer: No, those are two separate competitive priority point categories. However, the applicant has to also submit the grant as a joint partnership to be eligible for these points. Please reference pages 7 and 8 of the RFP.

Question: Does programming offered during ELT hours count towards the 12 hours/ 28 weeks minimum?

Answer: Yes, 21st CCLC programming operation can occur before, during (ELT), or after school as long as it meets the 12 hour p/week for 28 week minimum requirement.

Question: Where are the RFP attachments located?

Answer: All attachments can be found at <http://www.isbe.net/21cclc/html/funding.htm>. Under RFP forms, you may access the attachments as a whole document, and the attachments are also listed individually.

Question: How do we determine the number of students to be served for 30 days or more if we are requesting funding between the minimum and the maximum amounts allowable for a site?

Answer: Funding requested for less than the minimum or maximum amounts allowable per site must be reasonable and comparable to the parameters set.

Question: Should we budget for the 21st CCLC Summer Institute, given that it wasn't held this past year?

Answer: There have been talks about a potential upcoming 21st CCLC Summer Institute however the details are not yet available. Applicants may amend their budgets (if approved) to attend this conference when the details become available.

Question: Can there be one application for two priority list schools (one having been previously funded and one that has never been previously funded), or will they need to be on separate applications?

Answer: An applicant can apply for previously funded sites and new sites on the same application. It is the applicant's discretion how they choose to apply. Additional competitive points will not be awarded based on how many priorities school you select to serve outside of what is stated in the RFP.

Question: Can there be an hours-based equivalency to "days" for HS students who need the program but struggle to make "regular attendee" status?

Answer: At this time no hour-based equivalency to "days" for any specific category of students is listed. All students are encouraged to attend the program regularly to receive the most benefit from program offerings.

Question: When will the CPS protocol and guidelines for applying be posted?

Answer: The CPS protocol and guidelines for applying are available on the ISBE website. Please see the following link <http://www.isbe.net/21cclc/html/funding.htm>.

Question: If we are a CBO that has never served as an applicant in the past applying jointly with a previously funded applicant, are we considered a new applicant?

Answer: An entity applying as the fiscal agent is considered a new applicant if the entity has never served as an applicant or co-applicant on a previous award. Any entity applying as the fiscal agent who has held a previous 21st CCLC award is considered a previously funded applicant regardless of the funding status of proposed sites to be served.

Question: How are you defining the term "administrative agent"?

Answer: The administrative agent is the fiscal agent or agent that is administering the grant.

Question: Are charter schools eligible to apply if we are a 501c3 community based organization recognized by under the LEA and not by ISBE?

Answer: As per page one of the RFP, only state-authorized charter schools are eligible to apply. Charter schools authorized by LEAs are not eligible to apply independently from their authorizing LEAs.

Question: Does a K-8 school not qualify as a middle school?

Answer: A middle school is defined on page eight of the RFP. A K-8 school does not qualify as a middle school in this instance.

Question: How do we demonstrate collaboration with the LEA?

Answer: Grants that are awarded jointly must remain a collaborative effort. No template or guideline is provided for demonstrating collaboration. The two entities must decide how to present evidence of collaboration.

Question: Has the list of currently funded schools been updated to reflect schools to which funds were moved due to school closures in CPS last year?

Answer: The list was updated before the current funding opportunity was opened publicly.

Question: Are family special events such as a culmination of ongoing programs allowable? For example, a showcase at the end of the program season.

Answer: Culminating showcases are allowable. However, they are not acceptable methods of family engagement because they do not meet the minimum standard of being ongoing. Food cannot be purchased for such an event using program funds.

Question: When will the webinar and power point presentation be available?

Answer: Both the power point presentation and the recorded webinar is available at <http://www.isbe.net/21cclc/html/funding.htm>.