

# Preschool Development Grants Competition

## Development Grants & Expansion Grants

### State Applicants Technical Assistance Webinar Questions & Answers

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# Housekeeping

- During the presentation all phone lines will be placed on mute to avoid feedback during the presentation.
- Please use the “Chat” feature to submit questions which we will answer at the end of today’s presentation.
- The slides, transcript and recording from today’s presentation will be posted at the [Preschool Development Grants](#) Web site.
- Grants.gov important dates
  - **October 11<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>**: Grants.gov down for maintenance
  - **October 13<sup>th</sup>**: Grants.gov Help Desk closed
  - **October 15<sup>th</sup>**: **NEW** Application Deadline



# Agenda

- FAQs addendums and additional questions received
- Opportunity for additional questions
  - Technical
  - Clarifying
  - Logistical



# FAQs Addendum

- New Questions in Addendum 1
  - B-20a
  - C-10
  - C-11
  - E-16
  - F-12
  - E-7 (revised)
- New Questions in Addendum 2
  - F-13
  - C-12
  - C-13
- All FAQs can be found at the following address
  - <http://www2.ed.gov/programs/preschooldevelopmentgrants/faq.html>



# FAQs Addendum 1: B-20a

- What is the distinction among an Early Learning Provider, a Subgrantee, and a High-Need Community?

# FAQs Addendum 1: C-10

- How many communities does an applicant need to include in its application?

## FAQs Addendum 1: C-11

- May Preschool Development Grant funds be used to support preschool services for children from families with incomes above 200 percent of the Federal Poverty Line?

# FAQs Addendum 1: E-16

- How does an applicant determine whether a State Preschool Program slot is “new” or “improved”? (See Selection Criterion (D)(4)(b))

## FAQs Addendum 1: F-12

- May all of a State's funds appropriated for the fiscal year prior to the first year of the grant period (i.e. FY 2014 funds) be used to meet the requirements of Competitive Preference Priority 1?

## FAQs Addendum 1: Revised E-7

- Are States required to submit a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with each Subgrantee as part of their applications?

## FAQs Addendum 2: F-13

- Must the increased State funds for the fiscal year prior to the first year of the grant period be used to support only High-Quality Preschool Programs in order to be considered as State match funds in Competitive Priority 1?

## FAQs Addendum 2: C-12

- Must High-Quality Preschool Programs funded by the Preschool Development Grant program be provided for the equivalent of a full school week and the equivalent of a full school year?

## FAQs Addendum 2: C-13

- May a fee, such as a sliding-scale fee based on family income, be charged for Eligible Children to attend a High-Quality Preschool Program funded by the Preschool Development Grant program?

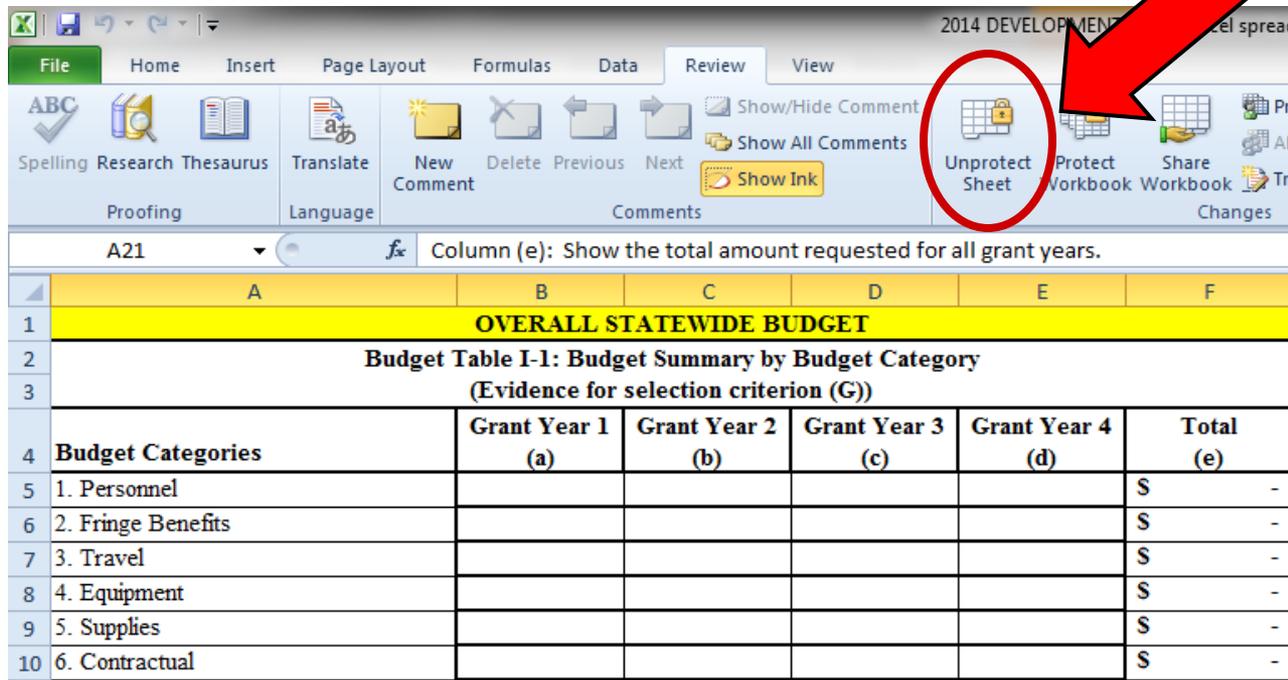
# “Typos”

- Expansion Grants NIA: Appendix A, Part II
  - Points Overview (D)(3)
    - The text should say “How the State conducted outreach to potential subgrantees.”
- Reminder: Excel Spreadsheets updated on Sep. 16
  - If you have not already done so, please download the latest version from the website.



# Excel Spreadsheets

- Overall Statewide Budget Table
  - You may find the table locked
  - Simply click “Unprotect Sheet” at the top



The screenshot shows the Microsoft Excel interface. The 'Review' tab is active, and the 'Unprotect Sheet' button is circled in red. A large red arrow points from the top right towards the 'Unprotect Sheet' button. Below the ribbon, the spreadsheet content is visible. The active cell is A21, containing the formula: `=SUM(B21:F21)`. The spreadsheet has a yellow header row for 'OVERALL STATEWIDE BUDGET' and a table with the following data:

Budget Table I-1: Budget Summary by Budget Category (Evidence for selection criterion (G))					
Budget Categories	Grant Year 1 (a)	Grant Year 2 (b)	Grant Year 3 (c)	Grant Year 4 (d)	Total (e)
1. Personnel					\$ -
2. Fringe Benefits					\$ -
3. Travel					\$ -
4. Equipment					\$ -
5. Supplies					\$ -
6. Contractual					\$ -



# Some Questions Received

- When do grant funds have to be spent?
  - Funds are expected to be obligated by the end of each grant year.
  - The Departments will work with grantees if extensions are necessary.
    - For example:
      - Budget Year 1 (2015), for example, may include a school year from September, 2015 through June, 2016
      - Budget Year 4 (2018), may include a school year from September, 2018 through June, 2019



# Some Questions Received

- Is *new* funding for the match competitive priority based on the base year FY 2014?
  - **Yes. FY 2014 is the base year.**

Competitive Priority 1 Table

Types of Match	<i>Increased State Funding in Fiscal Year 2014</i>	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	TOTAL
State	10,000,000	1,000,000	4,000,000	4,000,000	7,000,000	26,000,000
Local		500,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,500,000	4,000,000
Philanthropic		500,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,500,000	4,000,000
Other		0	0	0	0	0
<b>Overall Match</b>	<b>10,000,000</b>	<b>2,000,000</b>	<b>6,000,000</b>	<b>6,000,000</b>	<b>10,000,000</b>	<b>34,000,000</b>
Matches Amount from Master Table	Correct	Correct	Correct	Correct	Correct	Correct

State Preschool Budget	<b>\$70,000,000</b>	<b>\$72,000,000</b>	<b>\$76,000,000</b>	<b>\$76,000,000</b>	<b>\$80,000,000</b>	
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# Some Questions Received

- Do matching funds have to be used in the High-Need Communities identified in the State's plan?
  - Matching funds must be used in the High-Need Communities in the State identified in the State's plan *or* for State-level infrastructure.
  - The State may want to use the 65% (Development) or 95% (Expansion) of grant funds in some High-Need Communities and their matching funds in other High-Need Communities.
  - Matching funds must meet the allowable use of funds described in the notice and in E-1, E-12 and E-3.
  - The State is expected to describe all High-Need Communities in their plan.



# Some Questions Received

- What are the funding bands for the 4 years of the grant?
  - Funding bands listed in the application are annual (for each year of the grant).
  - For example, if an annual funding band is up to \$10 million, then the funding available for the four years of the grant is up to \$40 million.



# Grants.Gov Maintenance

- **When:** October 11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, 2014 (Columbus Day Weekend)
- **Off-line:** Saturday October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at *12:01 AM EST*
- **On-line:** Sunday October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at *6:00 AM EST*
- **Total off-line time: 30 hours**

# Next Steps

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- **December 2014:** Awards Announced

## Preschool Development Grants Program Web site

<http://www2.ed.gov/programs/preschooldevelopmentgrants/index.html>

## E-mail

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