



Frequently Asked Questions December 1, 2016

1. In the bidder's conference, United Way emphasized that all Great Families 2020 project costs, including federal grant funds and matching funds, must be *allowable, reasonable, allocable and necessary*. Please define these terms.

ALLOWABLE: No unallowable activities can be charged to the grant, such as: general advertising, public relations, demonstrations, lobbying, or fundraising.

REASONABLE: Employs generally accepted and prudent business practices with no significant deviations from organization's established policies and practices.

ALLOCABLE: Incurred specifically for the grant, and not transferred to other Federal awards to cover some deficiencies

NECESSARY: Costs are essential to the accomplish objectives of the grant project.
2. Is it possible to have a partnership configuration in which a community center acts as the subgrantee for FES and partners with a childcare ministry as an ECE subgrantee, who then in turns contracts with another childcare ministry for additional ECE capacity?
Yes, this is an acceptable partnership scenario within the scope of the grant. Ultimately, the ECE subgrantee would be responsible for managing the scope of work, data collection, and payment for the contracted childcare ministry.
3. Is there another possibility for a partnership configuration in which the community center as the FES sub-grantee partners with a new entity created as a partnership between two childcare ministries to serve as a single ECE sub-grantee?
A subgrantee needs to be its own 501(c)3, have a track record of programmatic success and collaborations, have data collection experience, and have strong organizational capacity. A newly formed organization would be unlikely to meet the threshold to be a successful subgrantee.
4. Finally, as a Level 3 PTQ ECE looking to establish a new site for service provision, is the Level 3 portable to the new site, or does the ECE start again at the new site at Level 1? If the ECE must start at Level 1, then what is the timeline to get to Level 3 or Level 4?
According to FSSA, Paths to Quality Level 3 requires that the program has been in operation for a minimum of one year. Clarification from a long-time Paths to Quality coach confirmed that "program" refers to the overall program and not the site specifically. Therefore, if a program that has been operating for more than a year opens an additional site, it does not have to wait an additional year to meet Level 3 requirements.
5. Are subgrantees expected to achieve the short-term outcomes identified in the RFP in year 1?
Data will be collected quarterly beginning September 2017, which provides five months (Apr-Aug) in the grant term to allow for sites to hire staff, participate in training, finalize



program design, and develop data protocol. The short-term outcomes in the RFP are benchmarks for year one. However, outcomes should be viewed in the context of a multi-year initiative with a strong focus on learning from short-term results to adapt the program design for long-term impact.

6. Can organizations with childcare centers in the adjacent area with families coming from the target areas apply?

Organizations from outside the target area can apply if they are serving people in the neighborhood and can show they have “participation in key community coalitions that are authentic and meaningful to the neighborhood.”

7. What are the boundaries (by street) for the initiative?

The target area boundaries were developed based on census tracts. Below is a list of approximate street boundaries. For the most part, they are correct, but there are some instances where there are no streets matching exactly with the census tract or block group boundary.

Northwest/Midtown

N: W. 38th Street

E: Meridian Street between 38th and 30th (slight bump to Central Ave between 34th and 32nd); I-65 between 30th and Fall Creek (the actual river, not Fall Creek Pkwy); Fall Creek between 10th and I-65

S: 10th Street/16th Street

W: Kessler Blvd N Drive

Near Westside

N: 16th Street

E: White River (the actual river, not White River Pkwy)

S: W. Washington Street/W. Michigan Street/W. New York Street

W: Olin Ave/Tibbs Ave

Near Eastside

N: I-70

E: Emerson Ave

S: E. Washington Street (small section drops below Washington)

W: I-65/I-70

Far Eastside

N: 46th Street/42nd Street

E: German Church/Mitthoeffer

S: 38th Street

W: Post Road