

# FY 19 Healthy Communities – Non-school Districts

## Frequently Asked Questions

**Question 1:** Can Non-School Districts apply for the competitive grant if they are working in a district that has received the funding for the Healthy Communities LEA Grant?

**Answer:** Yes, the RFP is for the competitive non-school district side. A non-school district applicant may apply if they meet the eligibility requirements listed within the RFP.

**Question 2:** What criteria is used to identify “low-income” for this grant?

**Answer:** To calculate the low-income count, elementary schools may use the number of students eligible for free and reduced-price meals. For middle and high schools, the free and reduced-price count generated at the school or from the elementary schools that feed into the middle and/or high schools may be used to establish the low-income count at the receiving middle or high school.

Community based organizations serving students from multiple schools or districts may use the above information to calculate low income, or may also demonstrate the use of their internal organizational method to determine low income. If this is used, please note that a description of how low income is measured, along with supporting documents is encouraged.

**Question 3:** When is it anticipated that the Programmatic Risk Assessment ISBE Web Application Security will be available?

**Answer:** It is available in the application upon an award.

**Question 4:** Can school districts in conjunction with non-school districts submit an RFP (i.e. a school district work with a local park district)?

**Answer:** Yes, however this RFP is for non-school district applicants only. We do encourage partnerships with school districts, but the non-school district will be the fiscal agent and would be accountable for the programming for any award that would be made.

**Question 5:** If our non-profit does not serve Kindergartners, are we eligible for this grant?

**Answer:** Yes. There is not a set grade parameter - as long as you're working with students from the designated eligibility requirements listed in the RFP.

**Question 6:** Can you explain the potential for additional funding beyond the \$25,000 base?

**Answer:** Potential for additional funding is based upon the applicant's proportional share of the total numbers of student served. After all applications have been received and approved we can then tell how many students are proposed to be served and any potential additional funding will be based upon this number.

**Question 7:** To clarify - all funds must be spent by August 31, 2019? It is not that programs can start between January 22 and August 31?

**Answer:** The time of award date will be the start date with an end date of June 30, 2018 and can extend through August 31, 2019.

**Question 8:** We provide enrichment activities in a safe and healthy environments, and throughout the application it says and/or, but in the eligible applicants it says under the bullets -documented success in raising academic outcomes. Is that a requirement if you are providing enrichment activities?

**Answer:** Yes, eligible applicants are non- school district entities that meet the following criteria:

- Serve 90 percent or more low-income students (\*minimum 100 students)
- Documented success in raising academic outcomes
- Documented evidence of a strong relationship with local school or school district
- Documented evidence of effective enrichment activities and increased student safety
- Documented evidence of effective grant management

**Question 9:** Are SEL programming allowed?

**Answer:** As long as your program addresses the key components and the goals outlined in the RFP it would be eligible for acceptable programming.

**Question 10:** Could you please explain the school district's lead role for the community applicants?

**Answer:** This RFP is for non-school district entities only. However, we do encourage partnerships between school districts. Districts can take the lead role in the partnership, but the non-school district entity will be the fiscal agent for the grant.

**Question 11:** Can we apply for this grant if we currently receive funding under the Healthy and Thriving Students ISBE grant?

**Answer:** Yes. To clarify, this is for FY19 funds. We have \$15 million appropriated and \$2.5 million is for the competitive side which is the non-school district side. So if you are a non-school district entity then this would be the first time the non-school district would be receiving funds.

**Question 12:** Are parent activities eligible for support?

**Answer:** As long as your program addresses the key components and the three goals outlined in the RFP it would be eligible for acceptable programming.

**Question 13:** Depending on their age/grade level, they would participate in certain components. Do all 100+ students enrolled in the program need to participate in all components of a program, or would it be acceptable for students to participate in a subset of the program components?

**Answer:** The services provided to students must address the components as outlined within the RFP and provide opportunities outside of the school day to:

- Improve academic outcomes for students; and/or
- Provide opportunities for enrichment activities in a safe and healthy environment; and/or

- Provide opportunities to strengthen public, private, and philanthropic partnerships so that quality support services are more durable for student facing the greatest challenges.

Students may receive multiple services from multiple components.