

## **Great Families 2020 FAQ**

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*Based on questions received via email and discussed  
at the 1/4/17 technical assistance session.*

### **When are the applications due?**

Completed applications are due via electronic submission by 5:00 PM January 9, 2017.

### **Is CCDF federal money?**

Yes and therefore it can't be used as match.

### **Should a separate budget narrative be submitted for each application?**

Yes, we will change the formatting of the online application to require this as an attachment for each potential subgrantee instead of as part of the overall project narrative. The overall narrative page limit will remain the same.

### **We have had trouble with the data capacity survey form. Is there another option?**

Yes, some potential applicants have messaged that some Adobe software doesn't allow for the form to be written and saved. We have uploaded an electronic survey link on the application page that you can submit in lieu of submitting the PDF version.

### **Will United Way provide any assistance to subgrantees in securing matching funds?**

United Way is currently exploring ways to coordinate and leverage local philanthropic and corporate funds to help subgrantees meet the dollar-for-dollar match requirement. However, subgrantees are ultimately responsible for securing 100% of matching funds.

### **Do all early childhood education providers need to be Paths to Quality Level 3 or 4 at the time of application?**

No, but applicants need to describe a plan of how they will reach it during the first year. We recognize that getting to 100-175 children served may be a stretch goal in some areas and we want to be supportive of building that local capacity to provide quality early childhood education. If facility expansion is part of the plans to expand capacity, note that UWCI facility funds may also be available through a separate application process.

### **Can an applicant have a fiscal agent? If so, what sort of documentation needs to be submitted to support that role?**

There have been no exclusions made regarding the use of a fiscal agent. We would want to see a description of that relationship and how it has worked in the past, as well as a formal signed agreement between the service provider and fiscal agent organizations that specifies roles and responsibilities and describes accountability of each party.

### **When will a subgrantee be expected to begin providing GF 2020 services?**

Grantees will need to take a sufficient amount of time to "ramp up" before beginning services. Staff will need to be in place, policies and procedures required for compliance will need to be developed, training will be

required, etc. Subgrantees should plan to begin service delivery no earlier than July 1, 2017 and no later than September 1, 2017. Data collection will begin September 1, 2017.

**How will the evaluation work?**

United Way and its 3rd party evaluator are responsible for the design and implementation of the evaluation plan. Subgrantees should not budget for conducting an evaluation. However, subgrantees should determine budget needs for the staff and technology required to collect and share data with United Way.

**How are you defining family?**

We are moving forward with a working definition of a family being a custodial parent(s) and their child(ren) who are in the same house. We understand the value of serving the non-custodial parent and connecting them to the family goals and the future of the child. We encourage you to build that into your overall service model beyond SIF. However, those non-custodial parents will not be included in our enrollment numbers or engaged in our evaluation process at this time. This decision is based on our mandate to evaluate the process and impact of Great Families 2020, which necessitates specific confines around what constitutes a family.

**Can there be contracts with providers that do not have funding attached to them?**

If the providers are in or near the neighborhood and part of the overall collaborative effort, then yes this is possible. We do not want to have multiple providers in other areas of town serving just one or two children. For the purposes of evaluating the process and outcomes of our efforts, we need to confine the provider list to those fully participating in the Two Generation Approach at the neighborhood level.

**We have non-federal grant funds on hand for financial stability work. These are restricted on our financial statement, but they are for the very same activities as we intend to undertake as part of Great Families 2020 efforts. Can these be used as match?**

Yes, we have recently received further clarification from our SIF program officer on this subject. Please note that these matching funds will be held to federal funding and compliance restrictions. If selected as a subgrantee, we will require that you get a letter from the funders of that work to acknowledge the use as match and accepting these restrictions.

**When it comes to the documentation of match, if sufficient funding is shown in the financial documents, for example through private payments made by church members to support an ECE, then what other documentation do we need that the funding is available for the match? Would a letter from the ECE or the church be needed to commit those private payments?**

Yes, a letter from the organization committing those private payments for the purpose of match and agreeing to the restrictions and compliance that go along with that commitment.