

21ST Century Community Learning Center Bidders Conference/Q&A

May 15, 2023

1. What are cohorts 16-18?
 - a. You can find the grantees from Cohorts 16-18 here:
<https://www.k12.wa.us/policy-funding/school-student-performance/21st-century-learning/21st-century-grant-management> The Cohorts are based on the year the grantee received the grant. The 23-24 school year grantees will operate under cohort 19.
2. In EGMS it states \$550,000 max amount to ask. Is this a typo? Is it \$500,000 or \$550,000?
 - a. Not a typo, the maximum award amount per application is \$500,000.
3. Is Cohort 19 open to programs operating in King County?
 - a. Yes.
4. The RFP states (Part 2 Timeline) that the first fiscal year is Aug 31, 2023-Aug 31, 2024, and that subsequent years are Sept 1 - Aug 31
 - a. The program years are always September 1 through August 31 of each year. Year 1, September 1, 2023-August 31, 2024. Year 2, September 1, 2024-August 31, 2025, and so on.
5. What is the duration of the first year of the program? The RFP only provides information for years 2-5.
 - a. Year 1 is September 1, 2023-August 31, 2024.
6. Can students receive stipends as part of their 21st Century work?
 - a. No, stipends are not allowed. Although some programs hire high school students to work in their program and may be paid as an employee.
7. Is there a requirement or target for number of hours spent with family engagement?
 - a. There are no minimum required hours for family engagement, it just has to be offered.



8. How many peer reviewers will be reading each application?
 - a. At least three peer reviewers will read each application.

9. Are there different requirements for the first year of the program compared to the second-fifth years? My org would possibly need to hire a site supervisor to meet the needs of this project. Therefore, the first year would look somewhat different from subsequent years.
 - a. The minimum requirements for staffing are the same for all five years of the project. At least a .5 or half time equivalent program director responsible for overseeing the project and at least a .5 or half time equivalent site coordinator responsible for oversizing a site.

10. Would 21st Century grants fund a 12-passenger van purchase?
 - a. No, vehicles may not be purchased with 21st CCLC funds.

11. Within EGMS is the signing parts of forms done within the system, or is it an uploaded Adobe E-Sign document requirement?
 - a. The typed signature in EGMS will be the formal required signatures.

12. For Application Submittal in EGMS will it be similar to iGrants -in the means of having to go through internal review for entities before fully "submitted"?
 - a. It depends on who you assign to be a peer reviewer in EGMS. Confirm with your organization who may need to review the application before it is submitted.

13. Does a collaborator need to be within the same organization? Can an ESD and an LEA work together on one proposal?
 - a. Yes, and ESD and an LEA may collaborate on a proposal. However, an ESD is considered an LEA and the application must also include a primary community-based partner.

14. Can funding be used for transportation?
 - a. Yes.