



Q&A from 21st CCLC Bidders Conference

- 1. Track B indicates that it is for current grantees in cohorts 17–19 and is applying for a new site(s).**
 - a. Track B can apply for a new site(s) or continue programming at their existing site(s).*
- 2. Can you clarify what you mean by “new site”?**
 - a. A “new site” would be a school or potential program site, a site that does not have a 21st CCLC program.*
- 3. To clarify, the award is \$100,000-\$500,000 per year (5 years total)? Also, does this proposal cycle come around every year, or once every 5 years?**
 - a. The minimum award amount is \$100k, and the maximum award that may be requested is \$500k per year. Subject to grantee performance and availability of funding, the grant is for 5 years.*
- 4. Since grantees will be notified on September 2, is there a deadline for beginning programming the first year? Will the number of days/hours be lessened for the first year?**
 - a. Page 8 of the RFP states that programs must begin serving students in November 2025. The requirement for days/hours remains the same.*
- 5. Food for learning how to make healthy meals?**
 - a. Yes, purchasing food for learning how to make healthy meals is allowed.*
- 6. If an eligible entity is a school or a non-profit, OR a consortium of two or more, is there no longer a partnership requirement?**
 - a. Page 16 of the RFP states, the partnership must include a school district(s) or Local Education Agency (LEA) with designated high-poverty schools that are Part A Title I eligible or serving, and at least one community-based organization.*
- 7. Will this slide deck (not recording) be available for reference after this zoom?**
 - a. Yes, the slide deck will be available on the 21st CCLC website.*
- 8. If an entity has a grant in 17-19, but is applying for a separate SITE, are they still Track B, or since the SITE is new, are they Track A?**
 - a. A current grantee is cohort 17, 18, or 19, who is applying for cohort 20, would be a Track B applicant.*
- 9. My understanding is that 21st CCLC funding has been cut from the FY26 federal budget. Will this impact this round of state funding?**
 - a. The president's budget for FY26 appeared to eliminate before- and after-school funding. If approved by Congress, this budget would affect the 2026-2027 school year.*
- 10. Can partners participate in multiple applications if they are not the lead?**
 - a. No.*

11. Can School Districts partner with more than one application?

a. No.

12. In our small rural towns, one of the few partners available are federal agencies, such as the National Parks, in this case, would our National Parks people only be allowed to be involved in one school's application?

a. That is the current rule. Page 16 of the RFP states that some rural, remote schools may be exempt from the partnership requirement if the LEA demonstrates that it is unable to partner with a community-based organization in reasonable geographic proximity and of sufficient quality to meet the requirements.

13. Am I correct in understanding that only before- or after-school and summer learning activities are the only program elements that are fundable? Would an organization that supports students during classroom time or breaks during the school day be ineligible in WA?

a. 21st CCLC may only serve students when the regular school day is not in session. Programs may operate before school, after school, during school breaks, on weekends, and during summer recess.

14. Is the set aside amount for new grantees and existing, or do new grantees get funded first then what is left goes to existing program?

a. The total funding available for cohort 20 is split reasonably between Track A and Track B.

15. Can schools within a single school district participate in more than one proposal? If a School District wants to apply directly and plans to include a select number of schools, can the schools in that District that are not included in the district's proposal apply with another partner? The school site would only be included in one proposal, but the district is a partner in more than one proposal.

a. A school district may only participate in one application annually.

16. Where will the trainings take place to account for travel time and overnight stays in the budget?

a. The trainings move around the state each year. As an example, this year we held training in: Kennewick, Leavenworth, Spokane, and Tacoma. We try our best to have the grantee activity calendar available early in the year to help programs to budget travel and staff time.

17. If I remember, especially for very small rural school district where there are no services within 60 miles. They have other community-based organizations as an entity partner?

a. Page 16 of the RFP states, some rural remote schools may be exempt from the partnership requirement if the LEA demonstrates that it is unable to partner with a community-based organization in reasonable geographic proximity and of sufficient quality to meet the requirements.

18. We got an error message saying that we are ineligible when trying to qualify our application in EGMS. We are a community-based organization who will be working with a school district on this application, so we are in fact eligible. We are

concerned that something may have been set up correctly when our EGMS account was approved, and we don't want our application to be thrown out automatically as a result. Can you provide guidance on what we should do?

- a. We have found that the error message is a bug in the EGMS system. If the error message appears again, please take a screenshot and reach out to the help desk.*

19. In the 'required supporting documents' section, can you clarify who the resumes/qualifications should be for? The people conducting the local evaluation?

- a. Please refer to the required appendices section of the RFP starting on page 34.*

20. Are there requirements for how much funding or what % of the award needs to be spent by the main applicant vs the partner organization and/or a sub-contractor?

- a. There is no requirement for a percentage of the award spent by an entity.*

21. Does the budget provide an opportunity for indirect costs? If so, what is the maximum percentage that can be allocated to indirect costs?

- a. Yes, the budget allows for indirect costs. 21st CCLC has a federal restricted indirect rate set by negotiations between OSPI and the US Department of Education. All CBOs are 8%, LEAs have a negotiated rate, and ESDs have a negotiated rate. The Education Grants Management system will have a set indirect rate for each entity type.*

22. Is it considered supplanting staff if the position is currently funded, but those funds will very likely not continue beyond this federal fiscal year?

- a. It likely wouldn't be supplanting if the current funds are ending.*

23. Can you pay 50% of a salary through CCLC and 50% of that same person's salary through another grant?

- a. Yes.*

24. If there are multiple schools and CBO, does each school need to be Title 1 eligible?

- a. Yes.*

25. Is there a requirement on font and page settings, etc.?

- a. Yes. Page 27 of the RFP states, the abstract and the narrative must adhere to the following formatting: 11-point Calibri font, 1.5 spacing, and 1-inch margins; a maximum of 30 pages is allowed if a cover page or table of contents is included that is counted in the page limit. The narrative and all supporting documents must be submitted as a PDF.*