



**Request for Investment: Seattle Preschool Program Provider Facilities Fund**  
**School Year 2022-2023**

**Questions and Answers (Q&A)**

Updated: 06/03/22

<b>Topic: Program Requirements</b>			
1	<p><b>Question:</b> Will projects that are selected to be funded need to pay prevailing wage?</p>	<p><b>Answer:</b> Construction projects funded totally or partially with DEEL funds must comply with applicable labor standards requirements. The City also requires payment of prevailing wages under Revised Code of Washington (RCW) Chapter 39.12. Prevailing wages will apply to the project funded by the City, as determined by the grant agreement. Agencies should consider this requirement when developing cost estimates or obtaining pricing for construction work. This requirement is not applicable if the project activities you are proposing do not contain a construction component. Prevailing wage rates are available from the Department of Labor and Industries at: <a href="https://lni.wa.gov/licensing-permits/public-works-projects/prevailing-wage-rates/">https://lni.wa.gov/licensing-permits/public-works-projects/prevailing-wage-rates/</a></p>	<p><b>Date Answered:</b> 05/11/22</p>
2	<p><b>Question:</b> Is re-plumbing the building eligible for this grant?</p>	<p><b>Answer:</b> See pages 2-3 of the RFI. Only activities and costs directly related to delivering preschool services are eligible for funding. Deferred maintenance or repairs which do not directly contribute to making the project or property suitable for use as an SPP classroom are ineligible.</p> <p>Eligible activities include: 1. Construction, renovation, or rehabilitation of preschool facilities, which includes instructional space as well as other related space such as kitchens, bathrooms, storage, or other space associated to the instructional space (classroom or home-based).</p>	<p><b>Date Answered:</b> 05/11/22</p>
3	<p><b>Question:</b> In addition to the outside play area renovation and HVAC install, we have included the replacement of two failing kitchen appliances. Does this grant allow for replacement of appliances or is it just renovation and construction?</p>	<p><b>Answer:</b> Appliances are not an eligible activity for this grant (see page 3 of the RFI).</p> <p>Ineligible activities include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Renovation costs not directly connected for use in an approved SPP facility.</li> <li>• Renovation costs for infant- or toddler-age classrooms or any space not used by children ages 3 through 5.</li> <li>• Acquisition of existing facilities or land.</li> <li>• Deferred maintenance or repairs which do not directly contribute to making the project or property suitable for use as an SPP classroom.</li> <li>• The purchase of equipment or furniture.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Date Answered:</b> 06/03/22</p>



Topic: Budget			
1	<p><b>Question:</b> We are interested in applying for SPP Facilities funding to renovate our SPP classrooms in our historic building. How will applying for these funds impact other childcare project related funds we have applied to at the City of Seattle for a different project?</p>	<p><b>Answer:</b> Projects seeking awards of \$250,000 or above must have at least 50% of the total project funding committed from other sources. Additional points will be awarded in the evaluation for match funding above the required amount. Points will also be awarded depending on the availability of funds (e.g., funds secure, decision pending, funding application to be applied). Projects seeking awards less than \$250,000 are not required to have a funding match. No additional points will be awarded in the scoring if an agency shows additional match funding.</p> <p>For other child care projects unrelated to SPP and DEEL, please reach out to City department that is funding the project to discuss any possible impacts.</p>	<p><b>Date Answered:</b> 06/01/22</p>
2	<p><b>Question:</b> We have had very current and recent quotes for HVAC and had included a 10% contingency in our site estimate. Our consultant is insisting on including a 15% contingency, with which our estimate would exceed the max grant value. Do we need to have a 15% contingency?</p>	<p><b>Answer:</b> Yes, we require you buffer in 15% contingency (see page 12 of the RFI).</p> <p>Project Budget: In Attachment 3, list project expenditures in the appropriate column according to the fund source you anticipate will pay for the activity. Provider Facilities Funds must be allocated for specific line-item activities in each approved project. Therefore, when preparing the budget, be sure to consider which activities will be paid for with Provider Facilities Funds. Project budgets should also carry a minimum of 15% hard cost contingency. Include all soft costs such as project managers, design, permitting, insurance, etc., in the total project budget. Agencies are required to carry general liability insurance coverage as stated in their contracts for SPP or SPP Pathway preschool services.</p>	<p><b>Date Answered:</b> 06/03/22</p>