



## Youth-Led Funding Opportunity

### Q& A Tracker

Updated 10/19/21

#	Question/Answer	Date & Origin of Question	Date Answered	
1	<b>Question:</b> Do you know if the applying student needs to live in one of the council districts?	<b>Answer:</b> No, the students personally do not need to live in one of the council districts. However, the awarded program or service does need to occur in one of the City of Seattle Council Districts.	Tues, 9/21/21 3:21 PM <a href="mailto:DEELFunding@seattle.gov">DEELFunding@seattle.gov</a>	9/22/21
2	<b>Question:</b> Are student clubs from our school [Rainier Prep Middle School] eligible?	<b>Answer:</b> Yes, student clubs from any school are eligible as long as they meet the eligibility requirement of providing a service or program in one or more of the City of Seattle Council Districts.	Tues, 9/21/21 3:21 PM <a href="mailto:DEELFunding@seattle.gov">DEELFunding@seattle.gov</a>	9/22/21
3	<b>Question:</b> Are you pretty firm on the age requirements? My [child's] elementary school has some 4 <sup>th</sup> and 5 <sup>th</sup> graders that might be interested if they could be eligible.	<b>Answer:</b> Applicants and youth leaders must be 12-24 years old to apply. We thank you for your interest, and will consider younger applicants if funds remain or future opportunities for youth-led projects arise.	Wed, 9/22/21 12:19 PM <a href="mailto:DEELFunding@seattle.gov">DEELFunding@seattle.gov</a>	9/22/21
4	<b>Question:</b> So if the CEO of the 501(c)(3) nonprofit is not between ages 12-24, does this mean the company is not eligible, even though the target audience of the people I am helping is in this age range? (I'm offering scholarships for college)	<b>Answer:</b> Correct. The applicants must be within the stated eligible age range. However, adult leaders of community-based organizations can act as fiscal sponsors for applicants who do not already have a sponsor identified.	Wed, 9/22/21 9:11 AM <a href="mailto:DEELFunding@seattle.gov">DEELFunding@seattle.gov</a>	10/1/21
5	<b>Question:</b> What if I have a board member that was recently added and they are 24 years old, could they apply on behalf of my company since they are a board member, but they are not the CEO/president? (I am a new company)	<b>Answer:</b> Yes, the 24-year-old would meet applicant requirements for this opportunity. However, the age of the applicant does not exclude the requirement that the program or service must be youth-led. Adult leaders of community-based organizations can act as fiscal sponsors for applicants who do not already have a sponsor identified.	Wed, 9/22/21 9:11 AM <a href="mailto:DEELFunding@seattle.gov">DEELFunding@seattle.gov</a>	10/1/21

<p>6 <b>Question:</b> We're wondering if applicants are allowed to be listed on two different applications? for example: being part of one application due to connection to a group or club that's applying, and also applying as an individual if you have a creative idea that differs from what that group is doing.</p>	<p><b>Answer:</b> There is no restriction on an applicant being listed on two different applications for two different programs or services.</p>	<p>Thurs, 9/23/21 1:04 PM <a href="mailto:DEELFunding@seattle.gov">DEELFunding@seattle.gov</a></p>	<p>9/23/21</p>
<p>7 <b>Question:</b> We've seen the criteria listed on the website for how grants will be awarded, just double checking if there is any weight being put on turning it in sooner rather than closer to the deadline, so we know if there then becomes a greater value placed on things turned in now rather than in 3 weeks. This helps us know how much we can afford to take our time with the application process.</p>	<p><b>Answer:</b> No. The application due date remains October 25<sup>th</sup> at 5p. There are no added points for early submission; this is not a "first come first serve" opportunity.  However, it is encouraged to submit the application sooner rather than later. In the event the application does not meet the technical compliance, the applicant would have additional time to make the necessary corrections in order to become eligible.</p>	<p>Thurs, 9/23/21 1:04 PM <a href="mailto:DEELFunding@seattle.gov">DEELFunding@seattle.gov</a></p>	<p>9/23/21</p>
<p>8 <b>Question:</b> Is there any flexibility in the age range of applicants for the youth led mini-grant opportunity? West Seattle Elementary has a student leadership club that is interested in applying, but the students are ages 9 to 11.</p>	<p><b>Answer:</b> Applicants and youth leaders must be 12-24 years old to apply. We thank you for your interest, and will consider younger applicants if funds remain or future opportunities for youth-led projects arise.</p>	<p>Thurs, 9/23/21 1:44 PM <a href="mailto:DEELFunding@seattle.gov">DEELFunding@seattle.gov</a></p>	<p>9/28/21</p>
<p>9 <b>Question:</b> I work at the Lake City Community Center for Parks are we eligible to reply for this grant? Or does it need to be an organization outside the city?</p>	<p><b>Answer:</b> There are no eligibility restrictions on sponsoring organization. Requirements focus on age of youth leaders and the geography of the program or service.</p>	<p>Fri, 9/24/21 9:41 AM <a href="mailto:DEELFunding@seattle.gov">DEELFunding@seattle.gov</a></p>	<p>9/28/21</p>
<p>10 <b>Question:</b> We have a staff member at our organization who is part of the age range eligible for the grant. She is interested in applying for funds to help support her organizing work with high school youth who participate in our program.  We also have a group of high school youth who are interested in applying for funds to support a project that they will be working on this year.  Could both our staff member and our students apply for funding? Or will</p>	<p><b>Answer:</b> Varying youth from the same fiscal sponsor can apply for the mini-grant as long as the proposed program, project, or service differ.</p>	<p>Fri, 9/24/21 1:42 PM <a href="mailto:DEELFunding@seattle.gov">DEELFunding@seattle.gov</a></p>	<p>9/28/21</p>

	only one application per organization be accepted?			
11	<p><b>Question:</b> I'm wondering why the application prioritization (found on slide 8 of the information session slides) lists "white-identified or cis-gendered people" as the highest priority for audience served. This seems antithetical to the idea of a grant with the goal of supporting youth initiatives related to AAPI, BIPOC, and LGBTQIA+ issues.</p> <p>I was wondering if this is a mistake, or if this is in fact how the priority system will work?</p>	<p><b>Answer:</b> The prioritization of audience is based off the statistical data that the majority of reported hate crimes have been committed by those that identify as white and cis-gendered indicating a higher need for anti-hate and anti-bias training.</p>	Mon, 9/27/21 11:50 AM	9/28/21
12	<p><b>Question:</b> WHO can apply?</p> <p>I run and organize a school club as the staff/adult on record. Would I as the adult organizer be able to apply for this grant or would a student need to apply on behalf of the club?</p>	<p><b>Answer:</b> Youth aged 12-24 are eligible to apply. We will be holding live technical assistance sessions tomorrow and Friday the 8th at 5p. We invite your organization to attend. Please check the DEEL Funding page for more details and updated links.</p>	Wed, 9/29/21 2:22 PM	10/4/21
13	<p><b>Question:</b> I was wondering if you could help me find a fiscal sponsor. Also, can one fiscal sponsor work with more than one applicant?</p>	<p><b>Answer:</b> We will be holding a technical assistance session tomorrow and Friday the 8<sup>th</sup> at 5pm where representatives of our Finance team will be able to answer in detail any questions regarding fiscal sponsors; we invite you to attend.</p> <p>In the meantime, if an eligible applicant is awarded funding and in need of a fiscal sponsor, DEEL will make efforts without promise to match the awardee with a fiscal sponsor.</p> <p>Please check back to our DEEL Funding page for updated information.</p>	Fri, 10/1 10:36 AM	10/4/21
14	<p><b>Question:</b> I was wondering if we could use the YL mini-grant to fund teen stipends/payment for artists who come from Seattle, and then pay for any other teens' participation from</p>	<p><b>Answer:</b> The purpose of this funding opportunity is to provide resources for youth and youth-led groups to develop and carry out their own social justice projects that promote social justice in regard to race,</p>	Sat, 10/2 2:17 PM	10/1/21

<p>alternative funds? (For example, if a teen from Seattle participated in our program, we would use YL funds to pay for their time, but if a teen from New York participated in our program, we would use another funding source.) Or should our entire program be for Seattleites only?</p>	<p>ethnicity, gender, and sexual orientation. These funds are intended to ultimately benefit Seattle’s Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC), especially Asian-American Pacific Islander communities, as well as the LGBTQIA+ community. Projects may serve all Seattleites regardless of age, race, ethnicity, gender, or sexual orientation.</p> <p>Regarding the geography requirements for funding, while there is no restriction of the residential location of the youth, all programs and services must occur in one of the 7 City of Seattle Council districts.</p>		
<p><b>15 Question:</b> As someone who is applying as an individual without an organization, do I still need to submit a budget worksheet?</p>	<p><b>Answer:</b> The budget is an optional tool and not a requirement.</p>	<p>Thurs, 9/30/21 12:08 PM</p> <p>Via Text Message</p>	<p>9/30/21</p>
<p><b>16 Question:</b> as an individual, would I still be allowed to have a fiscal sponsor? One of the social justice groups I am a part of sent me this opportunity even though I am applying alone, could I still use them?</p>	<p><b>Answer:</b> Fiscal sponsors are necessary once awarded but not an application eligibility requirement.</p>	<p>Thurs, 9/30/21 12:08 PM</p> <p>Via Text Message</p>	<p>9/30/21</p>
<p><b>17 Question:</b> Even though they [budget sheets] are not an eligibility [requirement], do you think it’s best that I list them along with my application anyways?</p>	<p><b>Answer:</b> We will be holding a technical assistance session next week and will be happy to answer any detailed questions regarding fiscal sponsors. October 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> at 5 PM.</p>	<p>Thurs, 9/30/21 12:09 PM</p> <p>Via Text Message</p>	<p>9/30/21</p>
<p><b>18 Question:</b> Can I apply on behalf of a student group as an educator Or only the students/youth can apply?</p>	<p><b>Answer:</b> Youth 12-24 yo are eligible to apply. There will be a technical assistance session October 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> at 5 PM that we encourage all to attend. Please continue to check the DEEL funding page for more information updates.</p>	<p>Thurs, 9/30/21 12:08 PM</p> <p>Via Text Message</p>	<p>9/30/21</p>
<p><b>19 Question:</b> If the fiscal sponsor is not a school, do we put “unsure.”</p>	<p><b>Answer:</b> The coversheet asks applicants two questions related to fiscal sponsors.</p> <p>“Do you have a fiscal sponsor?” Yes, No, or Unsure.</p> <p>A fiscal sponsor should be a nonprofit (such as a 501(c)(3)), public entity (such as a school district) or licensed business. If you have a</p>	<p>Tues, 10/5/21 5:00 – 6:00 PM</p> <p>Technical Assistance Session #1</p>	<p>10/5/21</p>

	<p>fiscal sponsor, whether they are a school or other entity, please select "yes".</p> <p>The second question is, "Has the fiscal sponsor previously been awarded DEEL funding?" Yes, No, or Unsure.</p> <p>Many Seattle Public Schools have received funding from DEEL. However, if you do not know, please select "unsure". This will not affect your application.</p>			
20	<p><b>Question:</b> Do fiscal sponsors need to be in Washington state?</p>	<p><b>Answer:</b> No. A fiscal sponsor should be a nonprofit (such as a 501(c)(3)), public entity (such as a school district) or licensed business.</p>	<p>Tues, 10/5/21 5:00 – 6:00 PM</p> <p>Technical Assistance Session #1</p>	10/6/21
21	<p><b>Question:</b> What is the follow-up and reporting after the grant is awarded?</p>	<p><b>Answer:</b> Applications are due Monday, October 25 by 5:00pm. Applications will be reviewed and prioritized in mid-October. Applicants will be notified if their grant is funded on Tuesday, November 16, 2021.</p> <p>We also encourage potential applicants to review our prerecorded Information Session located on the DEEL Funding page.</p>	<p>Tues, 10/5/21 5:00 – 6:00 PM</p> <p>Technical Assistance Session #1</p>	10/5/21
22	<p><b>Question:</b> Can any group of adults can be fiscal sponsors?</p>	<p><b>Answer:</b> A fiscal sponsor should be a nonprofit (such as a 501(c)(3)), public entity (such as a school district) or licensed business.</p>	<p>Tues, 10/5/21 5:00 – 6:00 PM</p> <p>Technical Assistance Session #1</p>	10/8/21
23	<p><b>Question:</b> What is the expected timeline for grantees to use the funds? (When must the projects take place?)</p>	<p><b>Answer:</b> Once awards have been made, there will be a grant agreement form for the fiscal sponsor to complete.</p> <p>The intention is for the project to conclude by the end of this school year (June 2022), but no later than August 31, 2022.</p>	<p>Tues, 10/5/21 5:00 – 6:00 PM</p> <p>Technical Assistance Session #1</p>	10/5/21
24	<p><b>Question:</b> Why is the priority of this grant to Serve "white identified or cis gendered" people? Don't you think it's pretty ignorant to exclude nonwhite people from being part of the audience of a project like this?</p>	<p><b>Answer:</b> Thank you for your question. This funding opportunity is open to individual youth leaders ages 12-24 as well as youth-led groups, such as school clubs, a student group, a community-based organization where a group of youth will lead the project, or a youth advisory council; applicants can apply regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, or sexual orientation.</p>	<p>Thurs, 10/7/21 10:01 PM</p>	10/8/21

		In regards to the prioritization matrix, this tool will be utilized only in the event DEEL receives more eligible applications than we have funding for. If this occurs, DEEL will prioritize applications based on a combination of factors including: Council Districts served by the project, social justice topic area, if a fiscal sponsor is identified, who the target audience for the project is, and the number of people served.		
25	<b>Question:</b> Would a project that served students elsewhere be eligible: for example, students in Turkey.	<b>Answer:</b> Applicants should be based in the City of Seattle and the project should serve the Seattle community. The awarded program or service needs to occur in one of the City of Seattle's Council Districts.	10/8/21 5:00 PM	Technical Assistance Session #2
26	<b>Question:</b> Will questions 9 and 11 (and others?) be used as distribution criteria to decide which proposals get funding? (i.e., X% from 11-13 age group)	<b>Answer:</b> In the event that we have more applications than funding, we have an application prioritization matrix. We are not specifically looking at distribution of age range.	10/8/21 5:00 PM	Technical Assistance Session #2
27	<b>Question:</b> Regarding Council Districts, if your project draws youth from all of the districts, how is that scored?	<b>Answer:</b> Council district is not for residency, but for program service. Youth can be from anywhere from within King County. Council district prioritization is based on SPD's hate crime reporting dashboard, so where the program and services may be needed. In the event that the program/service is going to hit all seven districts, it would not be cumulative, still just 3 points.	10/8/21 5:00 PM	Technical Assistance Session #2
28	<b>Question:</b> Can you be unsure about something will cost and put an estimate?	<b>Answer:</b> We will only award the amount that has been requested. If you underestimate your budget, we could not reward more than requested.  DEEL reserves the right to: award partial funding and negotiate with applicants regarding the amount of funding requested; choose not to provide funding if the applicant and fiscal sponsor cannot come to agreement or do not complete required documentation.	10/8/21 5:00 PM	Technical Assistance Session #2

<p>29 <b>Question:</b> Does that mean that you're also considering the full application, and won't offer partial award?</p>	<p><b>Answer:</b> DEEL reserves the right to award partial funding and negotiate with applicants regarding the amount of funding requested. If there are more funds requested than we have money for, DEEL will prioritize applications based on a combination of factors including: Council Districts served by the project, social justice topic area, if a fiscal sponsor is identified, who the target audience for the project is, and the number of people served.</p>	<p>10/8/21 5:00 PM  Technical Assistance Session #2</p>	
<p>30 <b>Question:</b> Will the point of contact need to be a youth?</p>	<p><b>Answer:</b> Yes, the point of contact should be a youth.</p>	<p>10/8/21 5:00 PM  Technical Assistance Session #2</p>	
<p>31 <b>Question:</b> For the video, do we need to have it in that specific order? [AS shown in "What should I cover in my application?" slide #15].</p>	<p><b>Answer:</b> No, not in this order, but all elements should be included to be in compliance.</p>	<p>10/8/21 5:00 PM  Technical Assistance Session #2</p>	
<p>32 <b>Question:</b> What is technical compliance</p>	<p><b>Answer:</b> The checklist of required elements of the application. Requirements are detailed on Page 2 of the application.</p>	<p>10/8/21 5:00 PM  Technical Assistance Session #2</p>	
<p>33 <b>Question:</b> Are we allowed to edit the videos?</p>	<p><b>Answer:</b> Yes, as long as it meets the time limit and requirements detailed on Page 2 of the application.</p>	<p>10/8/21 5:00 PM  Technical Assistance Session #2</p>	
<p>34 <b>Question:</b> What kind of programs are the kids engaging in?</p>	<p><b>Answer:</b> Here is the <a href="#">information page</a> and we recommend watching the prerecorded <a href="#">information session</a> that should provide some clarification about the funding opportunity as well as the process. If you have any questions beyond the provision of this information, please feel free to email us back with your questions before Friday, October 15th.</p>	<p>10/7/21 2:13 PM  <a href="mailto:DEELFunding@seattle.gov">DEELFunding@seattle.gov</a></p>	<p>10/12/21</p>
<p>35 <b>Question:</b> I noticed the deadline for the application is October 25th but on the page it also says October 15th is the last day to submit questions. Does that mean the application questions must be submitted by the 15th or just questions regarding all of this?</p>	<p><b>Answer:</b> The deadline for questions regarding the application process is this Friday, October 15th. The deadline for submission of the application itself is Monday, October 25th.</p>	<p>10/12/21 2:28 PM  <a href="mailto:DEELFunding@seattle.gov">DEELFunding@seattle.gov</a></p>	<p>10/13/21</p>

<p><b>36 Question:</b> I have group of talented high school students (5-9 students) who I think would be interested in doing something related to peace and stopping bias and racial discrimination. They could perform a concert with those themes. Could they apply for a the grant asking for money so they can pay for professional musician to teach the group?</p>	<p><b>Answer:</b> Detailed information to your questions can be found on Page 1 of the application under the headers “What is the funding for?” “Who can apply?” and “How much money is available? Are there any restrictions on how funds should be spent?” We also encourage potential applicants to view the prerecorded information session located on the DEEL Funding page.</p>	<p>10/12/21 4:19 PM <a href="mailto:DEELFunding@seattle.gov">DEELFunding@seattle.gov</a></p>	<p>10/13/21</p>
<p><b>37 Question:</b> I have a question about the cover sheet. #8 asks the number of youth leaders leading the project and #15 asks for the number of youth who will help lead this project, if this is for a school and all the students will be involved, should they list them all as helpers?</p>	<p><b>Answer:</b> Youth Leaders: This is where the applicant counts themselves as well as any other primary youth-lead partner that is a part of the planning and development of the proposed project. If this is a group applying vs an individual, then this would be say the president and vice president of the organization/group. Youth Help: This is where the applicant gives the approximate number of youth working to execute the project.</p>	<p>Wed, 10/13/21 2:03 PM <a href="mailto:DEELFunding@seattle.gov">DEELFunding@seattle.gov</a></p>	<p>10/18/21</p>