Preschool Development Grants Competition
Development Grants & Expansion Grants

State Applicants Technical Assistance Webinar
Questions & Answers

October 3, 2014
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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 11th - 12th: Grants.gov down for maintenance
  - October 13th: Grants.gov Help Desk closed
  - October 15th: 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
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.

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Matches Amount from Master Table: Correct

State Preschool Budget:
- $70,000,000
- $72,000,000
- $76,000,000
- $76,000,000
- $80,000,000

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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\textsuperscript{th}-12\textsuperscript{th}, 2014 (Columbus Day Weekend)

• **Off-line:** Saturday October 11\textsuperscript{th}, 2014 at 12:01 AM EST

• **On-line:** Sunday October 12\textsuperscript{th}, 2014 at 6:00 AM EST

• **Total off-line time:** 30 hours
Next Steps

- October 11\textsuperscript{th} - 12\textsuperscript{th}: Grants.gov down for maintenance
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- October 15\textsuperscript{th}: NEW Application Deadline
- December 2014: Awards Announced

Preschool Development Grants Program Web site
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