

OECOSL RFF 20-002

Question and Answer Responses

Question No.	RFF Document	RFF Section Number	Topic	Specific Question/Inquiry	State Response
1	OECOSL Request for Funding 20-002 Main Document	II.C.3	Grant Match	Can OHS dollars be used as a match?	Federal funds that are provided to applicants to <u>specifically</u> support this capacity building grant through a grant match will be accepted. Federal funds that have already been received by applicants for other general purposes would be considered a self-match and will not be accepted. If federal funds are used for the grant match, a grant match commitment letter from the federal entity must be submitted.
2	OECOSL Request for Funding 20-002 Main Document	II.C.3	Grant Match	Are any of these funds federal dollars?	If the question is in reference to use of federal dollars for a grant match, please see the response to question 1. If the question is in reference to the source of the funds for the capacity building grant, these grants are funded solely through state funding through HEA1628.
3	OECOSL Request for Funding 20-002 Main Document	II.B	Eligible Applicants	The following link (https://www.in.gov/fssa/carefinder/5465.htm) has Scott County listed as an eligible recipient. However, in other documentation I have encountered, Scott county is not listed or is listed in red under eligible counties.	Applicants from Scott County are eligible to apply for this grant. As stated in Addendum 1 of the RFF, Scott County was inadvertently left off of the list of eligible counties in Section II.B of OECOSL RFF 20-002. The OECOSL RFF 20-002 document has been modified to include Scott County in the list of eligible counties. The red text means that this county was added through the addendum process.
4	OECOSL Request for Funding 20-002 Main Document	II.C.3	Grant Match	Can a public school have multiple community partners to achieve the match amount?	Yes, as described in Section II.C.3 of the RFF, applicants may receive grant matches from multiple entities as long as the total grant match received from all entities combined is between 5% and 50% of the total amount of the applicant's total capacity building plan budget submitted in the Grant Budget Proposal. Applicants must also submit grant match commitment letters from all entities providing a grant match.
5	OECOSL Request for Funding 20-002 Main Document	II.E	Grant Period	Will the funding run through May 2021?	As stated in Section II.E of the RFF, all grants are expected to begin in March 2020 and funds are to be used for the 2020-2021 school year. Please create your capacity building plan and grant budget proposal for all costs to be completed by the end of the 2021 school year. At the end of the grant period, grant recipients may have the option to request a no-cost extension if additional activities remain that have not been completed.

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6	Other		Grant Match	The application is due during the United Way blackout period in our community, which makes seeking matching funds complicated for us as we are restricted from approaching businesses.	We encourage applicants to reach out to their local United Way as soon as possible for advice on grant match opportunities or to reach out to other community resources included in Section II.N or Section II.O of the RFF for assistance securing a grant match. Please remember grant match amounts are not limited to community organizations. You can also receive match dollars from private entities or persons.
7	OECOSL Request for Funding 20-002 Main Document	II.B	Eligible Applicants	We currently have a PreK for students with developmental delays. We would like to start a PreK for students without disabilities as there are none in our area. Will we be eligible or mist we already have a PreK of this type and want to grow it or increase levels?	Yes, applicants from eligible counties seeking to start new programs to serve eligible four-year-old children are eligible to apply for this grant opportunity. The RFF does require that all applicants, including new programs, provide a plan to reach a PTQ Level 3 or Level 4. Additionally, applicants from counties with no existing programs for eligible four-year-old children are encouraged to describe this need in their Technical Proposal response.
8	Other		Submittable Platform	Does the application have to be completed in one sitting since it is all online?	No, the application does not need to be completed in one sitting. Applicants can save their progress and continue to edit their application once they have created an account with Submittable through logging in with their username and password.
9	OECOSL Request for Funding 20-002 Main Document	II.D.2	Eligible Budget Items	To increase capacity for 4-year olds, small renovations are needed to use our existing space (cabinets, bathrooms, flooring). Is this eligible funding?	As stated in Section II.D.2 of the RFF, the OECOSL grant funds shall not be used for the purchase of land, the purchase of a building, the construction of a building, or the expansion of a building. However, buying items that do not require construction, e.g. movable cabinets, are eligible to be funded through this RFF. Items that require construction, e.g. bathrooms and flooring, are not eligible to be funded through this RFF.
10	Other		Grant Budget	Is there an amendment period for the grant? If as the program gets running, we have donors provide items we ask for, can we shift money?	Grant recipients are not allowed to add new items to their grant budget after the grant has been awarded. The State will consider shifting money within the budget items already included in their grant budget and capacity building plan on a case by case basis.