

FY 22 CURES After School Programs Grant

Frequently Asked Questions

Question 1: Will this grant cover hotel costs for the student, staff, or both?

Answer: Yes, both student and staff are covered.

Question 2: Will the grant cover the cost of transportation to the community college?

Answer: Yes.

Question 3: What are the requirements to partner with one of the tier 1 or tier 2 schools?

Answer: There is a signature required from the Tier 1 or 2 school located in Attachment 2 of the application.

Question 4: If we were to apply jointly, what specifically would be required of the school going forward?

Answer: There aren't specific requirements needed from the school, programming is a partnership between the applicant and the community or school district.

Question 5: How formal does our organization's relationship with Chicago Public Schools need to be?

Answer: Eligible applicants are joint applications between not-for-profit community-based organizations and Tier 1 or Tier 2 public school districts. Per page 7 of the RFP, applicants will need to "Describe the partnership between the applicant and the community or school district. Describe the relevance and the commitment of each collaborative partner in the proposed program to the implementation and success of the project. The description should support the historical performance of each partner and its capacity to implement the services as described."

Question 6: Do the afterschool programs need to be in district schools?

Answer: No.

Question 7: Does the grant support direct staff costs?

Answer: Yes.

Question 8: On page 3 of the RFP text in the **Program Description** states that there is no minimum number of students to be served and in the **Performance Measures** states that 10% of participants will attend a minimum of 30 days of programming?

Answer: 10% of the total amount of students you are serving.

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Question 9: On page 7 under Program Design, applications are required to provide a program schedule of operation, including a sample schedule for one week, which implies a 4-5 day afterschool program design. However, what I do not see is a minimum number of hours/days for the program as required by the 21st Century grant.

Answer: A set number of hours is not a requirement. However, per page 7 of the RFP a rationale for the proposed hours of operation should be included and based on the program schedule of operation, provide information on how the proposed schedule will meet the program objectives.

Question 10: Although I realize that a program that runs for eg 1 or 2 days/week for 1 semester may not be as competitive of a grant as a program that is 5 days/week throughout the school year, is it correct that the # days/hours is up to the applicant?

Answer: Yes, the applicant must provide a rationale for the proposed hours of operation.

Question 11: How does a Saturday and summer program calculate the number of “days” of participation?

Answer: Each day would be considered a separate day.

Question 12: How do we calculate if 90% of our participants are “low income” when they come from more than 80 schools and a good number of communities?

Answer: Eligible applicants are joint applications between not-for-profit community-based organizations and Tier 1 or Tier 2 public school districts. Tier 1 or Tier 2 district status is determined by the Evidence-Based Funding formula for FY 2022.

Question 13: Our 11th graders focus on computer science and electrical engineering in partnership with the Grainger College of Engineering at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and participate in mentoring and advocacy with scientists at the University of Chicago. Should we focus our proposal on that grade level?

Answer: Please refer to the "General Information" section of the RFP. Since this is a competitive RFP we unfortunately cannot make recommendations for your programming.

Question 14: One question that the staff is asking: Will this grant cover hotel costs for the student, staff, or both?

Answer: Both student and staff.

Question 15: We have students who will be attending summer school to make up credit at a community college. Will the grant cover the cost of transportation to the community college?

Answer: Yes.

Question 16: What percentage of the budget can we include for evaluation? Is this the usual 10% only?

Answer: There isn't a set percentage for evaluation.

Question 17: Are parent or family activities allowed as a part of this grant?

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Answer: Yes, as long as the criteria listed in the “Program Objectives” on page 3 of the RFP/NOFO are met.

Question 18: Are professional development opportunities for instructors/teachers also allowed as a part of this grant??

Answer: Yes, as long as the criteria listed in the “Program Objectives” on page 3 of the RFP/NOFO are met.