



Request for Investment: Opportunity And Access 2020-2021 School Year

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#	Question/Answer		Date Answered
1	<p>Question(s): We at Hamilton are curious when we should hear about the 2nd round for Levy funding offerings for College and Career efforts. We were under the impression that we would be hearing about this after the “larger grant” recipients were notified last week. We are hoping to apply and want to make sure we see the emails coming through so we can make sure to meet the deadlines.</p>	<p>Answer(s): The Opportunity and Access RFI is open. You can find the link to the application, and more information about the RFI here: http://www.seattle.gov/education/for-providers/funding-opportunities/opportunity-and-access_2020-21</p>	03/13/2020
2	<p>Question(s): Do you accept applications form community agencies using fiscal sponsors?</p>	<p>Answer(s): Applications will be accepted from organizations/agencies using a fiscal sponsor provided all requirements can be met (see RFI pages 10-11) and the financial management system is described in Section 3.</p>	03/13/2020
3	<p>Question(s): For a CBO lead application, I have 1 quick question: Are we allowed to partner with 2 or more schools within the same application, “if” the body of work is all within 1 of the program areas; college and career readiness or expanded learning opportunities...?</p>	<p>Answer(s): Applicants may partner with multiple schools within the same application provided that work falls under a single component--College and Career Readiness or Expanded Learning Opportunities.</p>	03/13/2020
4	<p>Question(s): I am writing to see what time the FEPP Levy K-12 O&A RFI Information Session on 3-11-2020 starts? As well as: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 and Wednesday, March 25, 2020.</p>	<p>Answer(s): All sessions are from 3:00-4:15PM online at Link: Join online meeting Join by Phone: 206-386-1200, conference ID:77867128</p>	03/13/2020
5	<p>Question(s): Please see below for questions regarding Opportunities & Access.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> It is clear that schools receiving FEPP school based investment funds are not eligible to apply. However, can CBOs apply if they are naming a school in their application that has been awarded other FEPP SBI funds? A maximum award amount isn’t listed; is there any other guidance towards roughly how much awards will be? Review panels consider oversaturation of services for one school if multiple proposals are submitted from different organizations to partner with the same school? 	<p>Answer(s):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Yes, CBOs may apply for O&A funds and propose a partnership with a school receiving a FEPP SBI award. Applicants may propose the budget they believe they will need based on the program/service intended and given funding information and priorities provided in the RFI application. Review panels will utilize the eligibility, funding priorities, and scoring criteria outlined in the RFI to evaluate applications. A letter of support is not required. An application that proposes a program/service to be delivered at more than one location/site will be accepted. 	03/13/2020

	<p>4. Is any sort of documentation of agreed partnership required by CBO or school (i.e. a letter of support)?</p> <p>5. If an organization submits one application, can they list work that will happen in multiple schools? And if it does, are they still eligible if one of the schools they list is receiving FEPP SBI funds?</p>		
Funding Process Suspended as of 3/24/2020 and Open again on 5/11/2020			
6	<p>Question(s):</p> <p>1. Are the amounts to be funded spread out over up to three years, or renewable? For example, at a total pool of \$1.2 million and expecting approx. 20 proposals to be funded, the average grant would be about \$64,000. Would that be \$64K over up to three years, or a \$64K grant that can be renewed for up to three years (total \$192,000)?</p> <p>2. Is increasing access to enrichment and academic experiences defined as increasing the number of students currently served (or a new program), OR can it be to improve services/outcomes for students in current programs?</p>	<p>Answer(s):</p> <p>1. The available funding is an annual amount. Applicants should propose funds needed annually, if successful, the award would be renewed in years two and three so long as performance expectations continue to be met.</p> <p>2. Enhancements to existing programming as well as expansion of new or existing programming will be considered.</p>	05/15/2020
7	<p>Question(s):</p> <p>Is there a maximum amount? Is the funding amount cumulative over three years or duplicated every year?</p>	<p>Answer(s):</p> <p>The available funding is an annual amount. Applicants should propose funds needed annually, if successful, the award would be renewed for years two and three if performance expectations continue to be met.</p> <p>There is no stated maximum amount, however the total amount available under the grant is \$1.28 million, and DEEL intends to fund up to 20 proposals. Applicants should consider these factors, along with the evaluation criteria for Section 2 (found on page 22 of the RFI) in developing their proposed budgets.</p>	05/15/2020
8	<p>Question(s):</p> <p>So secondary is higher funding priority than elementary?</p>	<p>Answer(s):</p> <p>One of the priorities listed on pages 9 and 22 of the RFI is "proposals that support student preparation for postsecondary pathways into college, career, and the work force and prioritize proposals supporting Levy focus students in the secondary grades (6-12)." This priority, however, is one of several, and will be weighed against a number of other factors in the evaluation process.</p>	05/15/2020
9	<p>Question(s):</p> <p>Can funding be used for administrative costs that support program implementation?</p>	<p>Answer(s):</p> <p>Yes. Funding may be purposed toward program related administrative costs up to 15% of total award. If this is part of your proposal, please include in your budget submission.</p>	05/15/2020
10	<p>Question(s):</p> <p>1. Can we get a copy of the slides?</p> <p>2. Do we need mou's for partnerships between school and community organizations?</p>	<p>Answer(s):</p> <p>1. All technical assistance materials are posted online.</p> <p>2. DEEL will develop a contract with funded agencies (school or CBO), the terms of which will require compliance with district policy. If the partnering</p>	05/15/2020

		organizations have policies requiring an MOU between them, then one would need to be developed.	
11	Question(s): Are CBOs eligible if they are naming a school in their partnership that is receiving FEPP SBI funds?	Answer(s): Yes, CBOs may apply for O&A funds and propose a partnership with a school receiving a FEPP SBI award.	05/15/2020
12	Question(s): Is any sort of documentation of agreed partnership required by CBO or school (i.e. a letter of support)?	Answer(s): A specific letter of support is not required as part of the application submission. However, partnerships will need to be described in the workplans (and budget, if applicable), with this collaboration in mind. If partner(s) are providing significant resources for the services you are requiring be funded through this RFI, then a signed letter of intent describing the specific resource(s) the partner will provide should be included. (see p. 17)	05/15/2020
13	Question(s): Can you submit additional information in appendices?	Answer(s): There are no appendices submitted/accepted for this application process.	05/15/2020
14	Question(s): Is there a balance between funding for school year and summer programming? Or will it just depend on the quality of the applications you get?	Answer(s): A review panel will evaluate applications using the RFI Scoring Criteria. Application scores and review panel discussions will inform review panel recommendations for funding awards. DEEL will consider review panel recommendations, FEPP Levy investment alignment, and other priorities including diversity, partnership, and postsecondary preparation as outlined on the bottom of page 9 in the RFI.	05/15/2020
15	Question(s): Is it preferred to have the school as applicant?	Answer(s): Please see evaluation factors listed on p. 22.	05/15/2020
16	Question(s): Will the next meeting be similar to this one?	Answer(s): Yes. All Technical Assistance sessions will be done ONLINE.	05/15/2020
17	Question(s): The Opportunity and Access RFI says there is a \$40,000 minimum for the budget, but is there a maximum amount?	Answer(s): The available funding is an annual amount. If successful, an applicant's annual award would be renewed in years two and three if performance expectations continue to be met. There is not a maximum, however when developing a proposed budget applicants are encouraged to 1) propose funds needed annually to implement their program/service, 2) consider the total funding available through this opportunity, and 3) consider the evaluation factors stated on page 22.	05/15/2020
18	Question(s): Are Community Based Organizations required to partner with Seattle Public Schools for the K-12 Opportunity and Access RFI?	Answer(s): No. DEEL intends to fund proposals that leverage strong partnerships between organizations and school communities, which may or may not include SPS directly, to maximize student outcomes.	05/15/2020
19	Question(s): 1. What is recommended number of focus group categories to select? Is the intent to focus on a limited number of these focus groups or to select all that would be served through the program?	Answer(s): 1. Student enrollment in programming or services provided through O&A investments will prioritize students that meet one or more of the focus student criteria. Organizations are encouraged to select focus students	05/15/2020

	<p>2. When applying as a school, in partnership with a CBO, should we be answering the FTE question on page 15 for our school or the CBO? Also, to be clear, is it just for who will be employed for the given project or in their organization in total?</p> <p>3. More generally, in the narrative of the RFI, when talking about "our organization" should we be focusing on our school only or do we need to focus on the CBO as well (or on the partnership between our school and the CBO?)</p>	<p>aligned to their mission, experience, and proposed programming.</p> <p>2. Please provide FTE information for the applying organization, in this case the school, and include total FTE.</p> <p>3. References to the organization generally should be focused on the applying organization. Partnerships should be described in response to the questions and scoring criteria.</p>	
20	<p>Question(s): Can Gatzert elementary apply for this grant for an extended learning program (for after school and summer break) and also at the same time can a community provider also apply for funding from this same grant for an extended learning program during summer break? The services for both grant applications would support Gatzert students and services would take place at Gatzert elementary for both applications?</p>	<p>Answer(s): Organizations may submit no more than two applications and no more than one application per component.</p>	05/15/2020
21	<p>Question(s): Can a CBO apply to serve in two schools with one application as long as both schools did not receive levy funding from the City.</p>	<p>Answer(s): Yes, programming may take place at more than one site.</p>	05/15/2020
22	<p>Question(s): I saw that the application date opening was today. Can you please let me know if I can apply for funding and what my next steps are.</p>	<p>Answer(s): Eligible applicants include community-based organizations, government agencies, and schools not receiving FEPP Levy School-Based Investments who are interested in providing expanded learning and college and career readiness services for focus student populations. To be considered for funding, eligible applicants are invited to submit RFI applications by 3:00 pm Monday, June 22, 2020.</p>	05/15/2020
23	<p>Question(s): I'm reaching out to you because I am interested in learning more about the K-12 Opportunity and Access Investment application and qualifications. Our organization currently provides our programs and services at Dimmitt Middle School (Skyway), Showalter Middle School (Tukwila) and Meeker Middle School (Kent/Renton). Would any of these schools qualify under this potential funding opportunity? Our funding request would come directly from After-School All-Stars, but we serve students at these three school sites.</p>	<p>Answer(s): Opportunity and Access investments are funded through the City of Seattle's Families, Education, Preschool and Promise (FEPP) Levy approved by voters in November 2018 and will be directed toward programs in Seattle.</p>	05/15/2020
24	<p>Question(s):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Doing the math, with a total investment of \$1.28 million & a maximum of 20 organizations, should we assume that our program budget should be around \$65,000 to be competitive? 2. With the adjusted timeline, award notifications won't happen until August 21, 2020. Is it possible to give us more notice? With the school year set to begin September 2, 2020, the current timeline 	<p>Answer(s):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. No, award size will be contingent upon services provided and students served. You are encouraged to propose a budget is reasonable based on the proposed level of service and desired outcomes. 2. Contracts may begin anytime between September 1, 2020 and January 31, 2021. All contracts, regardless of start date, will end by December 31, 2021. Start and end 	05/26/2020

	<p>only gives us a little over a week to get our program up & running with little time for recruitment & planning.</p> <p>3. Will the TA sessions be posted for those of us who missed it?</p>	<p>dates will be determined during contract negotiation with successful applicants.</p> <p>3. All technical assistance materials as well as the RFI application and instructions, submission templates, and submitted questions and responses are posted on our webpage at: http://www.seattle.gov/education/providers/funding-opportunities/opportunity-and-access-2020-2.</p>	
25	<p>Question(s): I know on the webinar that you said to select one component, but if their programs really cover BOTH components--a huge strength--which Component do you advise us to choose? I know some of us on the webinar had much angst about this yesterday, even though you assured us no one would be disqualified if they chose the wrong category! Any advice you can give us would be greatly appreciated!</p>	<p>Answer(s): Applicants should select the component and key element(s) most reflective of the program or service they intend to provide and draft their RFI proposal accordingly. Consider the focus of your program/service proposal and use the bullets under each key element in the RFI application to guide your decision. If you are seeking funds for more than one program/service proposal, note that organizations may choose to submit one application per component for a maximum of two applications.</p>	05/26/2020
26	<p>Question(s): I am writing to inquire if funding is restricted to entities that are located only in Seattle or if the funding is available to an entity such as the Museum of Flight that has delivered STEM based education programs to Seattle schools and families for decades. As we speak, we continue to develop and deliver online programs for K-12 students and professional development for teachers. Please advise if the Museum would be eligible for this funding.</p>	<p>Answer(s): Eligible applicants include community-based organizations, government agencies, and schools not receiving FEPP Levy School-Based Investments who are interested in providing expanded learning and college and career readiness services for focus student populations. Opportunity and Access investments are funded through the City of Seattle's Families, Education, Preschool and Promise (FEPP) Levy approved by voters in November 2018 and will be directed toward programs serving Seattle public school students.</p>	05/26/2020
27	<p>Question(s): I wanted to clarify whether it is possible to apply for just one "key element" within a "component," e.g. only the Enrichment option under Component 2: Expanded Learning Opportunities.</p>	<p>Answer(s): Opportunity and Access (O&A) investment recipients will provide programming and/or services for focus students through one of two components. If you are applying through the Expanded Learning Opportunities component you must choose one key element. If you are applying through the College and Career Readiness component, you may choose one or more key elements. Applicants are encouraged to select the component and key element(s) most reflective of the program or service they intend to provide and draft their RFI proposal accordingly.</p>	05/26/2020
28	<p>Question(s): I have a question about Section 5, Labor Harmony, of the application. Friends of the Children – Seattle is hoping to apply but we do not have any Labor Harmony Policies in place because it isn't relevant to the nonprofit industry. If we mark no on this section, will we still be able to receive funding?</p>	<p>Answer(s): The City values agencies that work to prevent labor disputes, which may lead to work stoppages or adversely impact the ability of FEPP Levy-funded programs to achieve intended outcomes. In Section 5, applicants are asked to indicate whether or not their agency is <u>committed</u> to avoiding labor disputes that disrupt services, through standardized policies and practices or through other means. If standard practices and/or policies to this end exist, applicants are asked to submit them.</p>	06/03/2020
29	<p>Question(s): This is a question on the application cover sheet. To my knowledge, we haven't received DEEL funding since I started at NH in late 2012 but I'm not sure</p>	<p>Answer(s): Yes, Neighborhood House received Levy funding to provide Step Ahead (SA) preschool programming starting in 2014. Neighborhood House decided to end that contract in June</p>	06/03/2020

	<p>about prior to that. I know that we used to have Step Ahead preschool funding and I don't know if that was through DEEL.</p>	<p>2017. Currently, Neighborhood House is receiving Levy transition year funding to provide summer learning opportunities for rising kindergarteners. Summer 2020 is the final year of this funding.</p>	
30	<p>Question(s): A question re: O&A RFI. For Section 5: Labor Harmony, is it sufficient to just check one of the boxes (yes/no) at the top of the document, if we don't have anything else to add? Or, is a narrative response required?</p>	<p>Answer(s): The City values agencies that work to prevent labor disputes, which may lead to work stoppages or adversely impact the ability of FEPP Levy-funded programs to achieve intended outcomes. In Section 5, applicants are asked to indicate whether or not their agency is <u>committed</u> to avoiding labor disputes that disrupt services, through standardized policies and practices or through other means, by checking the appropriate box. If standard practices and/or policies to this end exist, applicants are asked to submit them. A narrative response is not required.</p>	06/03/2020
31	<p>Question(s): If a school is applying, must they propose a project that directly involves a partnership with a CBO? For example, can a school apply for an interventionist staff position, as long as the school also demonstrates strong partnerships and the proposed outcomes align with the RFI purpose and criteria?</p>	<p>Answer(s): Schools applying are not required to propose a program or service that involves a partnership with any other organization. If a school believes that the most effective means of achieving Levy outcomes is a school-based initiative without partnership, that will not preclude them from being awarded funding. Partnerships are strongly encouraged, however, and it is important for schools applying to make note of the funding priorities described on pages 9 and 23 of the RFI document as they draft their proposal.</p>	06/03/2020